



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

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 10:30 am**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Solo:** "Come to the Manager" *O'Hara*  
*Soloist—Joan Wray*

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Prelude** "Draw us in Thy Spirit's Tether" arr. Paul Manz

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

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, our lives have purpose and meaning.

**ALL: We are called to be like Christ and to serve God.**

Leader: God chooses us and loves us.

**ALL: God calls us by name and we belong to the Lord.**

Leader: God will bring to completion the good work started in us.

**ALL: Let us worship our God, who claims us and loves us!**

**\*Hymn # 174:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Hymn # 173:** We three kings

**Duet:** "The Light of Christmas" *J. Raney*  
*Performed by Jean & John Edmonds*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Almighty God,  
You have filled us with the light of the Word  
who became flesh and dwelt amongst us.  
Let the light of faith shine in all we do  
that the world may come to know the Light of the nations.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Scriptures Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-11 (Refrain 1)  
Matthew 2:1-12

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

Monday Nov. 4 9:30 am Flower Guild  
Tuesday 9:30 am Bible Study  
1:30 pm PCW  
Wednesday 2:00 pm Book Worms  
7:00 pm Welcoming Committee  
Thursday 5:00 pm Messy Church  
7:00 p.m. Choir  
Sunday 10:25 a.m. Announcements  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
Coffee Time: Welcoming Team

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**From the Board of Managers:**

With the retirement of Scott Dunbar from the position of Supply Custodian, we will be looking to fill this position. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Nancy Baker (Mrs.), Nancy MacKenzie or Heather Jesson. Thank you.

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.

**From the Welcoming Team:**

We will be de-decorating the Sanctuary and church beginning this Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 9:30 am. If you could spare an hour to come out and help us, we would appreciate it so much. It is surprising to see how many hands get the job done so quickly! We would love to have you join us!

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

Please submit your **SAINT** submissions by January 6. Thank You

*Thought for Today*

*Pay heed to me, my people, and listen to me, for instruction will shine forth from me and my judgement will be a light to peoples.*

*Isaiah 51:4*

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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, 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.

Give thanks for the stability in St. Pauls PC, Nobleton ON, during the Inter-Mission of their pastor, Jeff Loach, last fall. Ask God to bless his renewed ministry within the congregation. Pray also for the *Renewal Fellowship Board* as they meet together today for prayer.

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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:**

##### **Everyday acts of kindness**

Recently the Rev. Rim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event. Tim was planning the music and Hillary was setting up for the meal when Wendy and her family came through the door. Wendy had a feeling that their help might be needed! Suddenly everything was different, with extra hands to make the work lighter. Wendy and her daughters made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. Sometimes we ignore the small ways that God cares for us. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports community ministries*

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

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Sermon :** "The Beauty of Inexplicability"  
-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

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

**Offertory:** "Ding Dong Merrily on High" *arr. Paul Stevans*

**\*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 #529:** O holy Father, God most dear

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (**sung**)

Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn # 176:** Songs of thankfulness and praise

**\*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:** "Trio in b minor" *Franz Tuma*