

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Zander Dunn Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 10:30 am

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

PWS&D Sunday

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude on "Durham" *Robert Powell*

Welcoming and Sharing (10:25 am)

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

***Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 117)**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

ALL: Extol God, all you peoples!

Leader: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

ALL: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Therefore, let us praise the Lord!

***Hymn # 524:** We Come As Guests Invited

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

***Hymn # 528:** " Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him"

Anthem: "Purer in Heart" *Naomi Walker*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, who creates, makes new and restores through words,

help us to hear your words in the Scriptures today, to understand them

and to rejoice in them. We pray this through Jesus, The Word, **Amen.**

Scriptures Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon : **"What Happens After We Die?"**

-The Rev. Dr. Zander Dunn—

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday Jan. 27	9:30 am Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm Welcoming Committee
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Choir
Sunday	10:25 a.m. Announcements
	10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
	Coffee Time: PCW

Thank You! A huge Thank You to all who had any part in making the Robbie Burns evening such a great success! Thank You to all the ladies of the PCW and their helpers who worked so hard to provide such a wonderful dinner. Thank You to the Welcoming Team who did such a great job of decorating McCullough Hall in the Scottish theme. Thank You to all who participated in the evening's entertaining speeches & toasts...and to our very experienced MC, Don Currie. Thank You to those who donated items to the Board's Silent Auction and to those who bid on the items. Thank You to Earl for leading such a spirited sing song after the meal and to the Sim School of Highland Dance and the Stratford Police Pipes and Drums for their performances. And finally, Thank You to our staff who supported our efforts in putting on this evening. It was a night enjoyed by all!

All Groups are reminded that their **Annual Reports** are due ASAP. Thank You

Thought for Today

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs,

St Matthew 5:3

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.

Pray for the *Renewal Fellowship*, its Executive Director Andy Cornell, and its Board as they seek to build up our denomination. Pray that financial support would grow.

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:

PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 2, we celebrate PWS&D and the meaningful work being done around the world to bring hope to those experiencing poverty, hunger and oppression. Farmers and their families in Haiti, Nicaragua and Pakistan are learning innovative farming practices to help cope with a changing climate and rise above hunger. Maternal and child mortality rates continue to decrease in Malawi and Afghanistan. Refugees have received support overseas and been welcomed to new homes in Canada. These stories of transformation are possible because of the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Thank you!

PWS&D is thankful for your generous support

Stewardship Thought for today:

Giving is more than a responsibility - it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience - it is evidence of our faith.

William Arthur Ward

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Song Without Words" *Wm. Webber*

***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 #543: "Here O My Lord I see Thee (verses 1-3)

The Apostles' Creed: #539

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (**sins**)

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn # 543:** Here O My Lord I See Thee (verses 4-7)

***Benediction**

Parting Hymn:

"Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude: on "He's Everything to Me" *R. Carmichael*
