

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

March 7th, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for March 7

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. **Please bring your whip if you have made one! It will also be a communion service, so please prepare communion elements ("bread" & "wine")** The link will be posted on the website. The sanctuary is closed for in-person worship for now.

Call to worship

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

P: With the whole firmament, let us proclaim God's handiwork.

L: The law of the LORD revives the soul.

P: May God's teaching bring us wisdom in our worship.

L: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD,

P: For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!

Prayers of approach and confession

L: Almighty God, you have set the whirling cosmos in motion and called all creatures into being. All that exists speaks of your majesty, yet no detail misses your care and attention. You know each of us by name, and make yourself known to those who seek you. Your wisdom delights the human heart and purifies the soul. We gather to enjoy your presence with us, and to listen for your Word for our times and our lives. God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, to you alone all worship, honour and glory are due, this day and every day, now and always.

P: God of majesty and mercy, we are aware that you are present here and everywhere, drawing near to us. Yet we confess we are often distracted from your presence. Many things compete for our attention. We are tempted to seek things that cannot truly satisfy. We envy those who are successful in the world's terms, and so pursue our own desires, without questioning the cost to the earth or those in need. Forgive us, O God. Send us the Holy Spirit to awaken us to your purposes and pursue them with renewed commitment, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

L: St. Paul declared that the message of the Cross is foolishness to many, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. By this power, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God for the wisdom to live as forgiven people.

Responsive Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors?

P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

L: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: John 2:13-22 (see below)

Celebration of our Generosity

Celebration of Communion

- Invitation and sharing the elements
- Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
- Repetition of the acts of Jesus
- Epiclesis (calling on the Holy Spirit)
- We eat and drink together

Sermon: "Who let that man into the market with a whip?"



Spiritual Exercise: Your whip

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Audrey Starkowski, who passed away this week. Please keep Audrey's family in your prayers at this difficult time.

We are celebrating Lent a little bit differently this year (just like we are doing many things differently). Each Sunday service will include a small spiritual exercise based on an object in one of the Scripture readings of the day. We invite everyone to participate by making or drawing the object of the day. Set up a little Lenten corner or bulletin board or fridge door, in your house to collect these objects during the season. A Lenten booklet is posted on the website to help everyone participate in this year's Lenten Exercises.

The object for next week is a **serpent** so please try to bring some kind of homemade serpent for next Sunday's service.

Each Sunday a package is delivered to our families with supplies & instructions to make that week's object. **All**



children are invited to pop onto our zoom Worship at 10:00 am to share their creations with everyone.



Each week during Lent there will be an interactive “classroom” posted on our website. This program is meant for anyone to participate in. By clicking on items in the “classroom photo” you will be taken to several interesting places; ie: click on the book and you will be shown the scripture readings for the week or click on the flowers, the guitar leaning against the tree sings out a brand new or much loved hymn or song. Each week there will be something new added to the classroom. **This is for people of all ages!**

The **ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st. It will be online only following the morning worship service. Please mark your calendars!
Annual Reports will be available for pickup at the church starting tomorrow. The Report will also be posted on the Web Page.

Paula will continue being in the office on Monday mornings only. She will work from home on the other days. If you need to reach her, please send an email, or call the church to leave a message and she will get back to you.

There will be a Zoom financial information meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm. Our Treasurer, Ray Godin will go over the financial details for anyone interested. The link for this zoom meeting will be posted on the website at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

There are some goodies in the mailbox at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that is free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The March/April edition of Today
- The March/April/May edition of Our Daily Bread
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available. Please arrange to get yours

Mission Moment – March 7, 2021

Staying Connected During the Pandemic

Serving Palestinians in Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon since 1948, the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in health care, education and food security is essential. When COVID-19 struck, DSPR Director, Dr. Bernard Sabella, knew they needed the support of their friends. DSPR invited partners to attend five webinars to learn and understand the economic and political challenges, and to hear from people working on the ground. Partners were asked to fund the webinars, and International Ministries was one of the first to respond. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have supported DSPR since 2011 in their ministry of maintaining human dignity and hope for Palestinian refugees.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, March 7 (Third Sunday in Lent) We pray for the ministry of the Revs. Jon Wyminga and Shannon Bell in the Dakelh communities of the Cariboo region of B.C. as they bring hope in the face of much despair and many deaths in the past year.

Monday, March 8 (International Women's Day) We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that work to break barriers to gender equality and empower women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

Tuesday, March 9 We pray for an end to violence and rights abuses of women and girls, and ask for the willingness to challenge systems that underpin gender inequality and to celebrate women's achievements.

Wednesday, March 10 We pray for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) and the newly appointed officers of the General Assembly, including the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi, the first woman to serve as General Secretary of the CCAP General Assembly.

Thursday, March 11 We pray for Cathy Reid, President of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), as she meets with WMS groups and members online to study and pray.

Friday, March 12 We pray for Commander Bonnie Mason, Deputy Director of Chaplaincy Services in the Canadian Armed Forces, who offers spiritual and moral guidance to our military leaders.

Saturday, March 13 We pray for the Rev. Cheryl Gaver, Presbytery Ministry Animator for the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Seaway-Glengarry in Ont.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling

the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Mark 11:15-19

¹⁵ Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶ and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?

But you have made it a den of robbers."

¹⁸ And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.