

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

25 St. Andrew Street, Stratford, Ontario N5A 1A2

Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 10:30 am
Third Sunday in Lent

Prove your repentance by the fruit you bear. Luke 3:8

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 Sunday School (located upstairs in Hayter Hall).

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

Special **thank you** to Dawn Dotzert and Bob Pope for sharing their musical talents with us today.

Sermon Title: "Don't Lose The Garden!"

Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-8; Psalm 32; Romans 5:18-21; Matthew 7:6-11

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.

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

Pleased be advised by Perth County Jail, that we are not allowed to park in their **parking lot** at any time. Vehicles are subject to a ticket or towing at owner's expense.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: Presbyterians Sharing is with St. Andrew's in Picton, ON. It is building relationships with Indigenous people through the celebration of Indigenous art and culture. The church is now home to the largest Indigenous mural on a church in Canada. The congregation received permission by award-winning Métis visual artist and author Christi Belcourt to reproduce her Art Gallery of Ontario commissioned piece, *Wisdom of the Universe* as a 37'x 36' mural on the church's north exterior wall.

Stewardship Moment: Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time; we can give our expertise; we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give. - *Steve Goodier (1962 -), author, minister*

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today	10 am	Choir warm up
(March 24)	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Third Sunday in Lent (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Foundation
Monday	9:30 am	Flower guild
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Community Meals
Thursday	9:30 am	Dream Quilters
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	10 am	Meditation Classes (rental)
Sunday	10 am	Choir warm up
(March 31)	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Fourth Sunday in Lent (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Foundation

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.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stratford's Oldest Congregation

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