

PREPARE YE...



the way of the Lord!

Isaiah 40:3b KIV

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.*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

(* Hymn - indicates masked, in place, congregational singing.)

Prelude: *The Ukrainian Carol* Traditional, arr. Dan Coates

Words of Welcome, Silent Prayer and Meditation

Gathering to Worship

Opening Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 "God's People Are Comforted"

Call to Worship:

Into our world as into Mary's womb ... **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Into the forgotten places, as into the stable ... **Come, Lord Jesus**

Into the lives of the lost, bring hope;

Into the lives of the fearful, bring peace;

Into the lives of the despairing, bring joy;

Into the lives of the lonely, bring love

And into our lives and longings ... **Come, Lord Jesus.**

This the good news: Christ is coming,

Giving blessing to those who prepare a way for the Lord ...

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Come, and enter into our lives. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent Banner and Candle Liturgy

See insert

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Advent Hymn: *People in darkness*

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The Gift of God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)

**Christmas God, amid the darkness and noise of our world,
we long for your Word. This night, open our hearts that we
may prepare ourselves for your Good News. Amen.**

First Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Second Reading: Acts 2:22-23, 32-39

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

Meditation: "PREPARE YE ... For the Promise."

Rev. Geoff Ross

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christmas Reading: John 1:1-14, 16-17 (See Readings below)

<https://youtu.be/yOjnRF0gXfY>

* Hymn: *Joy to the world* 153

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music: *What Child Is This?* English, arr. D. Coates

Prayer After Communion

Commissioning

* Hymn: *Silent night* 154

Commission and Benediction:

Christ has come: taken on our injured flesh to be with us.

Christ, born in a manger to die upon a cross, came to save us.

Welcome to our world Holy Child.

Word breaking heaven's silence, enter into our hearts.

Transform us and send us out to tell of Your saving grace.

Welcome to our world long-awaited Holy Stranger.

Blessed by the gift of God's child we are born anew.

Made Holy we welcome others as we have been received.

Welcome to our world perfect Son of God.

Postlude: *Joy to the World*

G.F. Handel, arr. Dan Coates

In Worship at this Service

Minister: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross

Music: Ruth Kelly-Boxe

Liturgists: Regan Ross, Harrison Ross, Simpson Ross

Christmas Reading: Rev. Rosemary Doran

Technicians: Simpson Ross, Justin Kelly-Boxe



*May God bless you this Christmas
and keep you in 2022.*

*From the Ministers, Session & Staff
of
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*



Merry Christmas!



The Christ Candle

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

L: God has come into the world.

P: *Glory to God in the highest!*

L: This is the good news for all people:
to us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

P: *The world is transformed.*

L: And things cannot remain the same.

P: *It is made new in hope, peace, joy and love.*

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray:

P: *Source of light,
shine in our lives
and in your world with
your transforming power.
Through Jesus Christ
our Lord we pray. Amen.*



Christ is Born!

Even in the face of poverty, injustice and disaster, hope finds a way.

For 75 years, our church has been faithfully responding with Presbyterian World Service & Development to God's call to serve those in need. Together with our partners, we are making a positive difference in our global village.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, we are responding to hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster. We are responding to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable. Working together, we are helping restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As an expression of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember our neighbours near and far. Without you, this transformative work would not be possible.

This Christmas, please support PWS&D.

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Opening Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 *God's People Are Comforted*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

First Reading: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Second Reading: Acts 2:22-23, 32-39

"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the

heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

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

Christmas Reading: John 1:1-14, 16-17

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. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Announcements for Friday, December 24, 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.

2021 Christmas Offering Envelopes

Your **2021 Christmas Offering Envelopes will be accepted up to January 2, 2022**. If you would like your Envelope picked up - or would like to drop it off at the Church - call Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870), or email the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or contact your Elder.

Giving Online to St. Andrew's

We recommend one of two **Electronic Giving options**. The first is via 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.**

The second online option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website at <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. For this method, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from the Church. Please print and keep your own receipts.

2022 Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here, but due to the current COVID-19 situation, **the envelopes will not be delivered to you at this time**. The possibility of a pick-up date will be discussed at the next Session meeting.

Upcoming Worship Services

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, December 26** - the first Sunday after Christmas. The service will be on Facebook Live at 10:30 am, and then posted on the St. Andrew's website.

Hymns for Christmas Eve 10:00pm Service

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People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.
2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health. Come, come,
3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.
4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

come, Je-sus Christ. Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.
Peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth.
Peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree.
Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Come, Lord Je-sus Christ. These days of ad-ven-ture when

all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of
(1) love.
(2) hope.
(3) peace.
(4) joy.

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Joy to the world

ANTIOCH 8 6 8 6 CM with repeat

D A7/E D/F# Em/G D/A A 7 D D/F# G Em

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

A 7 D (G/D D) (G/D D)

ceive its King; let eve - ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

/F# Em/G A

room and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his -

Tenor and bass v.1 And heaven and na-ture sing (Bass), and

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A7/C# A7 /G D/F# (aug) G A Bm Em/G D/A A 7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing (Similarly for vv 2, 3 & 4)

Korean

1. Kee-pu-daw koo-joo oh-shut-neh
 mawn pek-sung maw-jaw-raw
 Ohn kyo-hweh yuh taw il-uh-naw
 Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
 Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
 Taw chawn-yawng chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
2. Koo-seh-joo tawn-seng hess-u-nee
 taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
 Ee seh-sawng-eh mawn-mool-dul-aw
 Taw hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
 Taw hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
 Taw hwaw-dawp hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
3. Ohn seh-sawng chweh-rul saw-haw-ruh
 choo yeh-soo oh-shut-neh
 Chweh wah sul-poom moo-raw-neh-goh
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-neh
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-heh
 Taw koo-wun koo-wun haw-shi-neh
4. Un-heh wah chill-lee tweh-shin joo
 taw choo-gwahn haw-shi-nee
 Mahn-gook pek-sung koo-joo aw-peh
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw
 Taw kyung-beh kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw

Silent night

STILLE NACHT Irregular

B \flat F7

1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God,
 1. Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,

B \flat E \flat B \flat

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child,
 at the sight: glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
 ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.

E \flat B \flat F7

ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav - en - ly hosts sing "Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ, the Sav - iour is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - lisch - er

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B \flat F6 7 B \flat

peace; sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - iour is born!"
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Ruh', schlaf in himm - lisch - er Ruh'.

Hungarian

1. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Mindenek nyugta mély;
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,
 Drága kisdednük álmainál.
 Szent Fiú aludjál,
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
2. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerte zengi e drága szavát:
 Krisztus megszabadít,
 Krisztus megszabadít!
3. Csendes éj, Szentséges éj!
 Szív örülj, higgy, remélj
 Isten szent Fia hinti reád
 Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát!
 Krisztus megszületett,
 Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng ān yè! Shèng shàn yè!
 Zhēn níng jìng, zhēn guāng míng,
 Guāng huī huán zhào shèng mù shèng yīng,
 Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhēn kě ài,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān mián,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān mián.