

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

Anniversary Sunday

Prelude: *Saraband*

J. Blow

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear: *"We are the Church!"*

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

Hymn: *"We are one in the Spirit"*

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The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

**Eternal God, on this Anniversary, as we read of your
purpose for us, give us ears to hear and hearts to respond
to your claim on us as a community of faith. Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 122 (See Readings below)

Second Reading: Psalm 46

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

Sermon: *"THE CITY OF GOD: The Heart of God in the City of God"*

Rev. Geoff Ross

Hymn: *"I am the church! You are the church"*

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ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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:

Freely we have received the gifts of salvation and grace;
freely we shall return to God what is God's
in the form of our weekly offering.

Thank you for your support for the ministry of St. Andrew's.

Thank you to those who have mailed in their donations.

If you are on the PAR Program – Thank you.

*If you would like to know more about how to give to St. Andrew's
through PAR or online click here:*

<http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>

Doxology:

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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.**

Returning to Service

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Commission & Benediction

Postlude *Allegro*

G. Farnaby

In Worship this Week

Minister:	Rev. Geoff Ross
Lay Leader:	Regan Ross
Reader:	Paul Willoughby
Music Director:	Shelagh Tyreman
Duty Elders:	Kim Shepherd Jean Bradshaw

TODAY - At 11:30

St. Andrew's "Open House" Zoom Meeting

The Session invites you to join them for an "Open House" Zoom meeting after the Worship Service today at 11:30am. This meeting will give the Session a chance to update you on its latest decisions regarding reopening the Church for 'in person/in Church' worship; and to allow it to answer your questions and concerns.

You can join the meeting online by clicking the link below and following the prompts. You might need to write the meeting ID # and Passcode down before you do. If you are joining by phone by using the #'s below – again, you might need to write the meeting ID # and Passcode down before you do.

Join Meeting by computer, tablet, smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWGQvaUVseDlpUT09>

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We hope that you will join us – it would be great to 'see' you!

Announcements for Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Online!

We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today. We hope that you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm.

Welcome Back!

We are so very excited to be back in "the House of the Lord!" It has been a long time - 223 Days! 32 Weeks! A LONG TIME! Thank you to the Session - in particularly the Summer Session Team 1 - and the Property Committee for all of their work to clean and prepare the building for this to happen. Thank you to the Worship Committee - especially Shelagh Tyreman - for their willingness to take part in the in-Church services. And, a special "Thank you" to the Ross Family for its hosting the online services over all those Sundays (31 - but who's counting?) As we celebrate our Anniversary Sunday, let us rejoice as God's People did by reciting the Psalmist song of joy:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem."

Mark the Date! Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

At its October meeting, the Session voted to hold its annual Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, November 22nd - after the online service. This meeting will be held via Zoom. This meeting is for the sole purpose of approving the 2021 Budget. More information - including the proposed 2021 Budget - will be provided as we approach the date.

New Re-Opening Date Set!

The Session met on Monday, October 5th and among the many items discussed, the Session voted and passed a recommendation that, due to the rise in COVID19 cases, we push the proposed re-opening date to Sunday, November 29th - which will be the 1st Sunday of Advent!

Below are the updated, proposed Phases - **Reminder: these are all tentative.**

PHASES	TENTATIVE DATE	DETAILS
Phase 1	Sun., Oct. 18 th , 2020	Remain Online. *allow Geoff to conduct the online service from the sanctuary. *Readers and video/sound people be allowed as well. *Shelagh to play the organ/piano (ONLY)
Phase 2	Sun., Nov. 29 ^h , 2020	If safe to do so: Move to in-person Worship Services 10:30 am - St. Andrew's only (One Service only)
Phase 3(a)	January 2021	If safe to do so: Following all Protocols St. Andrew's S-EAOM service & St. Andrew's Food Bank SDA Congregation
Phase 3(b)	January 2021	If safe to do so: St. Andrew's Senior Choir & LOF Band
Phase 4	TBD	If safe to do so: Tuesday Morning Bible Study Session Meeting All Committee Night Meeting
Phase 5	TBD	If safe to do so: all Renters SDA Bible Study/Prayer Groups

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to St. Andrew's - and our website or Facebook page doesn't help - please call:

Rev. Geoff Ross	647-524-1870
Kim Shepherd, Clerk of Session	416-557-5001
Jean Bradshaw, Deputy Clerk	905-872-0272

Don't hesitate to ask: We will do our best to answer your questions - or find someone who will.

Readings for Sunday, October 18, 2020:

First Reading: Psalm 122

Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Reading: Psalm 46

God’s Defense of His City and People

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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