

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

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

Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 10:30 am
Third Sunday of Easter

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail;
they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:6**

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 family and friends of Murray Walker on the recent passing from this life of Murray, 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. **Sunday School** meets upstairs in Hayter Hall when the service begins today, so that children and teachers can join the congregation for communion.

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

We welcome back guest speaker, **The Rev. Dr. Zander Dunn**. Zander (short for Alexander) Dunn was born in British Guiana (South America) of missionary parents. Because his father became a RCAF chaplain during the Second World War and remained in the armed forces, Zander has lived and worked in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. He graduated from Queen's University and Knox College. Ordained in 1962, Zander has served charges in Amherst Island and Amherstview, Guyana, (formerly British Guiana), North Bay and Guelph. He is retired with his wife, Nancy, in Stratford. They have three sons - two in Toronto, one in North Bay.

Prayer or visit request cards are available in the narthex.

Sermon Title: "A Messy Meal"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22; Luke 22:14-27

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

Heather, our administrator has decided to retire after 21 years of service to our congregation. The effective date of her retirement is June 7, 2019 There is a celebration in honour of her years of service being planned. Details will follow. Thank you. - Bonnie Wray, Board Chair

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: "An opportunity for joyful giving"

The *Stewards By Design* conference wraps up today after three days of intensive keynote presentations and workshops. The conference focused on connecting stewardship to the mission and ministry of the church and growing generous givers. Participants learned how to nurture faithful giving and abundant living; expand and strengthen their mission and ministry; make generous giving an ongoing, joyful experience; and develop a concrete plan suited for their unique situation.

Stewardship Moment: There is always, always, always something to be grateful for. - *Unknown*

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 (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
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
	7 pm	PCW
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	2 pm	St. Andrew's Book Worms
Thursday	6:30 PM	Special Olympics
	7 pm	Choir
Next Sunday (May 12)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Communion
		Easter 4 (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.

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