

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Prelude: *Andante con moto*

W. A. Mozart

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear: "*Presence*"

The Rite of Reconciliation:

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of Epiphany, in Jesus Christ

you revealed the full extent of your love,

and of your desire to redeem and restore us in your sight:

yet we confess we fail to live lives in response to your promise.

Forgive us, and by your Spirit, encourage us to respond

to your promise to be-with us - Emmanuel, your gift of love.

Transform us by your grace that we may live lives

Confident that your Word is steadfast and true.

And, guided by you, we pray, challenge us in new ways,

to live out the hope of your Good News for all to see

as we long for the promised day of your return. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: *Tell me the old, old story*

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The Word Proclaimed

(For the Prayer & Reading click: https://youtu.be/s9iml_NG01A)

Prayer for Illumination:

Epiphany God, your Holy Word reveals your covenant love

for us: we pray, reveal your promises to us in fresh new

ways so we may respond to your grace. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15

(See Readings below)

Additional Readings: John 1:1-14; Hebrews 4:14-16

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

Sermon: "God Keeps His Promises: *To Be-With us*" Rev. G Ross



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.

Hymn: *To God be the glory*

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Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement:

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/>

The Doxology: (sung)

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We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Giving God, from whom all blessings flow, we pray,

may these gifts – our treasure, time, our very selves –

be a response to your promises of grace, love; your presence.

In faith, receive our offering as a sign of our trust. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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: *Andante*

G. Nivers

In Worship this Week

Minister:	Rev. Geoff Ross
Lay Leader:	Regan Ross
Scripture Reader:	Molly Harvey
Music Director:	Shelagh Tyreman
Sound:	Peter Shepherd
Video:	Simpson Ross

St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, December 6th, 2020 at 11:30 am.

You are invited to join Rev. Geoff and others for our Zoom "Fellowship" every Sunday after the Worship Service at 11:30am.

Here is the Zoom meeting information – just click on the links below:

To join the St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship":

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWlZkQvaUVseDlpUT09>

Meeting ID: 375 265 6843

Passcode: 489011

By Mobile Phone: One tap mobile

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

To God be the glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11

G /B D 7 G /B D G

1. To God be the glo - ry, who great things has done!
 2. Oh per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has done

C G (/B) A9 (/C#) D

God so loved the world!—free - ly send - ing the Son,
 to eve - ry be - liev - er the pro - mise of God,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 that when the of - fen - der, re - pent - ing, be - lieves,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

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7 Csus2 C6 G D G/D D7 G

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 through Je - sus' a - tone - ment, full par - don re - ceives!
 our won - der, our glad - ness, when Je - sus we see!

Refrain G G/B D7/A G D

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice!

D G/B D7/A G

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

D7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

Oh come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

G7 Csus2 C6 G/D D G/D D7 G

and give God the glo - ry, who great things has done.

To God be the Glory
Original Words

1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!

2. Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives!

Refrain:

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see!

Refrain:

Tell me the old, old story

EVANGEL 7 6 7 6 D with refrain

C /E C F C G/F C/E C Am

1. Tell me the old, old sto - ry of un - seen things a -
 2. Tell me the sto - ry slow - ly, that I may take it
 3. Tell me the sto - ry soft - ly, with ear - nest tones and
 4. Tell me the same old sto - ry, when you have cause to

Gsus4-3 G/F C/E C /E C F G7/D C F

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of
 in, that won - der - ful re - demp - tion, God's
 grave; re - mem - ber I'm the sin - ner whom
 fear that this world's emp - ty glo - ry is

C/E C Gsus4-3 C G G7/B G

Je - sus and his love. Tell me the sto - ry
 rem - e - dy for sin. Tell me the sto - ry
 Je - sus came to save. Tell me the sto - ry
 cost - ing me too dear. Yes, and when that world's

C /E D7 G /F

sim - ply, as to a lit - tle child, for
 of - ten, for I for - get so soon; the
 al - ways, if you would real - ly be, in
 glo - ry is dawn - ing on my soul, tell

C/E (C /E C) F G7/D C F C/G F/A 6 G 7 C

I am weak and wea - ry, and help - less and de - filed.
 ear - ly dew of morn - ing has passed a - way at noon.
 an - y time of trou - ble, a com - fort - er to me.
 me the old, old sto - ry: Christ Je - sus makes thee whole.

Refrain
C /E C F C G7 /B G7 C

Tell me the old, old sto - ry; tell me the old, old sto - ry;

(C/E G7) Am C/Bb F/A F F#dim C/G G7 C

tell me the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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Readings for Sunday, January 10th, 2021:

Isaiah 7:10-15 : *Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.

Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

John 1:1-14: *The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 4:14-16: *Jesus the Great High Priest*

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Announcements for Sunday, Jan 10, 2021

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.

Thank you St. Andrew's!!!!

At the onset of the COVID19 pandemic, and the lockdown, there were concerns about how the Church would weather this strange and difficult year: but through the year you faithfully supported the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's! While the final accounting of 2020 has not yet been made, we thank you all for your generous support of St. Andrew's!

January edition of the Inside St. Andrew's Newsletter!

The printing of the Inside St. Andrew's Newsletter never stops! Click here <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/files/2020/12/ISA-Jan-2021.pdf> for the January 2021 edition.

Looking for Volunteers....

If you're stuck at home, have a phone, and have time on your hands - contact Rev. Geoff Ross and we can find a way that you can help St. Andrew's without going out! Call at 647-524-21870 or email: geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca Don't worry, it won't hurt....

Online Worship Services

Feedback Wanted: As we move into the New Year, we are hoping to improve our online services both in terms of the technical aspects of the recording and producing of the services as well as in what would make the experience better for you - those who are watching them online. To help us with these improvements we would welcome your feedback and ideas. Also, if you have any expertise dealing with online recording or video editing, please contact Rev. Ross or Peter Shepherd.

