

We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh

Greeter: Carol Johnston

Beadle: Sylvia Brooks

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Sunday School: Donald Paddock

It's that time of year again!

We will be making up our schedules for Greeters, Worship Assistants and Beadles. If you were on the fall schedule I will leave you on for the upcoming schedules unless you let me know otherwise. If you would like to be added to the schedules please let me know, even if you have previously asked me to add you to the lists. Thank you for being a part of these important ministries. Contact Joni to be added to the list! jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca

Rev. Scott will be taking a Continuing Education course called **"The work of the Congregation"** on January 22,23,24,27, 29 and 30. this is a very intensive course about helping congregations through transitions.

The course is online and on those days he will be in the office from 10 am to 6 pm. The door will be closed and he won't be answering the phone. Message will be checked on breaks or at the end of the day.

Rev. Aubrey (Central Presbyterian) will be available to meet urgent pastoral care needs. Our guest preacher on January 26 will be Rev. John Borthwick.

Next Week's Sermon:



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 12 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 13 We pray for the Rev. Lora Nafziger and her family as she begins her second year as Staff Support and Counselling Advisor at the United Mission to Nepal headquarters in Kathmandu.

Tuesday, January 14 We pray for St Paul's PC in Hamilton, Ontario as they engage in a community that is hurting from opioid addiction and homelessness, and for Hamilton Urban Core as it runs treatment and outreach services from its temporary home at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, January 15 We pray for residents of St. Andrew's Hall who gather on Wednesday evenings for soup and discussion on the Christian faith and mental health using the Sanctuary Course materials under the leadership of Chaplain Rev. Sumarme Goble.

Thursday, January 16 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls, Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly, as she connects with Presbyterians across the country in her visits and through letters and articles.

Friday, January 17 We pray for Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island as it works towards healing and reconciliation, serving Indigenous communities through spiritual, social and mental health services. We pray also for its Director, the Rev. Joey Cho.

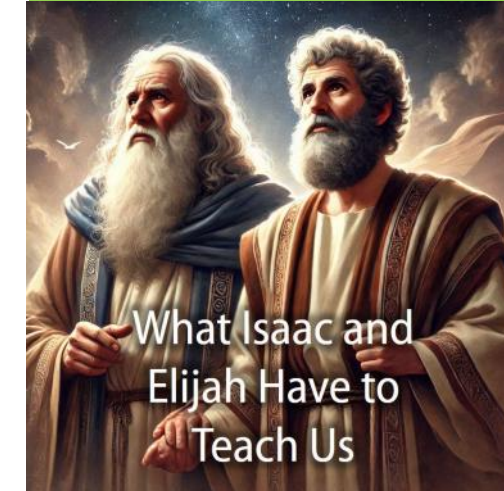
Saturday, January 18 (World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Mission Moment: January 12

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Hummingbird Ministries promotes healing for Indigenous generations, addressing the trauma of a colonial past while nurturing hopes for a brighter future. Led by the Rev. Mary Fontaine, the first Indigenous moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the ministry fosters healing and reconciliation through cultural arts, including dance and drama performances. Additionally, Hummingbird Ministries connects with congregations across the PCC to provide healing through workshops and events like National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Christmas Circle, and the Peace through the Arts Festival.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church January 12, 2025 Sacrament of Baptism



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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Prelude Religioso by F. Kuhlau

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: Friends, Lindsay and David have some Good News for us.

P: What's the Good News?

Parents: We have two amazing sons!

Avrienne and Levi : And we have two amazing brothers!

L: Praise God! We have new life among us. Let all the people say

Amen.

P: Amen!

L: What are their names?

Parents: They are called Isaac Ian and Elijah Peter Paetkau

L: Why do you bring them here?

Parents: *That they may be blessed by God and included in God's community.*

P: Do you know that they need to go through the waters of baptism?

Parents: *Yes we do, may we enter?*

L: May they enter?

P: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of all your children, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which they will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.

Hymn #516 A little child the Saviour came

Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us

P: Little children, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.

L: David and Lindsay, as you bring your children here today, I would ask you to confess your faith in Christ Jesus, your friend, your saviour and your Lord. Will you place your trust in him?

Parents: *We will.*

L: And trusting in Jesus' grace and power, will you commit yourself to be part of the church of Christ Jesus and its continuing work in the world.

Parents: *We will.*

L: And I ask you, people of St. Andrew's Hespeler. Will you welcome David and Lindsay as new brother and sister in Christ, rejoicing in their presence among you?

P: We will joyfully do so!

L: And now I speak to you, Isaac and Elijah. You see, it was for you that Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. But you are only beginning to know any of this. How will you ever understand it all? Who will teach you?

Parents: *We will!*

L: Isaac and Elijah, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

Witness: *And so will !!*

L: Isaac and Elijah, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God's life of compassion, justice and peace?

Parents: *We will!*

L: Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

Witness: *And so will !!*

Questions for candidates.

Prayer of Approach

God of all peace and hope, many years ago, you sent your Son, Jesus, among us to prove your love and challenge the darkness of this world. We praise you because today you have sent us these children to remind us of that gift and reignite within us that hope that that birth brought.

We know that we sometimes forget that hope and choose to live in the darkness instead of in the light of your love. As we pour out this water baptism, we pray that you would renew us all and sanctify us with your Spirit that we might know true peace. Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you.

Act of Baptism

Welcome:

L: Friends, Isaac and Elijah are sons of God. Will you greet them and their family as a part of this church

P: Welcome!

Right hand of fellowship

The Light of Christ

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Read by Donald

Genesis 26:17-33 p. 22

Hymn #190 You thirsty ones

Family Time

What Isaac Has to Teach Us

1 Kings 18:41-46 p.326

Hymn #625 Seek ye first

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Breathe on Me, Breath of God by Lynn Koch

What Elijah Has to Teach Us

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn #755 Go ye, go ye into the world

Statement of Hope and Benediction

Choral Response

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

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Postlude: Andantino by A. Hesse

Baptism and Membership

We are very pleased today to be able to celebrate the baptism of Isaac and Elijah and to officially welcome their to the congregation. Isaac, Elijah and their brother Levi have been a wonderful addition to our Sunday School for several months now and it is always a pleasure to see their smiling parents, David and Lindsay. Welcome!

Amalgamation Sunday!

As we hope everyone much knows by now, next Sunday we will be formalizing and celebrating the amalgamation between St. Andrew's Hespeler and Knox Preston Presbyterian Churches. It will be a very special celebration in which we will welcome them and receive some key elements from their life and history as a congregation. Beth Anne Fisher, who has been working with them, will also join us for the service. Be here to welcome our new family in Christ!

There will also be a final service in Knox Preston Church (132 Argyle St N) at 4 pm that you are invited to attend.

