

**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.**

An asterisk (\*) indicates that we ask you to stand as you are able.

Prelude

### WE APPROACH GOD

\*Call to worship

L: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

**P: So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.**

L: We gather together, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

**P: trusting that God's peace and love are present here.**

L: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

**P: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.**

Introit: #667 verse 1

God, you touch the earth with beauty;  
make my heart anew;  
with your Spirit recreate me,  
pure and strong and true.

\*Prayer of approach

\*Opening Hymn: "Arise, your light is come" #712

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

**P: Heavenly Father, you have surrounded us with the wonders and beauties of creation, but we confess that too often we take your creation for granted. We squander your gifts as if we made them ourselves. We ignore our responsibility to care for the earth in its fragile beauty. Sin and pride take over our desires; We consume whatever we want, selfishly and carelessly. Forgive us we pray. Shine your light on us so we see your ways more clearly and follow the path Jesus sets before us with repentant hearts.**

L: Amidst the darkness of all our sin, Christ shines a redeeming light. In him we are forgiven, restored and made new. In his love, we can make a fresh start today, following the path he sets before us.

**P: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112

L: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**P: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures for ever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.

**P: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour.

**P: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

\*Hymn: "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" vss. 1-2

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Children's time

\*Hymn: "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" vss. 3-4

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12 p. 688  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 p. 166  
Matthew 5:13-20 p. 4

L: The word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!!**

\*Hymn: "Where charity and love prevail" #692

Sermon: The fast that I choose

Musical Reflection

### WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory:

\*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.

\*Prayer of dedication:

**Lord Jesus Christ, your love makes us salt for the earth and light for the world. We offer our gifts today, trusting that the Holy Spirit will bless them to make the world a brighter place for all who face some kind of darkness. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions will serve as salt to flavour the earth with your love and mercy. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace" vss. 1, 3, 4, 5

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\*Sending and Choral Response:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

Canada generously and faithfully support the mission and ministry of **The Presbyterian Church in Canada** through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is grateful for the \$8,389,514 which came from congregations, individuals, Women's Missionary Society, Atlantic Mission Society, foundations and others in 2019. These gifts are equipping congregations, beginning new faith communities, supporting international partners, empowering youth, encouraging new ministers and theological students, supporting Indigenous ministries, speaking on issues of justice – and so much more!



### A Special Space

The Session created the space that you likely noticed as you entered this morning. This is an experimental space that we are trying out. Please keep an open mind about using this space to engage with one another and the work of the church. We will take our fellowship time in this space this morning.

A few notes:

- Parents, please still go and pick up your kids as usual following the worship time.
- Children are welcome to join us for the fellowship time. They are also welcome to play downstairs if they prefer, if you can make sure they're not left unsupervised.

Thank you for our fellowship time volunteers for helping us with this experiment!

### Christian Education News

The Christian Education Committee would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Presbyterian Church of Canada's Lenten study. "Lent For Everyone, Matthew, Year A" by NT Wright is the devotional book being used. We have ordered 10 copies (you can purchase from us for \$20 per book) and they should be arriving soon. There is also a Kindle version available on Amazon.ca. We will have 1 or 2 nights of discussion, led by Rev. Scott McAndless and we will join in the online discussions throughout Lent. Here's the link to the national church study: <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>. If you need any help ordering the book or would like more information please speak with Joni Smith.

### Session Report

The Session of St. Andrew's met this week and dealt with some weighty matters. Here are a few important points.

- Rev. Scott will be away on March 1 for a family leave time. Steve Marsh will be preaching and our March communion will be held the following Sunday, March 8.
- Session will be offering the services of Elder Mary Forbes to our committees and groups to help them develop ways of covenanting to operate.
- Christian Education committee will be making some space/program changes and will update us soon
- In order to ensure that we respond appropriately to any accidents that might occur at the church, a system of recording and reporting incidents is being implemented.
- Session will be having a special meeting to be oriented on provincial and church policies on February 23 following worship. The next regular session meeting will be on Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm.

### Hespeler Arts Palooza!

From January 26th to March 8th there will be several opportunities to get creative. Keep checking your bulletins and website for up to date information on what's going on.

Tomorrow morning, 9:15 am in the gym, join us for a **"Start the Week off with a Walk"** for 30 minutes. Come and walk at your own pace.

**Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 am**, in the foyer, you will find a group of people crocheting or knitting. Come to learn or just join us to do some "needle" work of any kind and enjoy a cup of tea. This week we will also be weaving milk bag mats. Come out to see how this is done or sit and chat with us.

#### Open Mic Night!

In Memory of Mike Moyer & "Hooked on Mission"  
Feb 22nd – 6:30 pm – Sanctuary

Have a talent to share? Join us for our annual open mic! Sign-up starts at 6:00 pm. Each person will have 5 minutes (time for one song). Pianist extraordinaire, Gregory Gibson, will be on hand to accompany you if you like. All talents welcome!



#### Explorations in Music has begun!

A program for kids from JK to Grade 6 that gives them an opportunity to play with music, discover new instruments and musical traditions, connect with each other, and have lots of fun! Every week we will have different instruments and different presenters to share a wide variety of musical instruments, styles, and traditions with the kids.

**Feb 9th – 11:30 am – Fellowship Room (JK to Gr 6)**

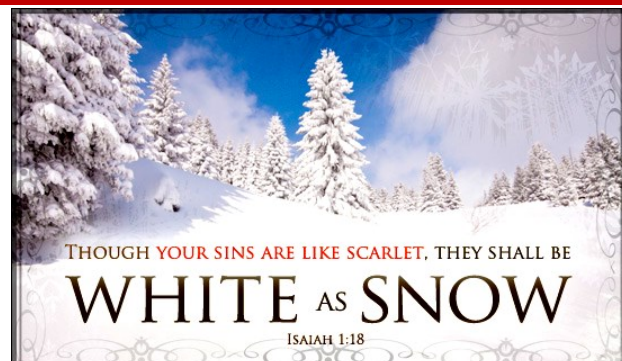
Indie Kids: Sammy Duke, guitar, percussion, and bass extraordinaire hosts an energetic jam filled with rhythm and joy.

Mark your calendars! The Youth are once again hosting our **Annual Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, February 25, 5:00—6:15 pm. Please come out to enjoy a good home cooked pancake supper.



Head's Up! The **Athalie Read Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd! Begin saving your treasures for the sale. Please note that we will not be accepting electronics or clothing. Stay tuned for more details!

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. The readings for next week are: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37



### This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:00 pm	Thursday Night Supper and Social
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, AI-Anon, AI-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



### COMING SOON

- February 25 - Annual Pancake Supper**
- March 25 - Financial Meeting**
- March 29 - Annual Meeting**
- May 2 - Athalie Read Garage Sale**

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#### Thank you to all who participated in today's service:

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
 Beadle: Vern Platt  
 Worship Assistant: Randy Vermaas  
 Greeters: Willie & Mary Forbes and Jack & Ruth Marquis  
 Ushers: Hartley Vandermeer and Trent English  
 Tech Team: Randy Rattansingh  
 Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith  
 Little Explorers (up to JK): Mary Vincent & Emily Byers  
 Divine Detectives: Joni Smith & Adria Marsh  
 The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): Lori Marsh  
 Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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## February 9, 2020

### 5th Sunday after Epiphany



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