

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Satisfy us at daybreak with your love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**
- Psalm 90:14

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 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

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: "Getting a Round Tuit"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

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

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

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: Gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** support the mission and ministry we do together in Canada and around the world. Together we equip, support and encourage leaders for effective ministry. We send staff, volunteers and grants to accompany mission partners. We assist new church developments and support congregations as they renew and grow their ministries. We speak on issues of justice and support healing and reconciliation ministries. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the Gospel.

Stewardship Moment: Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time. - *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1739-1842), writer, statesman*

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today	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
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Community Meals
Thursday	7 pm	Choir
Friday	8 am to 3 pm	Baby Sitting Course (rental)
Saturday	10 am	Meditation Classes (rental)
Next Sunday	10 am	Choir warm up
(April 7)	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Fifth Sunday in Lent (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Board of Managers

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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