

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KITCHENER

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 - LENT 5

We Approach God's Love

Prelude
Entry of the Written Word
Hymn # 384 *O Breath of life, come sweeping through us*
Call to Worship
Prayers of Approach and the Lord's Prayer # 831
Welcome

We Receive God's Love

Responsive Reading *Psalm 51:1-12 (Refrain I)*
Hymn # 399 (vs. 1,4) *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness*
Scripture *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
John 12:27-36
Scripture Reader *Martin Allcott*
Choir *Teach me, O Lord*

A Message from the Teeswater Growing Project
– Anja and Henry van der Vlies
(Sponsored by the National/International Outreach Committee)

Sermon **“While You Have The Light”**
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Hymn # 248 *At the dawning of salvation*
Free-will Offering
Offertory *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love*
Emily Morse, flute (Cherry Fraser scholar, 2017-2018)
Offertory Hymn # 830 *Praise God from whom all blessings*
flow
Offertory Prayer
Opportunities for Ministry
Lent Reading *Arianna Fritch and Denise Vanbodegom*
Children's Time
Hymn # 655 *Give me oil in my lamp*
Benediction
Departure of the Written Word
Postlude *Emily Morse and Lorin Shalanko*

Welcome to St. Andrew's, we are thankful that you have chosen to be here today. We pray that you will be greeted with love and warmth, and that this worship will feed your spiritual hunger. We pray that you will experience the presence of God in worship today. We extend a special welcome to Anja and Henry van der Vlies from the Teeswater Growing Project. They are here on the invitation of our National/International Outreach Committee. Following worship today they will be making a further presentation in the Elizabeth Room during the coffee hour. We hope that everyone will join us for coffee and fellowship in the Elizabeth Room after worship today.

Thank you to our Ushers: Bryon Cutler, Marion Cutler, John Fearnall, Gregory Moses, William Fulton, Ron Gaus, Peter Kalbfleisch, Gayle Loker, Lawrence McMahan, Catherine Rea and Robert Wills.

Thank you to our Greeters this morning; Doreen Janicek, Jan Blackburn and Erfa Schmidt.

Thank you to our Beadle this morning, Glenn Stewart.

Thank you to our coffee servers this morning; Paul & Cathy Rea and Kathy Macdonald.

Fairtrade products will be available for purchase in Iona Hall this morning. With the purchase of these products you will help provide decent working conditions, fair terms of trade for producers, better prices and protect from child labour. You will help support the development of thriving farmer and worker communities so they have more control over their futures and the environment in which they live and work. You can use the power of your purchases to make a difference in the lives of farmers and workers all over the world.

Thrift Shop Volunteers: The Thrift Shop will be packing up the winter apparel on Monday, March 19th and filling the racks with summer wear. Lots of volunteers are needed tomorrow so that we can be finished by 1:00 p.m. Soup will be provided for lunch. Please give Anne a call at 519 744-8946 to let her know that you will come out to help.

Thrift Shop: Please save your plastic grocery bags for the Thrift Shop. Our supply is very low. Thank you.

We need help with Greeters/Minglers at Family Night on Sunday, March 25 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. At our next Family Night there will likely be about 100 people in attendance and some of them will be people who have never been to St. Andrew's before. We would love to have some well-established members in attendance in order to greet, mingle and get to know the new people. If you are willing to help with this please speak to Rev. Mark. This is a really important way to bring new people into our faith community. Thanks.

A Historical Countryside Mennonite Tour will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. The tour will begin at 9:30 am. We will meet at the horse barns beside Zehrs at the Conestoga Mall. The tour will take us through the beautiful countryside of Waterloo County to see, smell and learn about the history, traditions and customs of the Mennonites of this area. We will stop at a Parochial school, a general store, a meeting house, the “Kissing Bridge”, a horse and buggy shed, The Mennonite Story (Museum) in St. Jacobs and other interesting sights. We will have lunch at Anna Mae’s in Millbank and arrive back at the pickup point with a new appreciation of the Mennonite culture. We must have a minimum of 25 people for this tour to take place so please ask a friend to join you. Sign up in the church office. If you have any questions contact Ab Martin at 519-569-1553. The cost of the tour is \$30.00. Proceeds will go to Local Outreach.

Gift Cards: Does your Easter Bunny bring gift cards for family or friends? If so, please consider purchasing them through our gift card program. Cards are sold weekly in Iona Hall or in front of the Chapel. We have an assortment of cards for grocery stores, gas stations, Tim Hortons, Chapters, Shopper’s Drugs, Starbucks and others on special order. Ask for a full listing of the cards available at one of our tables. Special orders requested by March 18th will be ready for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 25th. You receive the full face value of the card, however we buy at a discount and the profit is passed on to the Women’s Association for church projects.

Food Not Bombs: The Local Outreach committee is supporting Food not Bombs. A volunteer run group that serves vegan food to the community every week. Meals are cooked using surplus food that is donated from Grocery stores, bakeries and markets. All are welcome at the Saturday servings! We are collecting Metal Soup spoons, empty, clean margarine or yogurt containers with lids, Strong reusable plastic, individual soup bowls, drinking glasses and monetary donations. Food Not Bombs are also looking for volunteers to cook and serve and wash dishes and drivers to pick up food at grocery stores and transport food. If you would like to get involved Contact Ken Schade 519-744-9326 or Mark Johnson 519-578-9796 or markjohnson@gmail.com. More information is available in the Church office.

Sunday Smile: A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

Christian Education Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each season? If you do, we have a volunteer opportunity for you. The custodians do a great job of keeping the nursery space clean for our children and any visiting children; however, we sometimes don’t think about the toys. We would like to have a team of volunteers to take on this task. The specific task is to clean and sanitize all the toys in the nursery on a quarterly basis. A suggested timeline could be end of May, August, November and February.

If you have a group of friends or if you want to be part of a team that would like to take on the task, please contact Diana Watson by email to dwatson0351@gmail.com or call (519) 895-0351. Trying to decide if this is a good fit for you? If you answer yes to the following questions you should put your name forward:

- * If you have limited time to volunteer;
- * If you like to clean and ensure a continued healthy environment for children attending our nursery; and
- * If you want to get to know other church members.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Holy Week Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each night March 26– 29 in the Chapel and the Heather Room. Good Friday Service will be held in the Sanctuary.

Rediscovering the Image of God Within Us / The Journey from Darkness to Light

Mon., Mar. 26, 7 p.m. – The Image of God in Our Generosity

Tues., Mar. 27, 7 p.m. – The Image of God in Our Thanksgiving

Wed., Mar. 28, 7 p.m. – The Image of God in Our Courage

Thurs., Mar. 29, 7 p.m. – The Image of God in Our Compassion

Fri., Mar. 30, 11:00 a.m. – The Crucifixion – John Stainer

Calendar for March 19 -March 23, 2018

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Beavers	Iona Hall
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Cubs	Iona Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NIOC Meeting	Heather Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers	Elizabeth Room
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Adult Group	Heather Room
	6:30 p.m.	Kids Club	Temple
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary