

Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God.

***Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.**

Prelude - Stars and Butterflies - Dario Marianello

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship

L: In mystery and grandeur;

P: we encounter the God of all creation.

L: In justice and new life;

P: we know deep love of Christ.

L: In the heights and depths of life and the diversity of community;

P: the spirit of God moves among us.

L: Let us worship the God of beauty, love, and wisdom.

Introit: verses 3, 4 #171

*To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulders ever rests all power in earth and heaven.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the great and mighty Lord.*

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Who's goin' to tell the story" #761

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

P: Forgiving God, you show us a more excellent way to act and to live but we stray from you and choose other paths. Forgive us the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies, our hidden sins and the ones that are well known, the sins we remember and the sins we have found convenient to forget, the sins we have attempted to hide and the sins we were once proud to commit; the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Liberate us from the past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and give us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ who is the light of the world, Amen.

L: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and it shines into the world and scatters the darkness. Know that you are forgiven, forgive one another, be at peace and walk in the newness of life led by God's light.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn: "God forgave my sin" #774

Children's time

*Hymn: "God forgave my sin" #774

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 p. 436
Luke 4:14-21 p. 61

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Where cross the crowded ways of life" #760

Sermon: That'll get you pushed off a ledge!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 44:1-26

L: We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

P: you with your own hand drove out the nations,

L: but them you planted;

P: you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free; for not by their own sword did they win the land,

L: nor did their own arm give them victory;

P: but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, for you delighted in them.

L: You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.

P: Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down our assailants.

L: For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.

P: But you have saved us from our foes, and have put to confusion those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

L: Yet you have rejected us and abased us, and have not gone out with our armies. You made us turn back from the foe, and our enemies have gotten spoil.

P: You have made us like sheep for slaughter, and have scattered us among the nations. You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.

L: You have made us the taunt of our neighbours, the derision and scorn of those around us. You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples.

P: All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face at the words of the taunters and revilers, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

L: All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten you, or been false to your covenant.

P: Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way, yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with deep darkness.

L: If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread out our hands to a strange god, would not God discover this?

P: For he knows the secrets of the heart. Because of you we are being killed all day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

L: Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord?

P: Awake, do not cast us off forever!

L: Why do you hide your face?

P: Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

L: For we sink down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.

P: Rise up, come to our help. Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory - Chaconne in G Minor by Tomaso Vitali, Given in praise by Zoé McAndless

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory prayer:

Bless, O Lord, these gifts and offerings, that they may be a sign of our intent to serve you. Use them and us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and bring wholeness and healing to all who are hurting and oppressed. Amen.

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

Sending

*Benediction: verse 1 #620

*Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.
Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.*

Postlude - Melody of Hope - Francesco B. DeLeone

Annual Reports are due! If you are preparing an annual report, and have not already done so, please send it to Paula (office@standrewshespeler.ca) as soon as possible. Email submissions are the most helpful format. **Thank you** to those who have already submitted your report.



January 2019 FundScrip Promotions:
- Shell: 3% (regular 2%)
- Pizza 73: 12% (regular 10%)
- Pizza Pizza: 12% (regular 10%)
- Roots: 12% (regular 10%)

The order goes in **TODAY!**

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 24 following worship. A meeting to discuss financial details will be held on the previous Wednesday (February 20) at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Meeting will begin with a pot luck lunch. Please plan to bring some (peanut free) finger foods to share. Every group and committee in the congregation is encouraged to prepare something that celebrates what God has done among us in 2018. If you need any help with audio, visual or video resources to prepare your presentation, please speak to the staff.



Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 9th; 9:00 -11:30 am we will be hosting a Watercolour Painting Workshop. Our guest artist/teacher will be Debbie Ellis. We will all go home with our very own, watercolour painting! Space is limited to 15 people, so please sign up early. There is a \$20/person fee to cover all of your supplies. A sign up sheet can be found at the back of the sanctuary. Registration fees must be included (you can give them to Joni Smith) with sign up to reserve your spot.

