

PREPARE YE...



the way of the Lord!

Isaiah 40:3b KJV

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, DECEMBER 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude: *The Little Drummer Boy*

H. Simeone

Carol: *I Saw Three Ships* (with congregational percussion)

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship:

The days are surely coming, says the lord!

When I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God.

Speak tenderly to them and cry that their time has come!

John appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming and preaching:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Every valley shall be lifted up, hill made low; rough places, plain.

**Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Liturgy:

(See PWS&D insert below)

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope;
the second is the candle of Peace.

This banner has been raised to remind us
that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him.

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of peace.

May Christ's light shine in our lives,

showing us the way of peace between God and all people.

Help us to prepare our hearts to receive Him.

We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Hymn: *Hark the glad sound*

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The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)
Advent God, amid the darkness and noise of our world, we long for your Word. Open our hearts that we may prepare ourselves for your Good News. Amen.

Primary Reading: Luke 1:5-25

Additional Readings: Genesis 28:10-17; 1 Timothy 2:1-6
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: **"PREPARE YE... For God's plan."** Rev. G Ross

Hymn: *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel* 122 v 1-3, 6-7

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement:

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:

Advent God, you call out; Prepare for the Promised One!

In response to your gifts: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love - and your Son;

we pray, receive our gifts, given as signs of our faith,

and of our ready response to your grace. 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.

Hymn: *Comfort, comfort you my people*

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Returning to Service

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Commission & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Fum, Fum, Fum* (with congregational percussion)

Trad. Catalonian Carol

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

In Worship this Week

Minister: Rev. Geoff Ross

Lay Leader: Regan Ross

Reader: June Young

Musician: Shelagh Tyreman

Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd; Simpson Ross

Today's Welcome Team

Felicity Alexander Ashraf Masih

Ian Jess Colin Young

Susan Jess June Young

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Upcoming Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Join us live on Facebook each Sunday at 10:30 am

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

ADVENT

Sun. Dec 12: **"PREPARE YE ... For the Unknown."** Rev. G. Ross

Wed. Dec 15: **"PREPARE YE ... For Hope."** Rev. G. Ross

7:30pm **Blue Christmas**

Sun. Dec 19: **"PREPARE YE ... For the Unexpected."** Rev. G. Ross

Fri. Dec 24: **Christmas Eve Traditional Service**

7:30pm **"PREPARE YE ... A Place."** Rev. G. Ross

Christmas Eve Communion Service

10:00pm **"PREPARE YE ... For The Promise."** Rev. G. Ross



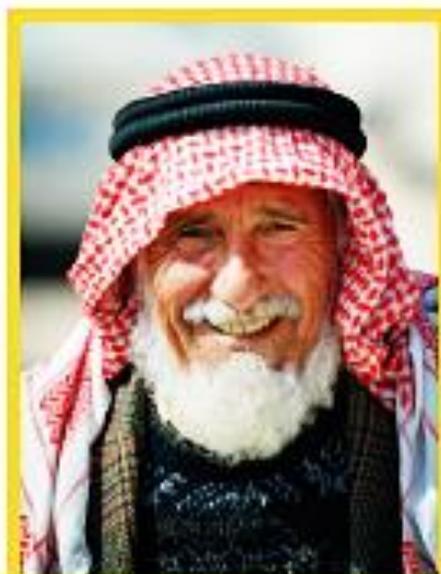
Second Sunday in Advent Peace

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

- L: Peace is the light that sheds understanding.
- P: Peace is the promise of God.
- L: Peace is found when God's order and justice are brought to the world.
- P: We await the birth of the Prince of Peace.

(The candle is lit.)

- L: Let us pray:
- P: Source of light,
shine in our lives
and in your world with
your everlasting peace.
Through Jesus Christ
our Lord we pray. Amen.



Food Baskets Provide Assurance

Conflict is on the rise around the world. In places like Syria, Yemen or Ethiopia, these rates are only worsened by climate change and COVID-19. The United Nations estimates that over 88 million people are experiencing hunger due to conflict and instability.

It's been over 10 years since millions of Syrians were forced from their homes due to ongoing civil conflict. Almost six million have sought refuge in neighbouring countries and another 6.7 million are displaced internally in Syria.

Every day is filled with uncertainty.

PWS&D is responding to help alleviate some of these uncertainties by providing 6,000 families with food baskets.

The food baskets provide internally displaced Syrians and their host communities with essential and nutritious foods. Families are able to ensure that their households are fed and food is on the table.

This Advent season help those displaced by conflict strengthen their hearts and bodies on the journey to find peace and security.

* With Canadian Foodgrains Bank, funds contributed to PWS&D for food assistance are multiplied up to four times with the support of the Government of Canada.

