

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

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Prelude: *Lead Me, Jesus*

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Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

*Approach to Worship*

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear: "*Guidance*"

*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: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

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*The Word Proclaimed*

(For the Prayer & Reading click: <https://youtu.be/0Z1cSwc6gnU>)

Prayer for Illumination:

(See Readings below)

**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: Philippians 2:1-11

Additional Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7; Luke 3:1-6; Ps 23; Prov 3:5-6

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

Sermon: "God Keeps His Promises: *To Guide us*" Rev. G Ross

Hymn: *Follow me, the Master said*

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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:

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 and Offertory Prayer:

**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: *Gavotte*

H. Purcell

## In Worship this Week

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

## Hymns for Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

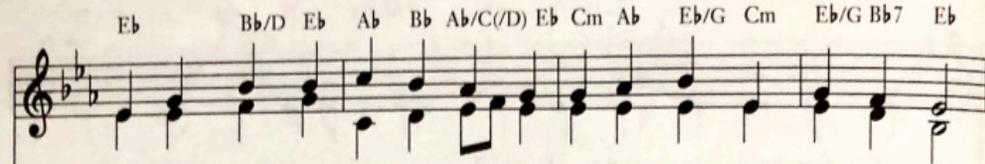
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## Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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1. Lead us, heaven-ly Fath-er, lead us o'er the world's tem - pest-u-ous sea;
2. Sav-iour, breathe for - give-ness o'er us, all our weak-ness thou dost know;
3. Spir - it of our God de-scend-ing, fill our hearts with heaven-ly joy,



A♭/E♭ E♭ E♭7/G A♭ /E♭ E♭ B♭/D B♭ E♭ C♯m B♭/D(E♭)F 7 B♭



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,  
thou didst tread this earth be - fore us, thou didst feel its keen - est woe;  
love with eve - ry pas-sion blend-ing, pleas-ure that can nev - er cloy;



E♭/G E♭ B♭/D E♭ A♭ B♭ A♭/C(D) E♭ C♯m F♯m B♭/D E♭ /B♭ B♭7 E♭



yet pos-sess-ing eve - ry bless-ing if our God our guide shall be.  
lone and drea-ry, faint and wea - ry through the des-ert thou didst go.  
thus pro-vid-ed, par-doned, guid-ed noth - ing can our peace de-stroy.



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## Follow me, the Master said

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1. "Fol - low me," the Mas - ter said:  
 2. Should the world and sin op - pose,  
 3. Though the way may dark ap - pear, we will fol - low Je - sus.  
 4. Ev - er keep that end in view;

D G/D D A7/C# D /F# A7 D

By his word and Spir - it led,  
 He is great - er than our foes;  
 He will make our path - way clear; we will fol - low Je - sus.  
 All his prom - is - es are true;

D/F# A7/E D A D/F# Em7 A7 D /F# A

Still for us he lives to plead, at the throne will in - ter - cede,  
 On his prom - ise we de - pend; he will hear us and de - fend.  
 In our dai - ly round of care, as we plead with God in prayer,  
 When this earth - ly course is run, and the Mas - ter says, "Well done!"

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D G /B D A7/C# D /F# A7 D

of - fers help in time of need;  
 help and keep us to the end; we will fol - low Je - sus.  
 with the cross which we must bear,  
 life e - ter - nal we have won;

### St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWGQvaUVseDlpUT09>

**Meeting ID: 375 265 6843 Passcode: 489011**

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

### Upcoming Worship Services God Keeps His Promises

**Sun., Jan., 24, 2021:** God Keeps His Promises: *To Love us.*

**Sun., Jan., 31, 2021:** God Keeps His Promises: *To Redeem us.*

**Sun., Feb., 7, 2021:** God Keeps His Promises: *To Return.*

**Sun., Feb., 14, 2021:** God Keeps His Promises: *Promises Fulfilled*

## **Readings for Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

### **FIRST READING:** Phil 2:1-11 *Imitating Christ's Humility*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **READING:** Isaiah 9:1-7 *The Righteous Reign of the Coming King*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this

time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### **READING:** Luke 3:1-6 *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” 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.

### **READING:** Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### **READING:** Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

## Announcements for Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Re-opening Date Postponed- Again!**

Due to the ongoing rise in COVID19 cases - and the current regional in lockdown, the **Session has regrettably decided to postpone In-Person Worship until further notice.** All our Sunday worship services will be streamed online using Facebook Live from our sanctuary and posted weekly on our website.

### **Déjà vu - all over again! Lockdown; Take 2!**

Due to the Province ordering a new COVID19 related lockdown for 28 days - February 10<sup>th</sup> - all non-essential access to the Church Building will not be allowed. You are reminded that any request to get into the building must be approved by the Access Team. For access, please contact:

Richard McMechan [richardmcmecan@sympatico.ca](mailto:richardmcmecan@sympatico.ca);

Peter Shepherd: [pshepherd@bramptonbrick.com](mailto:pshepherd@bramptonbrick.com);

Kim Shepherd: [kimbers1269@gmail.com](mailto:kimbers1269@gmail.com);

Jean Bradshaw: [jeanbradshaw@rogers.com](mailto:jeanbradshaw@rogers.com);

or Rev. Geoff Ross: [geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca).

### **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.** Our **proposed plan for you to pick-up your envelopes has also been postponed until further notice.** 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.

### **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](mailto:geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca) Don't worry, it won't hurt....

### **Online Worship Services**

**Did you miss a service?** Check out the St. Andrew's, Brampton website <https://standrewsbrampton.ca> and going to the Worship tab.

## *Thank you St. Andrew's!!!!*

At the onset of the COVID19 pandemic there were concerns about how St. Andrew's would fare during the COVID19 pandemic. The good news, we have been blessed! We thank you for your faithful and generous support of the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's!

### **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/donatedtoday/>. 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](mailto: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 St. E., Brampton, Ont., 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.**