Some of our readings today are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. Rev. McAndless has departed slightly from the lectionary to preach a sermon on a topic as chosen by Joanne Waugh. She bid for the right to do this at the Dream Auction in the fall. Next week's lectionary readings will be: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

We have asked Alexis Smith (who is engaged in some studies on Indigenous people) to prepare us some information on Indigenous issues that relate to our church:

What is a Land Acknowledgment? A definition given by Laurier Student's Public Interest Research Group states "a Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories" (taken from www.lspirg.org). St. Andrew's is situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay), Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) and Neutral / Attawandaron (At-ta-won-da-ron) peoples.

On **Tuesday, January 29th** we will be weaving Milk Bag Mats again, in the foyer. Please join us for a time of fellowship and weaving. Come to learn how to make these useful mats. If you don't want to weave, please join us for a tea. We will meet from 9:00 am—10:30 am. Please speak with Joni if you have any questions or comments.

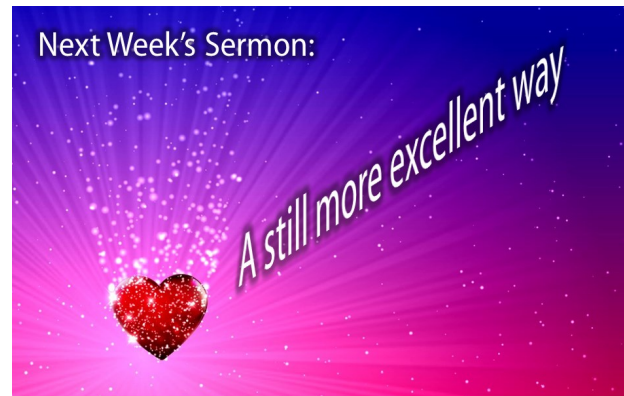
During the weeks of **February 25th and March 4th** Hope Clothing will be hosting a **"Beat the Cold"** event in an effort to bring more awareness to people who need some extra help stretching their budget. Would you please consider donating the following items to this event: small bottles of hand sanitizer, Kleenex, cough lozenges, lip balm, herbal teas, socks, lemon juice (small), or money to buy fresh fruit and yogurt. We will be assembling the "Beat the Cold" packages and will give one to each family who brings a new friend into Hope Clothing. If you have any questions or can help out please speak with Joni Smith. Please drop off any items by February 20th. Thank you!

At the end of October (as you will remember) our congregation was visited by a committee of Presbytery. The report of that visitation was recently released. The report and its recommendations are available to all who would like to review them. Session members have copies of the report and are eager to share them with you and to talk about how we will follow through on the recommendations. Please see your elder (or any elder or the minister) for a copy and a chance to talk it over.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	11:00 am	Thursday Night Supper & Social
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



January 27: Providing hope for New Canadians

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides direct, person-to-person assistance to help refugees start new lives in Canada. They help refugee claimants, accepted refugees and sponsored refugees access protection and justice, and develop a sense of belonging in Canadian society. For more than 20 years, Action Réfugiés has provided programs to create social support and networking opportunities for newly arrived refugee families.

Recently, they started a new men's dinner program that offers a meal along with social programming. These programs help to reduce social isolation and provide practical knowledge for living in Canada. *Presbyterians Sharing supports refugees.*



Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
 Beadle: Steve Marsh
 Worship Assistant: Karen Nixon
 Greeters: Joan Bentley, Lynn Platt
 Ushers: Ron Paddock, Vern Platt
 Tech Team: Rob Hodgson

Thank you to everyone who assisted with today's program:

Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
 Children & Worship: Allison Cann, Olivia Cann
 Holy Sherlocks: Cynthia MacDonald
 Nursery/Preschool: Leah Raymer, Jacquelyn Rowland
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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Periodically the church needs to update their email list. Currently we are sending out a weekly email to tell you about Sunday services and at other times we send out emails to keep you up to date about upcoming events, programs, special services, etc. And at other times we send emails to relay sad or serious news. If you would like to be added to these emails, please send an email to Joni. Thank you.
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