

**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 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – Johann Pachebel, Arr. Heinrich Fleischer

### 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: "To Abraham and Sarah" #478

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

L: When we recall all that you are for us, we confess to you who we have been, trusting your grace:

**P: God of compassion, we confess that we prefer darkness to light, and our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and shallow commitments. Guide us always so that we might live in your glorious presence and follow the way of your Son now and always.**

L: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ died for our sins. The Innocent One bore our condemnation on the cross. Although we cannot fully explain this love, may we embrace its truth. Claim the promise of living faith to find hope for new life and new possibilities as servants of the living God.

**P: We will! Amen.**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

**P: And also with you.**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Interlude: How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Stuart Townend, Given in praise by Ray Godin

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**P: whom shall I fear?**

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**P: of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh– my adversaries and foes– they shall stumble and fall.

**P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**P: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**P: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

L: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**P: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.**

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**P: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**P: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

\*Hymn: "He's got the whole world in his hands" vs 1-3 #339

Children's time

\*Hymn: "He's got the whole world in his hands" vs 4-6 #339

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 p. 12

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 p. 198

Luke 13:31-35 p. 76

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "The God of Abraham praise"

#331

Sermon: One desert evening

### WE RESPOND

Offering & Offertory - Once Upon a Tree – Pepper Choplin, Given in praise by Adult Choir

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:

**In glad thanksgiving for all that we have received, we offer back to you now a portion of the bounty of our living, O God. Take these gifts and bless them - and us - for the building up of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "O Lord my God / How great thou art" #651

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\*Benediction: verse 4 #836

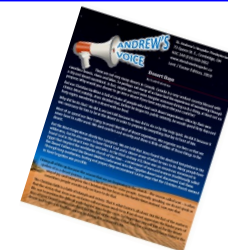
*Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the spirit, hear the call,  
and find the life, the way, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

Postlude - Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley – Arr. Sandra Eithun

~ Please join us for Explorations in Music ~

We will be ordering **Easter flowers** again this year. The order forms will be available next Sunday.

Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, **Andrew's Voice**. Also, 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 PCC.



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 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9.

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:

**Psychological and Cultural Abuse**

Imagine being told your beliefs were wrong, that your spiritual values and traditions were barbaric, and that your language was no longer allowed. These things are all critical aspects of your identity and being told these things is essentially the same as being told that who you are as a person is wrong. This is exactly what happened at residential schools. Children at residential schools were given a number to be their new identity. They were not treated as individuals, they were treated and referred to as numbers — an act that is so utterly dehumanizing. They were verbally abused and endured situations that were absolutely humiliating. Survivors have shared stories where young children who had wet their beds were sent down to eat with the entire school wearing their soiled linens. Other survivors have talked about how when they were sick, they were force-fed their own vomit. These are just a few examples of how horribly Indigenous children were treated, and the psychological effects of such treatment stays with you your entire life.

Those who survived residential schools, if they were even able to return to their communities of origin, returned not knowing their language, traditions, and ways of life. Children were taught in residential schools to vilify their own people, to see their ways of life as barbaric, and to hate the Indian. Relationships were irreparably broken at no fault of the parent nor the child. You can imagine the long-lasting effects this has.

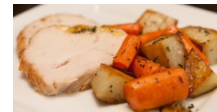
**Choir Position** – Music & Worship, with the approval of session and in coordination with the choir, are taking a look at the best place for the choir to be situated in the sanctuary. Over the next three weeks we will be trying out different spots. There is a form in the back to provide feedback. Please fill it out! We would like to hear from as many people as possible. An extensive look at the goals and issues is featured in our Lenten newsletter.

The Waterloo-Wellington **Presbyterial's Annual Meeting** will be Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, hosted by Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. This is an important meeting to discuss our future and will be attended by Rev. Tori Smit, who will lead the discussion, Rev. Sara Kim, Mary Vale-Parker, president of Synodical and others. We hope for a large attendance so the discussion will have many voices. For travel info, please contact Sylvia or Jean.

<b>This Week at St. Andrew's</b>		
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	Self-help Food Bank and 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



The **Gala Dinner Event** supporting Thursday Night Supper and Social will be held April 14th here at St. Andrew's. Tickets are available in the hall following worship.



March Promotions: Dollarama 4%  
- This would make a great Easter gift for children!

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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
Beadle: Nancy English  
Worship Assistant: Karen Nixon  
Greeters: Lynn Platt and Elaine McLean  
Ushers: Rob Hodgson and Trent English  
Tech Team:

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

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

**St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church**  
**March 17, 2019**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**



One  
desert evening

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