

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
25 St. Andrew Street, Stratford, ON N5A 1A2  
Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Come to me and listen to my words,  
hear me and you will have life. - Isaiah 55: 3**

*Welcome, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the worship of God. May God give us a special blessing by being together to share the life-giving Word. Following worship, join in fellowship downstairs. The notices on this sheet will keep you informed of the life of the congregation from day to day, as well as offer prayers for your daily devotions. Thanks for being part of the church family!*

***Prayer and praise opportunities***

- For those known to us who are in need of prayer for any reason, that prayer lifted will be prayer heard, and that prayer heard is answered by almighty God
- For a deep sense of the leading of the Holy Spirit during the Lenten season, so that we can be faithful followers of our Lord on the journey to Calvary

***Education opportunities***

A staffed **nursery** for children age 5 and under is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

Following the Children's Message, **children** are warmly invited to the Nursery (located just outside the Sanctuary) or to remain in Church.

***Worship and pastoral care opportunities***

The Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe is from Hanover, Ontario and studied History and Religious Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo before entering her seminary studies at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. She was ordained a Lutheran Pastor in 2003 and has served congregations in Milverton and Owen Sound. She presently serves full-time as a Mom, and part-time as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). We are pleased to have Rev. Christie offering the sermon at St. Andrew's today!

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Keith Bell, by his wife Gail.

For **pastoral emergency**, please call, The Rev. Mark Wolfe, or Clerk of Session, Ruth Reath.

**Prayer or visit request cards** are available in the narthex.

**Sermon Title:** "The Promise of Something Bigger" - *The Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe*

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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**Want to Ride the Bus to Church!** Call the Church Office, 519-271-5668 by **Wednesday**! Arrangements will then be made for you.

### ***Mission and stewardship opportunities***

**Mission Moment:** The mission and outreach committee of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in Ontario hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser last year in support of **PWS&D's** emergency relief projects. Generous contributions totalled \$300 for **PWS&D**, which will help save and improve the lives of those living in crisis situations throughout the globe. "Helping communities around the world overcome poverty is what God wants us to do," shared Susan Johnson, elder at Richmond Hill and organizer of the event.

**Stewardship Moment:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. - Colossians 3:15

**Oops!** In the March/April Saint edition the recipe for Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce is missing **2 cups of milk**.

### ***Community opportunities***

Thank you from the Board of Manager's for a successful **pancake supper**. Many THANK'S to those who helped from the cooks to the cleaner uppers. There were rumors "that we should do it again next year". Thank you again for the overwhelming support.!! - The Board of Managers

**Innerchamber** will present its next concert titled "Mystique" on Sunday, March 24 at Factory 163, 163 King Street, Stratford. A light dinner begins at 6 pm. with music to follow at 7 pm. Tickets \$45 or \$10 for students can be purchased at [www.innerchamber.ca](http://www.innerchamber.ca) or Fanfare Books. To include a light dinner, please purchase by Friday, March 22. After that, concert only tickets are available at the same price online or at the door from 6:45 pm.

### ***This Week at St. Andrew's***

Today 10 am Band warm up  
(March 17)10:20 am Prelude  
10:25 am Announcements  
10:30 am Worship  
Second Sunday in Lent  
(Nursery & Sunday School)  
Fellowship: Session  
Followed by St. Patrick's  
Pot Luck Lunch

Monday 9:30 am Flower Guild  
7 pm Foundation

Tuesday 7 pm Welcoming Team

Wednesday 5:15 pm Community Meals  
7:30 pm Session

Thursday 5 pm Messy Church  
7 pm Choir

Friday 6 pm 3Fs, RSVP  
Steve Wray, 519-273-4067

Saturday 9 am PCM Breakfast  
10 am Meditation Classes (rental)

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*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa Anishinabek and Odawa peoples who have longstanding relationships to the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of Stratford. St. Andrew's recognizes the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples to the development of Canada.*

**Mission Statement:**

With strong roots in the Christian story  
we answer God's call to serve the community  
sharing the new life which is ours in Jesus Christ.

**Value Statements:**

***Worship and Prayer***

As a Christian congregation using varying styles of worship, we glorify God, exalt Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and invite the people to be open to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit.

***Nurturing Christian Community***

As a Christian congregation, we create community by actively seeking those presently beyond the church family and intentionally inviting them to be part of the family.

***Teaching and Learning***

As a Christian congregation, we offer opportunities to engage in spiritual growth.

***Outreach and Social Justice***

As a Christian congregation, we are mindful of Jesus' teaching to "love one another, as I have loved you".

***Pastoral Care***

As a Christian congregation, we exhibit a "living faith" to all people, seeking new ways to serve those in need.

***Speaking our faith***

As a Christian congregation, we are passionate about sharing our faith.

***Stewardship of Resources***

As a Christian congregation, we are good stewards of God's gifts.

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Stratford's Oldest Congregation

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