



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, study and prayer;
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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Ordination of Elders

Prelude: *Come Join the Circle* G. Webber
Welcome, Greeting, Announcements
Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration

The Ordination of New Elders

Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, James Stratton

Introduction of New Elders (See below)
Opening Sentences
Preamble
The Vows
Congregational Promises
Ordination Prayer
Declaration
The Right Hand of Fellowship
Hymn: *Brother, sister, let me serve you* 635

The Word Proclaimed

(For the Prayer & Reading, click: <https://youtu.be/K2-lw9JBEek>)

Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)
God of wisdom, speak to us through your Holy Word so that we might hear your call upon our lives and live as your disciples. Amen.
Primary Reading: Romans 15:1-7
Additional Readings: Luke 14:15-24; Luke 6:37-42
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: **"WELCOME BACK: No Perfect People Allowed."**

Rev. G. Ross

Hymn: *Just as I am, without one plea* 682

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement:

Thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry of St. Andrew's through your offering – given by mail, through our PAR Program, and online. For more information about how you can give to St Andrew's click here:

<https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>

The Offering: (sung) 661 v1

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.

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Giving God, As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray,

May our offerings honour you. May our lives reflect your will.

May our words and actions – all that we say and do –

Show our willingness to live lives in worship and service

of you. 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: *Fugue in F*

J. Pachelbel

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples.

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In Worship this Week

Minister: Rev. Geoff Ross

Lay Leader: Regan Ross

Reader: Susan Jess

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd; Simpson Ross

Upcoming Worship Services

Join us on Facebook each Sunday at 10:30 am

for our livestream services.

Click: [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Facebook](#)

Sun. Oct 3: **“WELCOME BACK:** *The Family of Faith.”*

World Communion Sunday; Rev. Ross preaching

Sun. Oct 10: **“Fruitful Living.”**

Thanksgiving Sunday; Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Re-opening Sunday!

Sun. Oct 17: **“SHAPED BY THE GOSPEL.”**

Anniversary Sunday; Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Sun. Oct 24: **“SHAPED BY WORSHIP.”** Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Sun. Oct 31: **“SHAPED BY MERCY.”** Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Sun. Nov 7: **“WE SHALL REMEMBER....”** Rev. Ross preaching

Remembrance Day Sunday

Sun. Nov 14: **“SHAPED BY OUTREACH.”** Rev. Ross preaching

ORDINATION OF NEW ELDERS:

OPENING SENTENCES: (Clerk of Session)

Moderator, on behalf of the Session and the people of this congregation, I present to you **Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton**, and request that you now proceed to ordain them as elders and admit them to the Session.

(Rev. Ross) Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton, may God continue to bless you and be a presence in your lives as you agree to take on this important calling in your lives and in the life of the Church.

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,
but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Though we have different gifts,
together we are called to be the Church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.

PREAMBLE:

All Listen to what The Presbyterian Church in Canada believes concerning the ministry of ruling elders.

All ministries of the church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the church with officers, among whom are ruling elders.

The Form of Presbyterian Church Government of the Westminster Assembly reminds us that Christ has furnished some in the church, beside Ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the minister in the government of the church, which officers Reformed churches commonly call elders.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivante) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

THE VOWS:

Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton, that your faith in God and your integrity of purpose may be declared before God and all people, you are required in terms of this preamble to answer the questions appointed for all who would enter the office of ruling elder.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people?

I do.

3. Do you accept the government of this church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and General Assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself in all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?

I do.

4. In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up the church and to strengthen the church's mission in the world?

I do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION:

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?

We do.

2. Do you receive **Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton**, as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?

We do.

3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises. Amen.

ORDINATION PRAYER

We praise and glorify you, Lord God Almighty, for you have created us and called us to yourself; you have redeemed us in Jesus

Christ your Son; you sustain our lives and our works through the presence and power of your Holy Spirit.

Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you as ruling elders. By the power of your Spirit, develop in them the gifts of ministry; may they have the same mind that was in Christ, serving you in the world as long as they shall live through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

[The congregation shall say the following prayer, in unison:]

God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ;

who called us to be a priesthood of all believers;

who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation;

we pray for courage and discipline

to follow where your elders rightly lead us,

that together we may declare your mighty acts

and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

DECLARATION (Rev. Ross)

Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton, in the name of Jesus Christ, the only king and head of the church, and by the authority invested in me by the Presbytery of Brampton, I now declare you to have been ordained as a ruling elder and admit you to the session of this congregation.

Whatever you do, in word or action, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.

Hymns for Sunday, September 26, 2021:

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8787

E♭ (Fm/E♭ E♭maj7) A♭/E♭ (E♭maj7/Fm/E♭ E♭) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) E♭/G Fm7 (E♭/G) B♭



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ A♭/C (B♭6 A♭6 E♭/G) Fm (E♭/G Fm/A♭) Cm A♭6 B♭7 E♭



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

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Just as I am, without one plea

WOODWORTH 8888



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,



- blood was shed for me, and that thou bid - dest me
 con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need in
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise



- come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 thee I find,
 I be - lieve,



5. Just as I am, thy love unknown
 has broken every barrier down.
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am of that free love
 the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Readings for Sunday, September 26, 2021:

Today's Primary Reading: Romans 15:1-7

Please Others, Not Yourselfes

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Today's Additional Reading: Luke 14:15-24

The Parable of the Great Dinner

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Today's Additional Reading: Luke 6:37-42

Judging Others

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

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

Welcome to our Zoom Fellowship Time!

**St. Andrew's "Fellowship" Zoom
Sunday, September 26th, 2021 at 11:35 am.**

You are invited to join Rev. Geoff and others for our Zoom "Fellowship" every Sunday after the Worship Service at 11:35am. Grab a cup, click on the link below and join the conversation!

[St. Andrew's Zoom Fellowship](#)

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Announcements for Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

NEWS FLASH! We have a Church Re-opening Update!

On September 13, 2021, Session discussed and approved plans for a Phase 1 limited re-opening of the Sanctuary to in-person worship, with a possible starting date of Sunday, October 17, 2021 - Anniversary Sunday! Please Note: These are tentative plans only, depending on current COVID-19 restrictions, and requiring Session's approval at the October 4th meeting.

To help prepare you for the resumption of in-person/in-Church worship, more information on our re-opening plans - and the required protocols and restrictions - will be mailed to the congregation. Once it has been mailed, it will be posted on our Facebook page and Church website www.standrewsbrampton.ca and will be included in our October Newsletter and Worship bulletins.

Volunteers Needed!

In order to re-open for in-person/in-Church worship, the Session is asking for volunteers to help with the COVID-19 protocol stations. Those people interested, please contact Kim Shepherd (416-557-5001).

Help Wanted

We are looking for someone with audio-visual tech skills to become part of our online worship Team. We are looking for 2-3 people who would be able to work 4-6 hours a week (or on shifts) to help broadcast our online worship services. If you are interested, please contact either Rev. Ross (647-524-1870) or Peter Shepherd (webadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca).

Email address for Building Access

Permission must still be received to enter the church building. All requests to access the building are to be emailed to entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Five Options for Giving to St. Andrew's in 2021

1. Mail It In. Due to the COVID-19 situation, **2021 envelopes will not be delivered to you at this time.** However, we encourage you to make your donations using any method listed here that you're comfortable with. Cheques (no cash, please) can be **mailed** to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3. The mail for St. Andrew's is being forwarded to our Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd. **Please do not drop off cheques in the mailbox outside the Church Street entrance.**

2. Give Online. We recommend one of two **Electronic Giving options.** The first option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. For this donation method, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from the Church. Please print and keep your own receipts.

3. Give by Interac e-Transfer. The second e-giving option is to go to your **bank's website or app**, 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, you indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed.**

4. Join PAR. You can sign up for PAR, our Pre Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to give in pre-arranged monthly amounts. For the PAR registration form on the church website, click here: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>.

5. Want Your Offering Picked Up? Give Us a Call.

You can call us 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.

Thank You
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