

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford**  
Minister: Gary Palmer Music Director: Earl Clark  
**Sunday, November 17, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**23th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Prelude** Try a little Kindness  
My Lord what a Mourning  
Wayfaring Stranger  
What a Day that will be  
Therefore the Redeemed

*Performed by Praise Band*

**Welcoming and Sharing** (10:25 am)

**\*Entry of The Word** (please rise)

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**ALL: Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!**

Leader: Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God according to surpassing greatness

**ALL: Praise God with trumpet sound;  
praise God with lute and harp!  
Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
praise god with strings and pipe!  
Praise God with clanging cymbals;  
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

**\*Hymn # 813:** "Father we praise Thee"

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

These things we pray through him who taught us to pray saying...

**The Lord's Prayer** (Trespases)

**Assurance of Pardon**

**The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Hymn # 794:** "Abide with me"

**Children's Message:**

**Anthem** "Jesus Is a Living Stone"

*Mary McDonald*

*Soloist - Fred Koscamp*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination:

Father God our path is covered with your many gifts,  
These gifts of wisdom and knowledge fill our minds.  
Through you we are able to see clearly the wonders of your word,  
You gave us grace, so we may understand and freely choose.

**Amen.**

**Scriptures Readings:** Psalm 63:1-8 (Refrain 1)  
John 14:22-31  
John 17:20-24

**Sermon :** "The Meeting Place"  
-Gary Palmer—

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**\*Hymn #675:** "Precious Lord"

### Prayers of the People

**Offertory:** Wade in the Water  
*Performed by Praise Band*

**\*Doxology #661** "We give Thee but Thine own"  
We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
*Ushers come forward with offering at the beginning  
of singing this verse.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**  
Ushers then present the offering to speaker.

**\*Hymn # 744:** "Will Your Anchor Hold"

### \*Benediction

### \*Parting Hymn

#### "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Postlude:** Hey, Hey, Anybody Listening  
*Performed by Praise Band*

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

Monday Nov. 18      9:30 am Flower Guild  
                              7:00 pm Foundation Meeting  
 Tuesday             9:30 am Bible Study  
 Wednesday        5:30 Community Meals  
 Thursday            4:30 Messy Church  
                              7:00 p.m. Choir  
 Sunday              10:25 a.m. Announcements  
                              10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
 Coffee Time: *Welcoming Team*

**Decorating the Church for Christmas all week**

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**UPCOMING AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**PCW POTLUCK DINNER - Dec. 2nd @ 6:00 in McCullough Hall**

All women of the congregation are welcome to join us. Bring your favourite potluck dish and your carol singing voice. Please let Jean Edmonds or Ruth Reath no if you are planning to attend.

**Children Only Shopping Day, Saturday, December 7, 2019**

Once again the Welcoming Team is starting to plan for the Children Only Shopping Day—this will be our 10th year for this event! When you are doing your fall housecleaning or Christmas decorating, please consider donating gently used or new items that would make a great gift for children, parents and grandparents. Read more about this fun day in the November/December SAINT. Thanks for your generosity

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Please submit your 2020 budget requests into Ruth Reath (allanandruthreath@wightman.ca) and Nancy Baker (Mrs.) (nbaker@simplisticlines.com) by Sunday, December 1, 2019.

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"The Welcoming Team will be decorating the church for Christmas beginning on Monday, November 18 @ 9:00 am. The garland will be hung, the bows will be "fluffed", the trees will be put up.....the only thing to remember is to be prepared to have a lot of fun and good fellowship! We would love to have you join us!"

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*Thought for Today*

*Look forward to the coming of the day of God, and work to hasten it on.*

*2 Peter 3:12*

*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!*

**Opportunity Sheet**

**Prayer and praise opportunities**

• For Chris, Lloyd, Susan, Margaret, Marilyn, Wanda, Eva Dorothy, Carol and 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

Pray for the students at our three Canadian theological colleges.

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**Worship and Pastoral care opportunities**

**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 Thursday! Arrangements will then be made for you.

**Mission and Stewardship Opportunities**

**Mission Moment:**

**A healthier future**

November 19 is World Toilet Day. Toilets are vital for improving sanitation and health in countries around the world. Without proper toilets, human waste can get into water sources, and killer diseases spread quickly. That's why the sudden loss of latrines in a disaster zone is such an urgent health issue. In Mulanje, Malawi, about 4,000 toilets were damaged by rising water levels produced by Cyclone Idai, which swept through southeastern Africa in March. In the wake of the storm, families in the region—especially children under five—faced an increased risk of contracting cholera and typhoid. PWS&D responded by helping local partners rebuild latrines. Now with safe and working toilets available, 2600 families in the hardest hit areas are looking towards a healthier future.

*PWS&D improves sanitation*

**Stewardship Thought for today:**

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

*Ecclesiastes 5:10a*