

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

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Easter

**They who look to God are radiant with joy;
They will never be put out of countenance. Psalm 34:5**

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 Clarence McCallum and family on the recent passing from this life of Barbara, 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 fully-equipped and staffed **Nursery** is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

This morning's service is Easter lessons and carols. Children are welcome to stay and enjoy or go directly to **Sunday School** which meets upstairs in Hayter Hall when the service begins today.

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians 2:1-11; John 20:1-10; John 20:11-18; John 20:19-29; Luke 24:13-35; Acts 1:1-11

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: In Malawi, Lucia earned a good income running a grocery store. She was able to care for her 6 orphaned grandchildren with her earnings. But when her husband fell ill, Lucia could barely afford the hospital bills. When her husband was discharged, Lucia had no money left to rebuild the business she loved. Then she received a loan to get her store running again through a **PWS&D**-supported self-help group. "I was worried about how I would pay school fees and provide for my grandchildren's basic needs," Lucia said. "Self-help groups have really helped."

Stewardship Moment: The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. - *Ghandi (1869-1948), activist*

During Fellowship Time after Service today, we will be officially **launching our new website** here at St. Andrew's. Come with any questions you may have and enjoy this walk through our new website!

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!

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today (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 Study
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	10:30 am	Messy Church
	7 pm	Choir
Saturday	10 am	Meditation Classes (rental)
Next Sunday (May 5)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Communion
		Easter 3 (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: PCW

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

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