

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

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

Sunday, February 23, 2020- 10:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude : "Two Hymns Preludes"

Robert

Groves

Welcoming and Sharing (10:25 am)

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

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting.

Listen- for the mighty One speaks to us.

ALL: Our God comes and does not keep silent.

Through fire and tempest, God is with us.

Leader: God gathers the faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

ALL: We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.

We look for God's vision to claim our lives.

Leader: Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

ALL: We have come to experience the power of Christ.

We seek the transformation of our lives.

***Hymn #291:** "Thou whose almighty word"

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 # 631:** "Jesus' hands were kind hands"

Children's Message:

Anthem: "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

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This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday, Feb. 17 9:30 am Flower Guild
Tuesday 9:30 am Bible Study
Wednesday 5:30 pm Community Meals
Thursday 9:00 am Dream Quilter
7:00 p.m. Choir
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.

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

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

Ash Wednesday Service

Our annual Ash Wednesday service will take place this Wednesday, February 26th at 7 pm in the church sanctuary. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered and Holy Communion celebrated. Do consider taking part as we begin our journey through the Season of Lent together!

Thought for Today

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

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, 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

Mon. Feb. 17: Family Day - Thank the Lord for the faith in which so many of us were nurtured by our parents.

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:

Screening for health in Somalia

Samsam, a mother of five, lives in a community in Somalia where access to food is a consistent struggle and many people are malnourished. Samsam jumped at the opportunity to join a PWS&D-supported program to learn about nutrition for infants and young children. Through this program, she discovered a simple trick for determining whether a child or mother is malnourished: taking a measurement near the top of their arm. Now, by helping community members screen for malnutrition, Samsam is making sure that people in her village are receiving the care that they need. This program demonstrates the multiplying effect of enabling communities to help themselves. With 1,540 people trained on how to measure malnutrition in this way, over 15,000 children and 5,000 women have been screened so far. *PWS&D helps children and mothers embrace a more promising future*

Stewardship Thought for today:

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.
Anonymous

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Glorious and faithful God,
to those who seek you with a sincere heart
you reveal the beauty of your face.
Strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transfiguring power,
for we ask it in Christ's name.

Amen.

Scriptures Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-14
Psalm 99 (Refrain 2)
Luke 9:28-36

Sermon :

"Transfigured Me"
-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn # 187:** "We have come at Christ's own bidding
(Tune: Hyfrydol) "

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Andante in G

J. A. Chambers

***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 # 765:** "We've a story to tell to the nations"

***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: "March in D (Scipio)"

Handel