

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford
Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark
Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 10:30 am
4th Sunday of Advent

WE APPROACH GOD

Carol Sing: Joy to the World (v 1,2,3)
133 Go Tell it on the Mountain (v 1,2,3)
145 In the Bleak Midwinter (v 1&4)
The First Noel (v 1,2,6)
Our Choice

Welcoming and Sharing (10:25 am)

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

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
All: and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Leader: In Him was light
All: and the light was the life of all people.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness
All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

***Hymn # 122: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (vv.1-5)**

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

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

The Lillie Family

***Hymn # 268: All hail King Jesus**

Children's Message:

Solo: "If I Had a Little Coat"

J. Martin

Chelsea Mott—Soprano

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday Dec 23 9:30 am Flower Guild
Tues 4:00 pm Young Children's Interactive
Nativity Service
7:00 pm Candlelit Family Service
11:00 pm Candlelit Holy Communion
Service
Sunday 10:25 a.m. Announcements
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Coffee Time: Board of Managers

The office will be closed Dec. 25,26 and Jan. 1. There will be regular office hours for the rest of the holiday season.

UPCOMING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Following the service this morning there will be members of the Welcoming Team available in the sanctuary to assist anyone who wishes to take their Poinsettias home to enjoy over the holidays. We have saved the original wrapping to protect them and would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to use them as part of our Memorial Tree Evening Service.

I am busing setting up the 2020 Nursery Volunteer Schedule. If there is anyone willing to come in and enjoy our youngest attendees one Sunday per month, please call me at 519-273-0574 or email me at moburk@hotmail.com. There must always be two adults present, so you will also get to know a fellow member a bit better too!
Thanks, Maureen Burkholder

2020 PCC Calendars

The new Presbyterian Church in Canada calendars are in and available underneath the photos of the Ministers in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. A free-will donation into the collection plate is always appreciated. May God bless us all with a happy and holy New Year!

Lessons and Carols Readers

On Sunday, December 29th, we will be enjoying a Lessons and Carols service. Readers for the Scripture readings would be appreciated. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Office downstairs. Thank-you!

The Saint, We are aiming to have the next SAINT out by January 12 and would appreciate any submissions by January 6. Thank You in advance.

Thought for Today

A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us"

St Matthew 1:23

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, Ernie 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

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:

The gift of giving

As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterian Sharing. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation and creating new faith communities—and so much more! Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. Lord—whose example of giving inspires our own.

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

Stewardship Thought for today:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Prayer for Illumination:

Heavenly God,
your Word has come amongst us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem.
May the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scriptures Readings: Isaiah 9:2b-6
Psalm 96:1-6 (Refrain 1)
Luke 2:1-20

Sermon : " **Christmas Interrupted**"
-The Rev. Mark Wolfe-

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn # 154: Silent Night**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "O Come to My Heart Lord Jesus"
Ambrow
John Edmund-Bass Solos

***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 # 166: Once in royal David's city**

***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 Recessional on" Trouro"
F. Ashdown