

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

Prelude: *Dominus Regit Me*

arr. S. Tyreman

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear: "*Love: More than a feeling...*"

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: *Amazing Grace*

670 vs 1-4, 6

The Word Proclaimed

(For the Prayer & Reading click: <https://youtu.be/evRRltTjp3M>)

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: John 15:1-17

Additional Readings: Is 43:1-13; Rom 13:8-10; 1 John 4:7-11

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

Sermon: "God Keeps His Promises: *To Love Us*" Rev. G Ross

Hymn: *Jesus loves me, this I know*

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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: *Largo*

A. Vivaldi

In Worship this Week

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

St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, January 24th, 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=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWlGQvaUVseDlpUT09>

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!

Upcoming Worship Services

God Keeps His Promises

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*

FAITH & DOUBT: A Lenten Series

Wed., Feb., 17, 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY

FAITH & DOUBT: *"I received mercy."*

Sun., Feb., 21, 2021 LENT 1: With Communion

FAITH & DOUBT: *"I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Sun., Feb., 28, 2021: LENT 2/

FAITH & DOUBT: *It's a Matter of Trust*

Sun., March 7, 2021: LENT 3: Communion & AGM

FAITH & DOUBT: *It Takes Two Sides To Make a Coin*

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F /C C7 Dm Bb F

1. A - maz - ing that grace, how sweet the sound
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares,
1. Grâce in - fi - nie de no - and tre
2. Ma vie fut com - plète - ment chan - gée

C7 F C7 F C7 F F/A

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought
qui un jour m'a sau - vé. J'é - tais per - du,
du mo - ment où j'ai cru. De - puis ce jour

Bb F Dm F/C C7 F

but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
er - rant de lieu en lieu quand il m'a re - trou - vé.
de tous les dan - gers, sa grâ - ce m'a se - cou - ru.

4. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright, shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun

God in Christ
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JESUS LOVES ME 7777 with refrain

D A D G D D

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so,
2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

D A D G D D/A A7 D

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong,
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain D G D D/A A

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

D G DA A7 D

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Readings for Sunday, January 24th, 2021:

FIRST READING: John 15:1-17 *Jesus the True Vine*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

READING: Isaiah 43:1-13 *Restoration & Protection Promised*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your

offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

READING: Romans 13:8-10 *Love for One Another*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

READING: 1 John 4:7-11 *God Is Love*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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

Announcements for Sunday, Jan 24th, 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 until Feb., 10th - 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 send an email to entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca advising us the date you would like to enter, the reason for entering and how long you will be in the church building.

2020 Annual Reports

The 2020 Annual Reports are due on Jan., 27th. Please send your reports to Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd: kimbers1269@gmail.com).

Pictures Wanted!!!!

If you're watching our online worship services, we'd love to see how you're "attending Church"! We're hoping to do a photo-essay on how St. As' is worshiping and we'd love to have you submit pictures of you "as you are, where you are." Send your pictures to Rev. Ross: geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca or Felicity Alexandra: felicity.alexander@sympatico.ca) No cheating! No judging!

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

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

Four Other Ways to Give to St. Andrew's

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

1. 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.

1b. Give by 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**

PAR - Pre Authorized Remittance Plan

2. 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/>.

Want 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.**