

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020- 10:30 am

6th Sunday after the Epiphany Heritage Sunday

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude : Everlasting God
Indescribable
I want to know You
Raise a Hallelujah

Performed by Praise Band

Welcoming and Sharing (10:25 am)

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

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart;
their eyes are fixed on all that God commands.

ALL: We have come to reflect on God's law.

We have come to experience Christ's grace.

Leader: Ready yourselves to receive all that God supplies.
Attune your hearts to God's promises and warnings.

ALL: We expect to be challenged as well as encouraged.

We know that our ways are not always God's ways.

Leader: God gives us choices that enrich or diminish life.
We can obey or reject the life that God intends for us.

ALL: We seek to know and follow the way of life.

We seek to find that way through the life of Christ.

***Hymn # 384:** "O Breath of life, come sweeping through us"

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 # 641:** "One more step along the world I go"

Children's Message:

Anthem: "Faithful One"

Performed by Praise Band

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday, Feb. 17 9:30 am Flower Guild
7:00 pm Foundation
Tuesday 9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Session Meeting
Wednesday 5:30 pm Community Meals
Thursday 5:00 pm Messy Church
7:00 p.m. Choir
Friday 6:00 pm 3F's
Saturday 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
Sunday 10:25 am Announcements
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Time: Hosted by PCM

Meals on Wheels sheets are available in McCullough Hall for sign-up for Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 3rd to March 26th.

The next issue of the **SAINT** will be out March 1 as we have been working on The Annual Report. Please submit your SAINT submissions by February 19.

Your **tax receipts** are available at the back of church today. Please pick yours up.

The **Annual Meeting of St. Andrews** will be held next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in McCullough Hall. Following morning worship there will be a fingerfood luncheon followed by the meeting. Please try to attend.

Thought for Today

The earth is filled with the Lord's unfailing love.

Psalm 33:5b

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!

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Betty Larkworthy, Betty was a long time faithful member of our congregation. Please remember Jane and other family members in our prayers.

Opportunity Sheet

Prayer and praise opportunities

- For Chris, Susan, Margaret, Marilyn, 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 Rev. Grant Gunnink and the congregation of Valleyview Community Church, Calgary AB, as they gather for worship today.

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:

CY 2020: No end in Sight

This July, hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders will gather for five days of soul-satisfying worship at Canada Youth. They will enjoy unique expressions of faith in both large and small groups, inspiring keynotes and workshops, dynamic faith exploration and joyful celebration. For 20 years, CY has been a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, dance, sing, act, make new friends, study scripture, share joy, reflect, pray and share. More than 4,000 people have attended the event since it began, and the impact has been felt across our church. Presbyterians Sharing provides support for this unique event which comes around once every two years. Let's celebrate the vibrant ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada!
Presbyterians Sharing supports Canada Youth

Stewardship Thought for today:

The fragrance always stays in the had that gives the rose.
Hada Bejar (1931-2014), actress

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

O God of our ancestors,
help us to hear your high expectations of us,
without defensiveness or denial,
that we may be open to your life-giving Spirit,
respond in life-giving ways,
and know your peace, which surpasses all understanding.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scriptures Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-6 (Refrain 1)
Matthew 5:21-32

Sermon :

"Choosing Life"

-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn # 638:** "Take time to be holy"

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Just as I am"

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 # 689 :** "Simply trusting every day"

***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: "Days of Elijah"

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