

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

25 St. Andrew Street, Stratford, ON N5A 1A2

Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe

Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, January 13, 2019 - 10:30 am

First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, which he lavished upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Titus 3:5

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 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 this season after the Epiphany, as we celebrate ways to make Christ's Lordship and claim known to all

Education opportunities

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

Following the Children's Message, **children** are warmly invited to the Nursery (located just outside the Sanctuary) or to Sunday School (located upstairs in Hayter Hall).

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

Sermon Title: "Come and See"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:35-51

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.

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.

Slow Down and Notice the Divine in All Things. Wednesday, January 30 at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Cost: \$70 includes lunch (bring a friend and you each pay \$65). Overnight accommodation also available. This one day retreat is led by the staff of Ontario Jubilee, who also offers programs at Crieff Hills. To register 1-800-884-1525 or email info@crieffhills.com.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Sunday (January 13)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship (Nursery & Sunday School) First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord Fellowship: PCW
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7 pm	Welcoming Team
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Community Meals
	7 pm	Foundation
	7:30 pm	Joint Session, Board and Foundation meeting
Thursday	5 pm	Messy Church
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	6 pm	3Fs, RSVP Steve Wray, 519-273-4067
Saturday	10 am - 3 pm	Meditation Classes (rental)
	9 am	PCM Breakfast
Sunday (January 20)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship (Nursery & Sunday School) Second Sunday after Epiphany Fellowship: PCW

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: Whenever Jumai went out into his Nepali village, he would be cruelly mocked because of his ulcers, sore patches and swollen legs. Jumai was living with leprosy and couldn't afford to pay for ongoing treatment. Visiting the **PWS&D**-supported Shining Hospital changed everything. When Jumai was admitted, he was struck by something more than the timely service and quality medical care—the love and acceptance he felt was a welcome relief after years of shame and judgement.

Stewardship Moment: The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord. *James L. Kraft (1874-1953), entrepreneur, inventor*

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.

The Welcoming Team would like to give a huge **Thank You** to all those who helped with the "de-decorating" of the church last Monday. The work was done in record time - which left time for coffee, goodies and fellowship! It really is true...many hands make light work! Thank You so much for taking the time to help out!

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.

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

The Board is holding a **Silent Auction** throughout the evening of the Robbie Burns Dinner, Friday, January 25. Anyone who may have items they wish to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Scott Buchan (519-502-5658 or buchrest@xplornet.com) or Bonnie Wray (519-273-4067 or wrayfamily@wightman.ca) or any member of the Board. The Board appreciates any support you can give in support of this fun and entertaining evening!

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

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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