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Carol for Sunday, December 5, 2021:

I Saw Three Ships (with congregational percussion)

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning.

The virgin Mary and Christ were there
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
The virgin Mary and Christ were there
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Hymns for Sunday, December 5, 2021:

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Hark the glad sound

RICHMOND 8 6 8 6 CM

G D/F# D C/E (D7/F#) G C D7 G Em6

1. Hark the glad sound! The Sav - iour comes, the
2. You come the pris - oners to re - lease in
3. You come the bro - ken heart to bind, the
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your

D/F# Em/G D/A A7 D /C G/B Em Am D/C

Sav - iour prom - ised long; let eve - ry heart pre -
Sa - tan's bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
wound - ed soul to cure, to bring the treas - ures
wel - come shall pro - claim, and heaven's e - ter - nal

G7/B G7 C G/B C/B Am6 G Cmaj7 G/D D G

pare a throne, and eve - ry voice a song!
fore you burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of God's grace, good ti - dings for the poor.
arch - es ring with your most hon - oured name.

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arrangement, Samuel Webbe the younger (1770-1843)

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Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

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Unison



1. Oh come, oh come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 3. Oh come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things
 4. Oh come, thou Branch of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa-tan's
 5. Oh come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Em Bm G Am Em D Bm C



Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show,
 tyr - an - ny; from the depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high

Am Bm Em Am Em Bm



6. Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!...
7. Oh come, desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart, one mind;
 bid envy, strife and discord cease,
 and be thyself our source of peace.
 Rejoice!...

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 Music: Gregorian plainsong; arrangement, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Refrain



un - til the Son of God ap-pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice, re-joice!
 and give them vic-tory o'er the grave.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em D G Am Em G D Em Bm



Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

G Am D Em G/B Em Am Bm Em



1. Oh! viens bientôt, Emmanuel,
 nous délivrer du joug cruel,
 et du péché briser la loi;
 ton peuple entier s'attend à toi.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

3. Oh! viens bientôt, descends vers nous,
 Saint Fils du ciel, aimant et doux.
 Aux coeurs troublés apporte donc
 la paix divine du pardon.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

2. Oh! viens bientôt, que ta clarté
 dissipe nos obscurités.
 Errants et tristes dans la nuit,
 nous appelons le jour qui luit.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 Voici venir Emmanuel!

4. Oh! viens bientôt, puissant Sauveur,
 nous réveiller de nos langueurs!
 Il n'est que toi, céleste Pain,
 qui puisse apaiser notre faim.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

Comfort, comfort you my people

GENEVAN 42 87877788

F C F C Dm Am Bb F Dm C F Bb F C F

1. Com-fort, com - fort you my peo - ple; tell of peace, thus says our God;
2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed; make the rough - er plac - es plain;

F C F C Dm Am Bb F Dm C F Bb F C F

com-fort those who sit in dark-ness bowed be-neath op-pres-sion's load.
bid-ding us to make re-pent-ance since the king-dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-fits God's ho-ly reign,

F Bb F C F F Bb F Bb/D F C

Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
for the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad,

F Cm Gm Dm C F Bb F Dm Bb F C Dm C F

tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Readings for Sunday, December 5, 2021:Today's Primary Reading: Luke 1:5-25*The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

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

Additional Reading: Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Additional Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Instructions Concerning Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.

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

Welcome to our Zoom Fellowship Time!

**St. Andrew's "Fellowship" Zoom
Sunday, December 5, 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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AS IT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM

ADVENT TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

November 30 – December 21, 2021

10:30 am to 12 noon

An Advent Journey through the Prophecies of Jesus.

Twice in the well-known Christmas passage from Luke 2:8-20 of the angels proclaiming the “good news of great joy for all the people” to the terrified shepherds, the phrase “had been told them” is used. For centuries, the People of God had been hearing about this promised Saviour – and at each Advent we retell these promises: but what was it that “had been told them”? What were these promises and prophecies? Join us for a short 4-week advent journey through the Prophecies of Jesus.

SESSION 1: TUESDAY, NOV 30TH: THE PROMISE.

Genesis 3:15; Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 18:18; Micah 5:2

SESSION 2: TUESDAY, DEC 7TH: WHO?

Psalms 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 42:1;
Luke 1:31-33

SESSION 3: TUESDAY, DEC 14TH: WHY?

