

**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 - Jesus Paid It All By John T. Grape, Arr. Sandra Eithum

## WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship: See insert

Introit: Spirit of the living God verse 2 #400  
*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love;  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!*

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: "Throughout these Lenten days and nights" #196

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

L: Loving God, before you our hearts are unlocked and our desires are known. From you no secrets are concealed. Hear us as we speak to you about the truth of our lives.

**P: Merciful God, in your presence and the presence of our brothers and sisters, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We cling to the values of a broken world rather than follow your ways. We neglect your gifts of imagination, freedom, and insight, while pursuing tired ways which shackle us and obscure the truth. Too often our fears and jealousies over power and prestige set neighbour against neighbour and nation against nation. There is little peace in our communities or our hearts. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

L: Hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are forgiven, and so, in Christ, forgive one another.

**P: Amen!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

**P: And also with you.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Interlude: The God of Love My Shepherd Is By George Herbert,  
Given in praise by Margaret McKenzie-Leighton

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,

**P: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

L: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**P: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver;

**P: I will protect those who know my name.**

L: When they call to me, I will answer them;

**P: I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

\*Hymn: "Jesus love me, this I know" #373

Children's time

\*Hymn: "Jesus loves me, this I know" #373

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 p. 180  
Romans 10:8b-13 p. 160  
Luke 4:1-13 p. 61

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "Come, ye disconsolate" #195

Sermon: Desert Days

## WE RESPOND

Offering & Offertory - Better Way – Ben Harper

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of dedication:

**Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and Saviour. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer" #651

Sending

\*Benediction: verse 4 #836

*Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the spirit, hear the call,  
and find the life, the way, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

Postlude - Love Consecrates the Humblest Act – Arr. James F. Coe

Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, **Andrew's Voice**, which is out today. Also, please take and deliver a copy for anyone not here or who may be interested in what's happening at St. Andrew's. Additionally, the spring edition of **Presbyterian Connection** is out. It is the national newspaper of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



Explorations in Music, our play-based music program geared towards JK through Gr. 6, starts TODAY and will run every Sunday until April 7th. For more information on our guests, please pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

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: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35

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:

The following announcement contains very upsetting information pertaining to sexual and physical abuse. It is important to know the truth, but please take care of yourselves as this is a heavy topic.

Conditions at residential schools were horrific. Seeing as Indigenous peoples were viewed as dirty, students' bodies and hair were often washed with toxic chemicals. Children were fed inadequately, and nutritional experiments performed on the children were not uncommon (for example, what are the effects of prolonged protein deprivation?). If a child were to fall sick, medical treatment was often withheld, and again, medical experiments on children were not uncommon. Physical and sexual abuse occurred at horrifyingly high rates. Children faced cruel physical punishments for any form of "disobedience" and even innocent accidents such as bed wetting. There have been 38,000 claims of sexual and serious physical abuse suffered within residential schools (Belanger, 2018). This number does not account for the abuse suffered by the children who died while attending residential school nor does it account for the survivors who, for whatever reason, are unable to come forward about their abuse. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission documents 3,201 recorded deaths that occurred within residential schools as a result of poor nutrition, amplified rates of disease as a result of poor sanitation and lack of medical attention, accidental deaths, and suicide (Belanger, 2018). However, one commissioner, Murray Sinclair, believes the number is more than 6000 (Belanger, 2018).

A big **Thank You** to everyone who supported this week's Pancake Supper. It was a great success. Because all of the food was donated we were able to raise \$425. Our youth appreciate your support!

St. Andrew's **Session** has been very busy recently. Please read up on what they have been doing in our Newsletter this week.

**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	5:00 pm	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



March Promotions:  
 Shell 3%  
 Dollarama 4%  
 The Ultimate Dining Card 6%  
 Please consider supporting our church!

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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
 Beadle: Linda Inglis  
 Worship Assistant: Marg McKenzie-Leighton  
 Greeters: Lynn Platt and The English Family  
 Ushers: Hartley Vandermeer and Don Paddock  
 Tech Team: Rob Hodgson

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

Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith  
 Holy Sherlocks (Gr 4-6): Lori Marsh  
 Divine Detectives (JK-Gr 3): Joni Smith and Olivia Cann  
 Little Explorers (up to JK): Laura Raymer and Sarah English  
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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 1st Sunday in Lent**



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