

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 10:30 am
Palm Sunday

Jesus wept over the city and said, "If only you had known this day the way that leads to peace! But no; it is hidden from your sight". - Luke 19: 41-42

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 others 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 Christians here and around the world who walk faithfully through Holy Week, that they may keep their eyes wide open to the glory of Christ as he enters the holy city, shares fellowship at the Last Supper, is betrayed, crucified and laid in the tomb
- The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Liz Baker, by the Baker Family.

Education opportunities

A staffed **nursery** 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

Sermon Title: "Between Two Kingdoms"

Scripture Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 118:19-29

Colossians 1:9-14

Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer or visit request cards are available in the narthex.

Good Friday Service On Friday, April 19th at 10:30 am, the Passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ will be told in Scripture and in Song. Do make time for this important service as we mark our Lord's Passion and prepare for the joy of the Resurrection!

Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross

Once again this year, we will be Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday. A slight difference this year is that this will take place before the start of the service, with worshippers given a flower as they enter the Sanctuary and asked to place it on the cross right away. If you are able to come a little early and place your flower, it would be helpful. May the God of Life fill us all with Resurrection joy!

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

Reminders: John's Stained Glass Project - see information in your previous SAINT or in the church hallway.

SAINT articles are due on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 . Please keep this in mind as your group plans for the next two months.

Information from Session

Recently, in Stratford and the surrounding areas, there have been instances of fraud and attempted-fraud by scammers impersonating clergy or trusted church leaders. Those involved in this fraudulent activity gathered enough personal information to seem convincing, and one good-hearted church member was scammed out of several hundred dollars.

Please note that you will NOT be contacted by anyone here at St. Andrew's by *phone*, by *email*, or by *social media* seeking money, gift cards, or any other form of financial donation.

If you are contacted by someone making such a request, do not respond and call the Stratford Police Department at (519) 271-4141. If you suspect that you have been the victim of fraud, please call the Stratford Police at the same number to file a report.

This information is not meant to alarm anyone, but simply to raise awareness, and to ensure that your benevolence dollars go towards those who are truly in need.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: Life in Christ Ministry provides support and assistance for Arabic and Farsi speaking refugees living in the Greater Toronto Area. The New Beginnings Training Program provides practical workshops aimed at helping refugees adapt to local Canadian communities, including learning English and developing other life skills. The program also provides meaningful job opportunities for students and volunteers.

Stewardship Moment: Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. - *W.T. Purkiser (1910-1992), preacher, scholar, author*

Next week's special Easter envelope donations will go to **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today (April 14)	10 am 10:20 am 10:25 am 10:30 am	Band warm up Prelude Announcements Worship
		Palm Sunday (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Board
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7 pm	Welcoming Team
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Community Meals SAINT articles are due. Thank You.
Thursday	5 pm 7 pm 7 pm	Messy Church Maundy Thursday Service Choir
Friday	10:30 am	Good Friday Service
Saturday	9 am 10 am	PCM Breakfast Meditation Classes (rental)
Next Sunday (April 21)	10 am 10:20 am 10:25 am 10:30 am	Choir warm up Prelude Announcements Worship
		Easter Sunday (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Board

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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