

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements
Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Hymn: "The Church is wherever God's people." 484

<https://youtu.be/gi7lOjpBQfk>

(Performed by Shelagh Tyreman, accompanied by Robert Hennig)

Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear: "God gives us hope."

The Rite of Reconciliation:

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God of might and mercy, we come before you humbled.
You are a God whose plans for us are eternal and good,
Yet in our own way we have strayed and lost sight of you.
You are a God whose promises for our welfare are steadfast,
Yet, selfishly, we have followed the desires of our own hearts.
Forgive us; distracted, afraid, we are lost, filled with doubt.
We pray, renew our courage to live out your call where we are.
And, by your grace, embolden us in all we do and say
in your Name and to your glory. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)

**Holy God, in your Word you tell us of your plans for us;
reveal to us today how you offer us hope as you call on us
to live and serve you Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "THE CITY OF GOD: A Vision for St. Andrew's"

Rev. Geoff Ross



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A COMMUNITY LOVING GOD
BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS

*At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we:
learn together to know God's love through worship and study;
put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other;
use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.*

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Doxology and Offertory Prayer:

**Giving God, we thank you for the grace you have shown to us
and we praise you for the gifts you give us - freely, daily.
Receive, O Lord, our tithes offered faithfully and gratefully;
Gifts returned to your glory and for your Church. Amen.**

Prayer Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: "I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I Am, Lord)." 592

<https://youtu.be/zIp-RexzYdk>

(Sung by members of the Senior Choir, led by Shelagh Tyreman)

Returning to Service

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Commission & Benediction:

In Worship this Week

Minister:	Rev. Geoff Ross
Lay Leader:	Regan Ross
Reader:	Simpson Ross
Music Director:	Shelagh Tyreman
Senior Choir	Robert Hennig
Duty Elders:	Kim Shepherd Jean Bradshaw

Readings for Sunday, September 13, 2020:

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.

The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiyah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

It said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you

find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Laws concerning the Sabbatical Year.

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be.

Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "*The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,*" and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt.

Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "*Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.*"

(The Word of the Lord: ***Thanks be to God.***)