

# 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.

## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Prelude: *Moderato* Welcome, Greeting, Announcements Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

*Approach to Worship* Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration See & Hear: *"Companions along the way"* 

*The Rite of Reconciliation:* Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession: Lord, God of hope, in Jesus, you broke into our darkness, entered our wildernesses. You endured our lives, knew our pains, grief, felt our despair – you alone are a present help in our times of trial; You alone can revive, redeem, restore. In fear and helplessness, we come before you praying: open our eyes to your presence, our minds to your protection; hear our cries and open our lives to your reconciling love; calm our fears, strengthen our faith and embolden our hope in your promised plan for our welfare and salvation so we may live lives transformed by your grace. Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"

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# The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:(See Readings below)Holy God, in the midst of our fear, hurt, and despair, speak to<br/>us your Words of hope. Move us, we pray, to respond to your<br/>promises made in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.First Reading:Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 39; 12:1-11Second Reading:John 14:1-6, 18, 25-27,31c<br/>(The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.)Sermon:"From Egypt to the Promised Land: Along the Way."Hymn:"Follow me, the Master said"

## 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/

#### Another option is to give by Interac e-Transfer.

Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, use the email: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca then follow the prompts. In the message area put your name, envelope number, and how you want the donation distributed:

#### 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:

Gracious God, if we have gifts to bring, it is through your mercy: if we have hope at all – it is due to your grace; for all things are yours. In gratitude and humility, we pray, accept our gifts as we offer them, With joy and faithfulness as signs of our hope and trust in you. 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 *Allegretto* 

Anon.

#### In Worship this Week

Minister:ReLay Leader:ReReader:SirMusic Director:ShSound:Pe

Rev. Geoff Ross Regan Ross Simpson Ross Shelagh Tyreman Peter Shepherd

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2020 at 11:40 am. Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

Three ways to Join the Annual Budget Meeting on Zoom

#### To join by computer, laptop, tablet click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNx WGQvaUVseDJpUT09

<u>Meeting ID:</u> 375 265 6843 <u>Passcode:</u> 489011

To join by mobile telephone use the numbers below: <u>One tap mobile:</u>

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+1 778 907 2071; +1 204 272 7920; +1 438 809 7799 Canada +1 587 328 1099; +1 647 374 4685; +1 647 558 0588 Canada Find your local number: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdMqxnPnvr</u>

For the Proposed 2021 Budget click this link to our website: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/files/2020/11/2021-Budget.pdf

For the Minutes of the Feb., 2020 Winter Annual Meeting: <u>https://standrewsbrampton.ca/files/2020/11/AGM-Minutes-Mar-8-2020.pdf</u>

### Readings for Sunday, November 22, 2020:

# First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 39; 12:1-11 *The Meaning of Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

# The Faith of Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

# The Example of Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children — "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts."

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

# Second Reading: John 14:1-6, 18, 25-27,31c

#### Jesus the Way to the Father

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

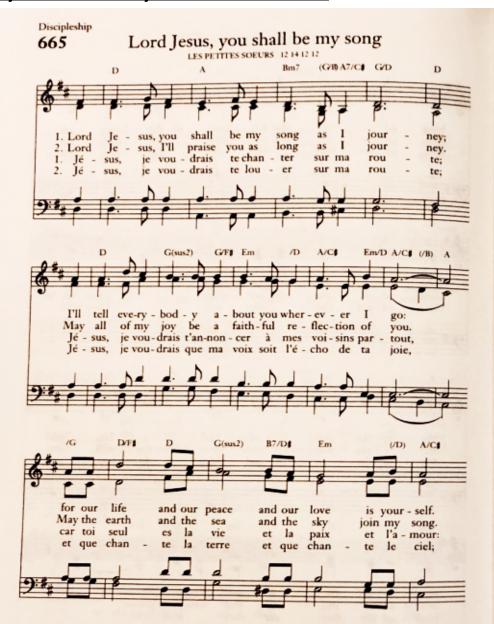
"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Rise, let us be on our way.

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

#### Hymns for Sunday, November 22, 2020:



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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.
- 3. Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix, car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.
- 4. Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi, jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.



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# Announcements for Sunday, Nov 22, 2020

**Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Online!** We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today. We hope you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm.

#### Have Any Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to St. Andrew's – and our website or Facebook page doesn't help –call: Rev. Geoff Ross: 647-524-1870; Kim Shepherd, Clerk of Session: 416-557-5001; Jean Bradshaw, Deputy Clerk: 905-872-0272.

#### New Re-Opening Date Set!

At its November meeting the Session met and, in light of the rising COVID19 cases – and the Province's recommended shutdowns, decided to push back the re-opening date to **January 3**<sup>rd</sup>, **2021.** The Session will review the COVID19 situation at its December meeting. For more information about this decision and others, see the Session Summary PDF on the website.

**Yes, you can still have your cake – and cookies – tool** The cookie man is back selling his good shortbread cookies and fruit cakes. Email Bruce (<u>brewsterwlu@hotmail.com</u>) to order yours today!

### Upcoming Worship Services

"Arise & Shine" – AN ADVENT SERIES Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent & Communion "Arise & Shine: A Rising Light."

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent "Arise & Shine: Reflected Light."

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent "Arise & Shine: Healing Light."

- Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Blue Christmas Service "Arise & Shine: A People in Darkness."
- Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent "Arise & Shine: Eternal Light."

Thurs., December 24th: 7:30pm:Traditional Christmas Eve"Arise & Shine: A Glorious Light."

# Calling all Crèche's!!!!!

Since we're locked down this Advent and Christmas season, the Worship Committee is asking you to help make our services more festive and personal: would you like to lend us a Christmas crèche for a Sunday?



The plan is that for each of the 4 weeks of Advent we will display a different crèche on the Communion Table for everyone to see. We will identify who lent the crèche each week in the bulletin and, if your crèche has a 'story', please let us know so we can share it as well.

If you're interested – and willing to share your crèche for this special addition to our online worship services – please contact Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870) and he will arrange for a COVID19 safe pick up and drop off.



(This crèche is owned by Rev. Ross' mother, Marjorie, and it was made in Nigeria out of Thorn wood and teak. The figures are Nigerian and are wearing Nigerian robes and hats.)