Did you miss a service? If you missed the Christmas Eve or Blue Christmas service - or any service over the past few months - you can find them on the updated St. Andrew's, Brampton website by clicking here <https://standrewsbrampton.ca> and going to the Worship tab.

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting notes from January 4, 2021**

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

SESSION NEWS

THANK YOU ST. ANDREW'S!!! 2020 Givings and Christmas Offering

Given the circumstances and many challenges we have seen, Session & Stewardship thank you for your faithful support of the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's! This has not gone unnoticed during the Christmas Season. While the final accounting of 2020, we thank you all for your continued support of St. Andrew's!

Another Financial update: 2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are here. Due to the current lockdown in Peel/Brampton, **the envelopes will not be delivered to you at this time**. Session has decided to arrange for a pick-up date at the Church. The tentative date for picking up your envelopes will be Saturday January 30th from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. A letter will be sent to those members/adherents who do not have an online connection. In the meantime, we encourage you to use your unused 2020 envelopes (change the date) and mail your offering in a cover envelope to the Church – 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3.

Four Other Ways to Give to St. Andrew's PAR - Pre Authorized Remittance Plan

1. Join PAR: You can sign up for PAR – our Pre Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to give in pre-arranged, monthly amounts. The PAR registration form is located on our website – click here: <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>.

Online Ways to Continue to Give St. Andrew's in 2021

2. Give online. As the lockdown continues and we are unable to worship in, or give in the usual ways, we recommend one of two **online Electronic Giving options:**

First option: is utilizing our Online Donation page on our website: <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donatetoday/>. For those donating this way, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from the Church Please print and keep your own receipts.

Second option: is utilizing Interac e-Transfers. Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, **use the email: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the designation for your donation**, and enter the amount you wish to donate. **It is very important that in the message area: indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed**

What your Offering Picked Up?

3. Give us a call. Another way to give – and to be confident that your offering will get to the Church – you can call to have your Envelope picked up, or to set up a time to drop it off at the Church. Contact Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870) or Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session: 416-557-5001), or your Elder.

Or, Put it in the Mail

4. Mail it in. Cheques (no cash please) can be mailed to the church; the address for the church is: 44 Church Street East, Brampton, Ontario, L6V 1G3. The mail for St. Andrew's is being forwarded to our Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd. **NOTE: Please do not drop off cheques in the mailbox outside the church at the entrance off Church Street.**

In-Person/In-Church Worship Update Re-opening Date Postponed– Again!

In light of the ongoing rise in COVID19 cases – and the Peel/Brampton region in lockdown, the Session agreed to extend its decision to postpone In-Person Worship until further notice. Sunday worship services will be streamed online using Facebook Live from our sanctuary and posted on our website and YouTube page

Looking ahead

2020 Congregational Annual Meeting

It is that time for all reports to be submitted for the congregational Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, March 7th, 2021. Please submit all reports to office@standrewsbrampton.ca no later than January 27th, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship Committee: Thank you to Rev. Wayne Baswick for the worship service on Sunday December 27th, 2020. We ask that you please have patience and grace as we work to improve our online services. Worship and Property are continuing to work on improving our technology. Session thanks Peter Shepherd,

Simpson Ross, and Regan Ross for their work 'behind the scenes' to make the services happen.

- We need volunteers to be readers for Sunday services. If you would be interested please contact Colin Young (Chair of Worship), June Young (Reader Co-Ordinator) or Rev. Geoff Ross for more information

Church Website: Our new website is here!!! The website address is the same: standrewsbrampton.ca. Thank you to Peter Shepherd for your time and dedication to maintaining our new website, through the PCC. Please take a look, all feedback and suggestions are welcome. You can send feedback/suggestions to: webadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Social Media: We want to keep you as up to date as quick as possible. Email blasts are being sent weekly, if you have email and would like to receive these updates, please send an email to socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca.

- Our Facebook page ([St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Brampton](#)).
- We have also created a YouTube channel: [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Brampton](#). The services, hymns and Bible readings are posted here to watch anytime. Please look click the link above and subscribe.

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone who needs pastoral care due to illness or personal strife, please notify Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (email: geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca), Rev. Wayne Baswick 905-456-1727 (email: wayne@standrewsbrampton.ca) or members of the Congregational Care Team so that we can provide appropriate care. Requests can be sent by email: wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca. **We encourage everyone to reach out to neighbours, friends, other members/adherents of St. Andrew's, especially during the Advent/Christmas Season when many find themselves alone.**

The South-East Asian Outreach Ministry!

Mission & Outreach Committee: Our afternoon service continues to meet every Sunday, via Zoom. Like the rest of us, they have been worshipping in their homes which, in some cases are multigenerational family bubbles (all residing in the same household). The afternoon service held special services, which were well attended. These services were: a carol sing held

December 18th; Christmas Eve Service; Christmas Day Service; and New Year's Eve (midnight service).

Property Committee: The Property Committee has been working hard to get ready for our eventual return to the Church building. Here are some updates.

- **Church Security:** Additional cameras and motion sensors will be installed this month along with a security system upgrade due to the additional cameras being installed.
- **Winter Upkeep:** The snow removal company has been shoveling the sidewalks and salting. Please note that in order for the parking lot to be plowed accumulation has to reach a certain amount. The company is salting the parking lot.
- **Entrance to Church Building:** Permission must still be received to enter the building. Request are to be submitted, in writing, to the following persons: Richard McMechan (Property Chair) Peter Shepherd (Property Member), Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session), Jean Bradshaw (Deputy Clerk of Session) and Geoff Ross (Lead Minister). Approval for going in the building is granted when 3 out of the 5 persons agree to the admittance.