

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 - Speak, O Lord - Keith Getty & Stewart Townsend, Arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship

L: Love is patient; love is kind; love rejoices in the truth.

P: God's love is in all creation.

L: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things.

P: By God's love, we are daily nurtured.

L: Love endures all things. Love never ends.

P: Through God's love we find salvation.

All: Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Introit: Bind us together, Lord

Chorus: Bind us together Lord

Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord

Bind us together Lord bind us together with love

There is only one God There is only one King

There is only one body That is why we can sing. **Chorus.**

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Come, let us sing of a wonderful love" #706

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

P: You do not desire for us to live in darkness or in sinful exile; you call us to liberation through confession, so out of desire to be free we confess to you our sin. God of loving kindness, we know the truth that your love is infinite and ours is so often narrow and conditional. We focus on ourselves and seek to receive love rather than to give it, to be served rather than serve, to be forgiven but not forgive. Create in us clean hearts, forgive who we have been, help us accept and give forgiveness, and let us be at peace with you and one another.

L: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us.

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

L: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

L: incline your ear to me and save me.

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

L: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

P: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

L: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

P: My praise is continually of you.

*Hymn: "A new commandment" #225

Children's time

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 p. 698

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p. 175

Luke 4:21-30 p. 61

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Although I speak with angel's tongue" #695
(to the tune of #25)

Sermon: A still more excellent way

Musical Reflection - Speak, O Lord - By Keith Getty & Stewart Townsend, Arr. Ellen Banks Elwell, Give in praise by Heather Robertson

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - Rock Me, Lord - Andy Beck, Given in Praise by Adult Choir

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:

Nurturing God, You remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act consistently out of love in the name of Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Blest be the tie that binds" #481

Sending

*Benediction: verse 2 #620
*Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;
through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.*

Postlude - Con Moto - Ernest H. Sheppard

Next week's music - Youth Band and Adult Choir each sing a tune from "More Voices"

All God's Creatures Want to Hear the Choir! On February 10th in the sanctuary immediately after the service, please stay to help the choir with an experiment. It is likely that where the choir currently sits is not the best for sound and clarity to the congregation and it is not a good position for those of us who have mobility challenges. We're going to move the choir around to a few different places to find out where they sound best in an effort to improve their hymn leadership. We want feedback from absolutely everyone. Where do you think the choir sounds best? Are you concerned about the choir changing position? Do you feel it is a meaningful tradition? You can share your thoughts with Corey after the trial or email her at corey.cotter@hotmail.com. To say thank-you, the choir will provide **yummy treats for coffee hour**.

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.



Annual Reports



We would like to have the 2018 Annual Report available next Sunday so you have a couple of weeks to read it over before the meeting. If your report is not in the office by February 4th, it may not make it into the booklet. Please send it to Paula (office@standrewshespeler.ca). Email submissions are the most helpful format. **Thank you** to those who have already submitted your report.

On **Tuesday, February 5th** 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.

We have a selection of **hand knit slippers** in the foyer, hanging on Joni's office door, for our younger people to wear. They can leave their snowy boots in the foyer and be comfortable and warm with slippers! The slippers will be laundered every week. If the children would like to play in the gym after worship please make sure they have proper foot shoes. Thank you, Carol Johnston, for knitting these!



February 2019 FundScrip Promotions:

- Esso: 25% (regular 20%)
- La Vie en Rose: 11% (regular 8%)
- Bikini Village: 11% (regular 8%)
- Starbucks: 6% (regular 5%)

* The cards you ordered in January are in and you can pick them up today.

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. This workshop is now full but, if you missed out, we may be able to organize another one. Please speak to Joni Smith if you are interested.

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. Next week's lectionary readings will be: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Luke 5:1-11

We have asked Alexis Smith (who is currently minoring in Indigenous Studies) to prepare us some information on Indigenous issues that relate to our church.:

Who are the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay) peoples? You may hear this group of people referred to as the Ojibway, Chippewa, Mississauga, or Algonquin. This group's original ancestral home was the north shore of Lake Huron. In the 1600s groups of Anishinaabe migrated east to Bay of Quinte area while others migrated south to what is now known as south-western Ontario which is why we also recognize this land as traditional territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. The Anishinaabe started losing their traditional lands in the 18th century due to European settlement and colonization. Anishinaabe communities in South-Western Ontario today include "the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Aamjiwnaang, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, and the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point" (information taken from Laurier Student's Public Interest Research Group, www.lspirg.org).



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!



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	Self-help Food Bank & Lunch
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:



February 3: Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. February 3 is PWS&D Sunday—a day to celebrate the work our church is doing to make this vision a reality, empowering people out of poverty, hunger and oppression. Through programs in sustainable development and emergency relief, we are helping women, men and children get what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ. This work would not be possible without the faithful support of individuals and congregations across Canada, and our partners overseas. Today and every day, we give thanks for those striving for justice, mercy and peace throughout the world. *PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world.*



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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
 Beadle: Don Paddock
 Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
 Greeters: Joanne Waugh, Carol Johnston
 Ushers: Randy Vermaas, Margret Hunter
 Tech Team:

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

Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
 Children & Worship: Laurie Paddock, Julia Rowland
 Holy Sherlocks: Lori Marsh
 Nursery/Preschool: Amanda Davidson, Emily Byers
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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4th Sunday after the Epiphany



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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.