Psalms 22:1 & 6; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; Isaiah 42:6-7; Isaiah 53:3-5;
Isaiah 61:1; Mal 4:2

SESSION 4: TUESDAY, DEC 21ST: THE FULFILLMENT

Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20; Philippians 2:6-11;
John 1:1-18

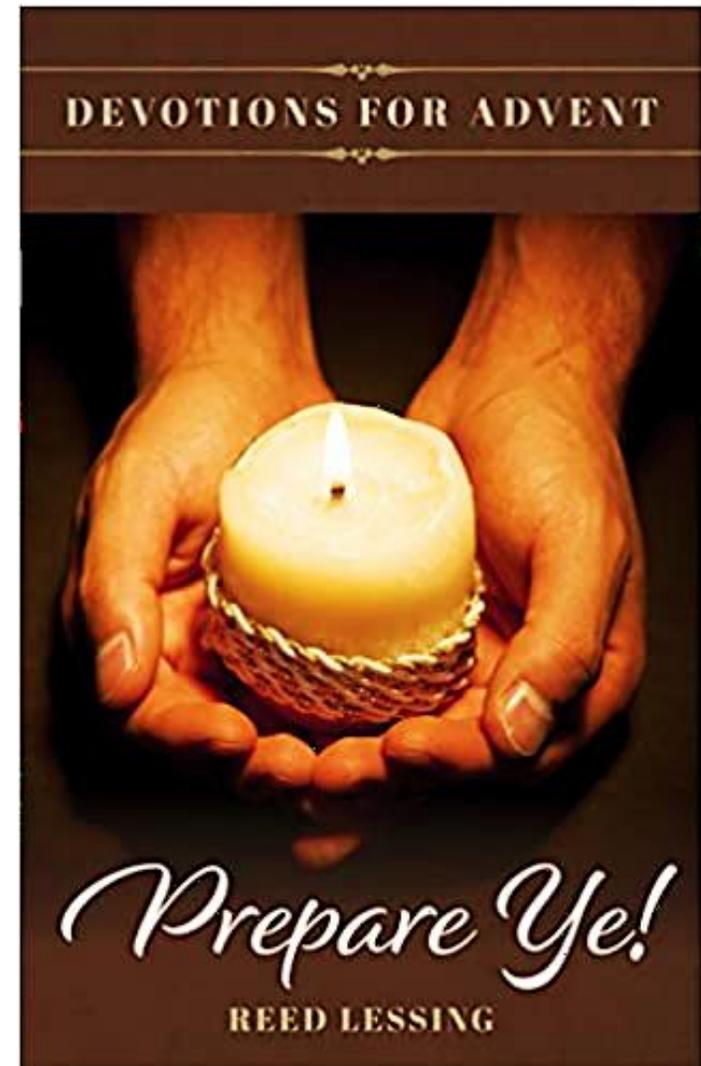
For more information about this Study, contact Jean Bradshaw or Rev. Geoff Ross. You can also look for it on the St. Andrew's website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/adult-bible-study/>

Then join us on Tuesday morning using this Zoom meeting information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81228859044?pwd=czkxSEV4QnlbnjhDaHBtb1hUN2tQZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 2885 9044 Passcode: 480823

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE



Sadly, we only have a limited number of our Adult Advent Devotionals available this Advent season. Due to the limited number, we will be posting each daily devotional on the St. Andrew's Facebook page. If you are interested in a printed copy, we are limiting 1 booklet per household. (We are reserving copies for those without the internet.) Please contact either Jean Bradshaw or Rev. Geoff Ross for a copy.

Announcements for Sunday, December 5, 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.

In-Person Worship

Since Sunday, November 7, 2021, our Sanctuary doors have been re-opened to in-person worship. At this time, there is an attendance limit of 50 persons, and you must pre-register each week via Eventbrite: [Eventbrite - St. Andrew's In-Person Worship Registration](#). You must show proof of your full vaccination status and follow all COVID-19 safety protocols as detailed here: [St. Andrew's COVID-19 Safety Protocols](#). If you are uncomfortable worshipping in person – or if you feel unwell – please stay home and join us via the online services, which are livestreamed and reposted on our website each Sunday.

Session

The next meeting of Session is on **Monday, December 6** at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

It's Cookie Time!

Bruce the Cookie Man is back, ready to take your orders for treats and gifts just in time for Christmas! See the full list of products [here](#), and email Bruce at brewsterwlu@hotmail.com to place your order. All purchases are tax-free, and proceeds benefit the St. Andrew's Food Bank.



Christmas Lawn Signs

Proudly remind everyone about the reason for the season with these outdoor Christmas signs – perfect for lawn, porch or balcony! Offered by the Mission Committee, these signs are just \$6.00 and are available from Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870) or Eunice Boyd, euniceboyd@rogers.com.



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, Jean Bradshaw. **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 Jean Bradshaw, Clerk of Session, clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or your Elder.

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