

## **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

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

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

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Whoever wants to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**  
**- Matthew 16:26**

*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!*

- 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 fully-equipped and staffed **Nursery** is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary. **Sunday School** meets upstairs in Hayter Hall when the service begins today, so that children and teachers can join the congregation for communion.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed by Wendy Gray in loving memory of her father, William Arthur Gray.

### ***Worship and pastoral care opportunities***

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:** *"When You Don't Like The Answer"*

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 17:15-17, Psalm 22:25-31, Philippians 2:1-11, Mark 8:27-38

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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.

### **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:** In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. His mother could not afford to take him to the closest health facility. Hope came in the form of a mobile clinic supported by **PWS&D** and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a food supplement, antibiotics and multivitamins. He is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

**Stewardship Moment:** To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven. - *Johannes Gaertner (1912-1996), poet, theologian, professor*

**Food Bank Sunday** for April will be observed on Palm Sunday, April 14th.

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

Today (April 7)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Fifth Sunday in Lent (Nursery & Sunday School)
		Fellowship: Board
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Board Sub Committees
	7 pm	Board of Mangers
Wednesday	7 pm	Book Club
Thursday	7 pm	Choir
Friday	6 pm	3Fs, RSVP
		Steve Wray—519-273-4067
Saturday	10 am	Meditation Classes (rental)
Next Sunday (April 14)	10 am	Band warm up
	10:15 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Palm Sunday (Nursery & Sunday School)
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A couple of **Reminders:** Don't forget about John's Stained Glass project! All information is on the bulletin board in the hallway heading towards the back door. Please support this project as all proceeds go to the Church.

The next issue of the **SAINT** will be prepared sooner than later, so, please help us by having your submissions in by April 17, 2019. This issue will cover the months of May and June, so planning ahead is helpful. Thank you.

If you are looking down on the floor and happen to spot a hearing aid, please contact the office, as one of our members misplaced one last Sunday.

*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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