



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

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

**Sunday, January 19, 2020- 10:30 am**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Prelude :** Our God Reigns  
In Christ Alone  
I will Follow  
Just as I am

*Performed by Praise Band*

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

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather to worship with joy and give glory to God's name.

**ALL: We listen for the new thing God declares.**

Leader: We welcome the Spirit's presence amongst us.

**ALL: We celebrate the Spirit's work within us.**

Leader: Thanks be to God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**ALL: The Father is pleased with us, and calls us by name.**

**\*Hymn # 78:** "This is the day"

**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 # 373:** "Jesus love me, this I know"

**Children's Message:**

**Anthem:** "Still Small Voice"

*Performed by Praise Band*

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

Monday, Jan. 20 9:30 am Flower Guild  
Tuesday 9:30 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Session Meeting  
Wednesday 5:30 pm Community Meals  
Thursday 9:00 am Dream Quilters  
7:00 p.m. Choir  
Sunday 10:25 am Announcements  
10:30 am Worship  
Coffee Time: *Hosted by Foundation*

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**WOW!** St Andrew's knows how to celebrate as a church. I was just overwhelmed by the opening reception last Sunday for my 60th Anniversary. My heart is full of gratitude for all the friends of St. Andrew's over the years. You have given me a freedom to be creative, strength to achieve and to develop myself spiritually. Thank you so much. You truly are a congregation that brings an organist and his choirs to great success and happiness in the work of the Lord.

The Board will be holding a **Silent Auction** the night of the Robbie Burns Dinner on Friday, January 24, 2020. If you have items you would like to donate for this Auction, please contact a board member.

**Burns Dinner** tickets are available from Nancy MacKenzie or the office.

**Please submit** written and financial reports required for the Annual Report by January 26. Thank You

*Thought for Today*  
*Live lives worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:12*

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, Susan, Margaret, Marilyn, 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

Pray for the ministry and teaching of Rev. Peter Bush, St. Andrew's PC, Fergus, and for the ministry of the youth pastor, Chris Clements.

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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:**

##### **Sowing seeds of hope**

Through Justice Ministries, the PCC works with congregations to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. At the centre of this work is engagement with Presbyterians across Canada. Staff visit and speak to congregations, presbyteries, synods, youth groups and camps. They provide workshops, respond to the TRC's calls to Action, facilitate the Blanket Exercise in many different places and speak on reconciliation. Justice Ministries has recently produced resources on the Doctrine of Discovery, how to "green" your congregation, Earth Day, and materials to engage the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report.

*Presbyterians Sharing sows seeds of hope*

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

The only right stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love.

*John Calvin (1509-1564) French theologian, reformer, pastor*

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

#### **Prayer for Illumination:**

Heavenly Father,  
at the River Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son.  
May we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, for we ask it in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

**Scriptures Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 139:1-14 (Refrain 1)  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Sermon :** "The Father Is Pleased With You "  
*-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—*

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn #382:** "Spirit of God, descend upon my heart"

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

**Offertory:** " Stand by me"  
*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 # 371:** "Love divine, all loves excelling"

#### **\*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:** " Get Happy"

*Performed by Praise Band*

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