



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford**

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

**Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 10:30 am**

**1st Sunday of Advent  
Anniversary Sunday**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Prelude** "Ayre" G. F. Handel

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

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.

**All :We will look around us for signs of God's presence.**

Leader: Give praise to the One who grants you the gift of life.

**All: We praise God for His continuing faithfulness to us.**

Leader: With hearts full of gladness, we will do what is right.

**All: With great joy, our lives will show forth our faith.**

**\*Hymn # 118:** "Hark the glad sound"

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**The Passing of the Peace**

**Anthem:** "Come to us Emmanuel" *Carmen Scialla*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit,  
you still bring light to illuminate our path.  
Renew us in faith and hope,  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts  
and receive our love,  
as King of kings and Lord of Lords,  
to whom be glory forever

**Amen.**

**Scriptures Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5  
Psalm 122 (Refrain 1)  
Mark 13:32-37

**Sermon :** "Roused from Sleep"  
-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—

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

Monday Dec 2 9:30 am Flower Guild  
Wednesday 5:30 Community Meals  
Thursday 6:30 pm Special Olympics  
7:00 p.m. Choir  
Children's shopping set up Thursday and Friday  
Sunday 10:25 a.m. Announcements  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
Coffee Time: Pastoral Care and Bible Study

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**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.

**The Children Only Shopping Day** is next Saturday, December 7, 2019. We will be doing the set-up on Thursday and Friday next week - Dec. 5 & 6th. If you have items you would like to drop off or would like to come for an hour and help to get things ready for the sale, we would love to have you come by! We will be at the church from 9:00 - noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 8:30 pm both days. If you plan on providing a few "goodies" for Saturday, you can drop them off anytime on either day. We would be happy to pick donations up, if you are unable to bring them to the church, just call Marie in the office. Excitement is building! Don't miss out on it!"

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

Sign up sheets for Meals on Wheels are available in McCullough Hall covering Tuesdays and Thursdays December 3rd to December 24th. No delivery Dec. 26th

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*Thought for Today*  
*Stand upright and hold your heads high, because your liberation is near.*

*St Luke 21:28*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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, 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 *Kids On the Rock* at St Andrew's PC, Parry Sound ON, as they present *The Best Christmas Present Ever* to their community. The church will be hosting a potluck, carol sing, and tree lighting for all to enjoy.

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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: World AIDS Day**

Sheila was just a few months old when her mother died, and she went to live with her grandmother, Elube, in Malawi. Two years later, Sheila's health began to sharply decline. Elube brought her granddaughter to the PWS&D-supported Mulanje Mission Hospital where Sheila was diagnosed as HIV positive and acutely malnourished. Elube's grief weighed a little less heavily when she learned that Sheila could receive treatment at a nearby orphan care centre. Supported by PWS&D, these centres provide vulnerable children with free medical care, school support and nutrition assistance. With a place to receive antiretroviral treatment and highly nutritious food, Sheila's health is improving and Elube is better equipped to meet her granddaughter's needs. *PWS&D cares for orphans and vulnerable children*

##### **Stewardship Thought for today:**

If you can't reward, then you should thank.  
*Arabic proverb*

**\*Hymn # 119:** "Hope is a star"

#### **Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope**

The Wolfe Family

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Offertory:** "Aria De Chiesa" Georg Muffat

**\*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.

#### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

##### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Communion Hymn #542:** "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

##### **The Apostles' Creed: #539**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (**sung**—please see insert)

Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn # 120:** "Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending"

**\*Benediction**

##### **\*Parting Hymn Go in Love**

Go in love; have no fear.  
God will guide you, He is always near.  
Go in Love; take His hand.  
God will hear you, He will understand.  
May His light forever shine upon you;  
may His peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love; face each day, God will lead you,  
He will show the way, Go in love and live in faith,  
Amen

**Postlude:** "A Festal Fanfare (Concerto #4)"

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*J. S. Bach*