

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe

Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 10:30 am

1st Sunday in Lent

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude "Andante & Vivace" *Albrechtsberger*

Welcoming and Sharing (10:25 am)

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

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We have entered into the season of Lent.

ALL: We are called to look honestly within ourselves.

Leader: We have entered into a time of wilderness.

ALL: This day of worship provides an oasis on the way.

Leader: Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced.

ALL: We ask God to help us with the temptations we too face.

***Hymn # 192:** "The glory of these forty days"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "Set me as a Seal upon Your Heart"

David Childs

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Life-giving God,
who bears us up as we face
the trials and temptations of this life,
be present to us in this season
of penitence and self-examination
that we may focus on your great grace
shown to us in Jesus Christ,
for we ask it in his name.

Amen.

Scriptures Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32 (Refrain 1)
1 Corinthians 15:17-22
Matthew 4:1-11

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday March 2	9:30 am Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am Bible Study
	1:30 pm PCW
Wednesday	5:30 pm Community Meals
Thursday	6:30 Special Olympics
	7:00 pm Choir
Sunday	10:25 am Announcements
	10:30 am Morning Worship
	Coffee Time: Session

The **SAINT** is out for March and April.

Here are the list of items that we are currently in need of:

- **Canned fruit**
- **Cookies & crackers**
- **Side dishes, such as sidekicks, stove top stuffing, hamburger helper**
- **Kraft Dinner**

Sandy Andress
Volunteer Coordinator
Stratford House of Blessing

Thought for Today

God keeps faith and will not let you be tested beyond your powers.

1 Corinthians 10:13

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.

Lent 1 - Pray for the congregation and leaders of Fallinbrook PC, Toronto ON, as the Moderator, Rev. Amanda Currie, blesses them with a message 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:

Community outreach

West Toronto's St. Andrew's Islington Presbyterian Church has begun a new missional experiment called *Intersection* that seeks to reach out to people living in their community. This ministry invites people who have never been to church and may not feel comfortable stepping inside a church building to experiment worship in a way that is more comfortable for them. The church is introducing neighbours to Christ by hosting events in everyday places such as retail spaces and condo party rooms. They hope to bless their neighbours by offering ESL meet ups, a senior's drop-in café, divorce care groups, and parenting support programs. *Presbyterians Sharing reaches out in new ways*

Stewardship Thought for today:

If you have been blessed with a great deal, then you have a lot of giving to do.

Johanna B. Cole (1936 -), anthropologist, college president

Sermon : "Don't Give Away The Garden!"
-The Rev. Mark Wolfe—

***Hymn # 197:** "Forty days and forty nights"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Communion" *H. Willan*

***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 #198 : "I hunger and I thirst"

The Apostles' Creed: #539

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (**sins and sung**)

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #556:** "Now let us from this table rise

***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: The "Little" d minor Fugue *J. S. Bach*