

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton
Epiphany Preaching Schedule, 2018

...because of the Gospel

Sunday, January 7, 2018: Epiphany Sunday (Rev. Wayne J. Baswick Preaching)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6, p.617

SECOND READING: Matthew 2:1-12, p.808

SERMON TITLE: *"The Gift of the Magi"*

HYMNS: 174, 173, 376

THEME:

The day of Epiphany and Epiphany season mark the revelation of God's gift of Himself in Jesus to ALL people(Gentiles) of ALL nations as is set forth in this morning's Gospel reading of Matthew 2:1-12 - the visit of the three wise men to Bethlehem.

SPECIAL NOTE: This will be a Small Communion Sunday

Sunday, January 14, 2018: (Rev. Geoff Ross Preaching)

FIRST READING: Luke 2:1-15(15-20)

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-17

SEE&HEAR

SERMON TITLE: *"I Believe - because of the Gospel"*

HYMNS: 143, 681v.1, 687, 689

THEME:

"Gospel" means *"Good" "News"* - but why is it called good news? The angels/heralds came tell the world that God's promises of our salvation/redemption have come true: this is what we celebrate at Christmas with the incarnation - the coming to earth by God in the form of Jesus as a baby. But it is only *"Good News"* is we choose to believe it. If we do - having received Christ's invitation to be-with/follow Him we are invited to believe in Him, His teaching, and in the grace and salvation He offers. It's a 'both/and': we believe because of the Good News, it's Good News because we believe.

Sunday, January 21, 2018:

FIRST READING: Romans 8:18-30(39)

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

SEE&HEAR

SERMON TITLE: *"I Am Transformed - because of the Gospel"*

HYMNS: 145, 681v.1, 637, 706

THEME:

Gospel means *"good news."* Grace, in the simplest terms, is *"unmerited kindness."* Together, Jesus' Gospel of grace is God's good news about his unmerited kindness towards us. In turn, the Gospel message can be summarized in three words: *God rescues sinners.* This is done in/through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and in our believing in Him as Lord and God's Son. By winning for us our salvation Jesus frees us to become who/what God intended us to be. Our salvation transforms us from lost to being a child of God.

Sunday, January 28, 2018:

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:15-23

SECOND READING: John 14:1-6, 15-20, 25-27

SEE&HEAR

SERMON TITLE: *"I Belong - because of the Gospel"*

HYMNS: 144, 681v.1, 579, 640

THEME:

"people want to belong to something where they feel loved." God loves us: Jesus loves us - the Bible tells us so! God loves us and longs for us to live in right relationship with Him - in a place prepared for us. To do this we must live 'saved lives'. Belonging comes with a requirement: God has high expectations for each of us - the grace offered to us came at a high cost! - so we (individually/communally) have much to live up to.

Sunday, February 4, 2018

FIRST READING: Matthew 9:27-31

SECOND READING: Matthew 28:16-20

SEE&HEAR

SERMON TITLE: *"I Witness - because of the Gospel"*

HYMNS: 571, 681v.1, 592, 133

THEME:

"People want to be a part of something that changes lives." The competition for gifts is increasing as non-profit entities multiply rapidly. What the non-profit sector does well - and the church generally does not - is it motivates people into action to change lives. Changing lives is exactly what the Gospel is all about - it is the Good News that we received and want to "go out" to share/evangelize through all we say and do. The Gospel is to be lived: it is where faith and life meet.

SPECIAL NOTE: This will be a Small Communion Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 2018 Baptism Sunday (Jr. Music Makers)

OPENING READING: Lamentations 3:21-24

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

SECOND READING: John 15:12-17

CLOSING READING: Romans 8:31-39

SEE&HEAR

SERMON TITLE: *"The Love Song of Cyrano de Solomon" - A drama about love.*

HYMNS: 699, 521, 698v.1, 691

THEME:

This Sunday that will focus on the topic of love: The Bible is a Book of Love! (it's also the Sunday before Valentine's Day!) There will be a small drama as part of the service.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 6:30pm Pre-Lent Event

... like me

A series on God's Amazing Grace

This event will have the usual Pre-Lent events:

Dinner; Discovery Rooms; and our Ash Wednesday worship service