

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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

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

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - 10:30 am
Easter Sunday

**God not only raised our Lord from the dead;
He will also raise us by his power.**
- 1 Corinthians 6:14

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 Murray and 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 the Bain family on the recent passing from this life of Madeline, that God will help the family recall the promise of abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ
- For the joy of being with family and friends at Easter, and of welcoming the risen Lord Jesus into the festivities

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: "You Choose The Ending . . . "

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8

If you haven't had an opportunity to place **your flower on the cross**, you are invited to do so during the Passing of the Peace. Thank-you!

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.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: On Earth Day, we reflect on the uniqueness of God's creation and the ecosystems that nourish us. Extreme weather, triggered by greenhouse gas emissions, can make it difficult for small-scale farmers in the global south to meet their food needs and earn liveable incomes. In Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi and Nicaragua, **PWS&D** is empowering farmers to learn sustainable, environmentally-friendly farming techniques that both heal the earth and improve crop yields.

Stewardship Moment: God loves a cheerful giver. - *2 Corinthians 9:7b*

The special Easter envelope donations will go to **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**.

Community opportunities

Join us for our May **Manna Day**, The Power of Welcome, with the Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee on Thursday, May 23 from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. Come and hear stories from across Canada of biblically-rooted hospitality and vibrant Presbyterian camping and retreat ministries. We might even sing a few camp songs too! Cost is \$25 (includes lunch) and can be paid at the door, but please register before May 9 by calling 1-800-884-1525 or email programs@crieffhills.com. Come early and walk the trails or our outdoor labyrinth. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today (April 21)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Easter (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Board
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15-pm	Community Meals
Thursday	9:30 am	Dream Quilters
	5:30 pm	Special Olympics
	7 pm	Choir
Saturday	10 am	Meditation Classes (rental)
Next Sunday (April 28)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship Easter 2 (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Pastoral Care and Bible

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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