

**Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**Epiphany**

**By the light of the Lamb shall the nations walk,  
and to it the kings of the earth shall bring their  
splendour. Revelations 21: 24**

*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!*

***Prayer and praise opportunities***

- For Gordon 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
- For joy in our way of living, as we put Jesus Christ before the world in our words and actions
- For a resolution to allow God's Holy Spirit to grow and transform us individually and as a congregation in the new year

***Education opportunities***

A staffed **nursery** for children age 5 and under is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

There will be *no* **Sunday School** today. Sunday school will **commence** on Sunday, January 13.

***Worship and pastoral care opportunities***

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honour of **Earl Clark's 59 years** of dedicated service as organist and choir director, by Pat Million.

**Sermon Title:** "A New Beginning"

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

For **pastoral emergency**, please call, The Rev. Mark Wolfe, or Clerk of Session, Ruth Reath.

**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:** Through gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing**, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities – and so much more!

**Stewardship Moment:** Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder. - *G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer, lay theologian*

**2019 Presbyterian Church in Canada Calendars:** Please find on the display case (under the photographs of past Ministers here at St. Andrew's) the new 2019 PCC calendars. They are a handy resource and this year highlight beautiful stained glass windows from churches around our denomination. A suggested donation of **\$8 per calendar** is appreciated. All proceeds to the Messy Church mission.

When submitting articles for the **opportunity sheet** please remember it is only to be used to remind the people of your event. As a guide, for the opportunity sheet submission the maximum should be approximately 75 words. If it takes 2 screens on the PowerPoint on a Sunday morning, it is too long.

**Undecorating:** The Welcoming Team would love to have volunteers join us to help take down and stow away the Christmas decorations for next year...help flatten all the bows and swags which we spent "hours" fluffing just a short time ago. Fun, fellowship, coffee and snacks for all who venture out to assist with this necessary task starting at 9:30 am tomorrow, Monday, January 7. A huge Thank You to those who assist with this from all of us!

Thanks for your generous support of **Food Bank Ministry**. The next food collection takes place Sunday, January 20. Items collected will be cereal, peanut butter or other food products.

All items for the **2018 annual report** - books, financial statements and reports must be given into the office (preferably by email—but paper is still OK!) by Monday, January 28.

### ***Community Opportunities***

**Robbie Burns Dinner** will be held on Friday, January 25 in the banquet hall at St. Andrew's Church. Social time begins at 5:30 pm and the haggis will be piped in at 6 pm. Entertainment is being provided by the Stratford Police Pipe Band and the SIM School of Highland Dance. A silent auction will run throughout the evening as well. Tickets are \$25 and are available from members of the PCW or by calling the office. Please get your tickets early as this event was extremely popular last year and we expect it to sell out.

The Stratford Christian Reformed Church begins **GriefShare Sessions** on Monday, January 7. This confidential grief support group meets weekly from 6:30 pm at the 190 Athlone Crescent. Call Lykke Van Drunen at 519-271-7146 or Susan Molenhuis at 519-949-2821 for more information. Visit [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) for additional information.

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

Sunday (January 6)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship (Nursery) Epiphany Sunday Fellowship: Pastoral Care and Bible Study
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
	7 pm	PCW
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Board's sub-committee
	7 pm	Board of Managers
Wednesday	7 pm	Book Club
Thursday	7 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	10 am - 3 pm	Meditation Classes (rental)
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	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship (Nursery & Sunday School) First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord Fellowship: PCW

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa Anishinabek and Odawa peoples who have longstanding relationships to the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of Stratford. St. Andrew's recognizes the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples to the development of Canada.*

### **Mission Statement**

With strong roots in the Christian story  
we answer God's call to serve the community  
sharing the new life which is ours in Jesus Christ.

### **Value Statements**

#### ***Worship and Prayer***

As a Christian congregation using varying styles of worship, we glorify God, exalt Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and invite the people to be open to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit.

#### ***Nurturing Christian Community***

As a Christian congregation, we create community by actively seeking those presently beyond the church family and intentionally inviting them to be part of the family.

#### ***Teaching and Learning***

As a Christian congregation, we offer opportunities to engage in spiritual growth.

#### ***Outreach and Social Justice***

As a Christian congregation, we are mindful of Jesus' teaching to "love one another, as I have loved you".

#### ***Pastoral Care***

As a Christian congregation, we exhibit a "living faith" to all people, seeking new ways to serve those in need.

#### ***Speaking our faith***

As a Christian congregation, we are passionate about sharing our faith.

#### ***Stewardship of Resources***

As a Christian congregation, we are good stewards of God's gifts.

### **Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:30 am - noon

Tuesday and Friday - 8:30 am - 11 am

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