

# 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, JANUARY 16, 2022

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: Prelude

G. B. Pergolesi

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

## Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration

### The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession:
God of Epiphany, in your Son
you have given the light of your love to the world,
but yet, we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak, the poor - the distressed;
yet we confess we have gone astray and, seeking our own ways,
we have failed to live up to your expectations of us.
Your righteousness redeems the needy,
and upholds the oppressed and the defenseless;
yet we have not fully loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We pray, forgive us. Our lives do not reflect your glory,

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: Spirit of the living God

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### The Word Proclaimed

or the purposes you intended for us; help us to return to you

and to serve and trust you in all things faithfully.

Prayer for Illumination:

(See Readings below)

Epiphany God, by your Holy Spirit illuminate for us your living Word. We pray, reveal your will for us and fill our hearts in expectation of your promised kingdom. Amen.

Primary Reading: John 2:1-11

Additional Readings: Isaiah 62:1–5; Ps 36:5–10; 1 Cor 12:1–11 (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "Do whatever he tells you." Rev. Geoff Ross Hymn: As man and woman we are made 596

## 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)

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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:

Open-handed God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbours. May they reflect our faithful service to your will for us And bring about your reign of peace, love and equity. 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: Breathe on me, breath of God

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### Returning to Service

Extinguishing the Christ Candle Commission & Benediction Choral Amen

Choral Amen

Postlude: Fuga 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:
Lay Leader:
Reader:
Reader:
Music Director:
Sound & Video:
Rev. Geoff Ross
Regan Ross
Peter Shepherd
Shelagh Tyreman
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

## "Expectations"

Sun. Jan 23, 2022: "Was praised by everyone." Rev. Geoff Ross

Sun. Jan 30, 2022: "Is this not Joseph's son?" Rev. Geoff Ross

Sun. Feb 6, 2022: "From 'Go away' to 'Leaving everything'."

Communion Rev. Geoff Ross

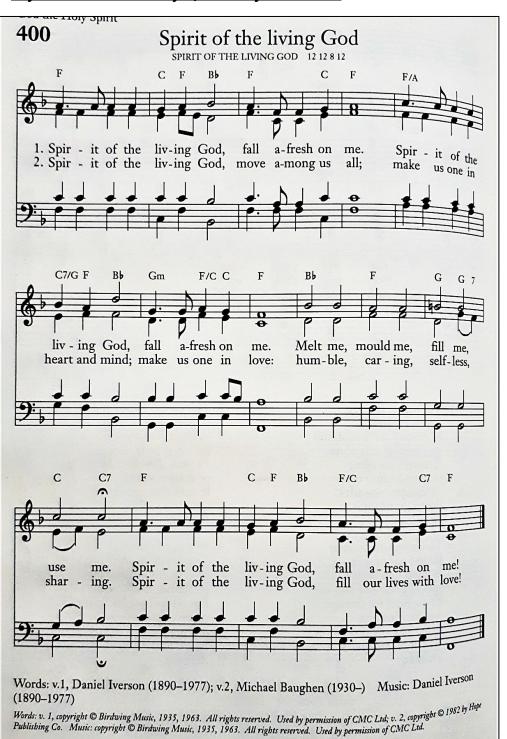
Sun. Feb 13, 2022: "Blessings and Woes." Rev. Geoff Ross

Sun. Feb 20, 2022: "Expecting nothing in return." Rev. G. Ross

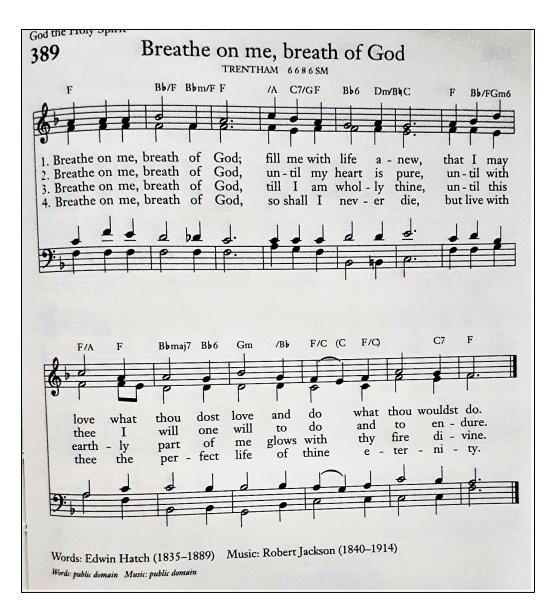
Family Sunday

Sun. Feb 27, 2022: "It is good for us to be here." Rev. Geoff Ross

## Hymns for Sunday, January 16, 2022:







### Readings for Sunday, January 16, 2022:

Today's Primary Reading: John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Reading: Isaiah 62:1–5 *The Vindication and Salvation of Zion* For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### **Reading:** Psalm 36:5–10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

# Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 *Spiritual Gifts*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but it is the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

## Welcome to our Zoom Fellowship Time!

## St. Andrew's "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, January 16, 2022 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. Click the link below to join the conversation.

St. Andrew's Zoom Fellowship

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

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## **Update - Postponement Announcement**

Due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the Session has decided to postpone our In-Person/In-Church worship to Sunday, February 6. This decision has been made out of concern for all involved in our In-Person/In-Church services: those attending, our Welcome Team volunteers, and our Worship Team.

We will still be holding our weekly worship service – and we will continue the live streaming of the worship service on Facebook. If you miss the service, a video will be posted on the St. Andrew's website after the live streaming.

The Session meets on February 7 and will assess the situation and make a further announcement about whether or not we will be resuming our In-Person/In-Church worship and registration.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to adapt to the ongoing situation of this pandemic.

On behalf of the Session,

Rev. Geoff Ross

# St. Andrew's Session Meeting Notes from January 10, 2022

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

#### **SESSION NEWS**

### The Postponement of the In-Person Worship Continues

In response to the rapidly rising Omicron/COVID variant case numbers, on December 30 – by an email vote – the Session voted to postpone our In-Person/In-Church worship services. This was done out of concern for the safety and health of those who were attending our service, the volunteers who served as our "Welcome Teams" each Sunday, and our Worship Team who led worship and helped with the online broadcasting of the service. At that time, the Session agreed to review its decision at the January 10<sup>th</sup> Session meeting. Unfortunately, after the Christmas/New Year's season, the case numbers are still high – and the Session has decided to extend the postponement of the In-Person/In-Church worship until the February 7<sup>th</sup> Session Meeting. Reminder: During this postponement, the online service will continue live on Facebook every Sunday at 10:30am, and will be posted to the website for you to access whenever you want.

### **Leading with Care**

A Leading with Care workshop is overdue. Leading with Care is a zero-tolerance denominational policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults across the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 2021, the General Assembly adopted the "Policy and Procedures for Addressing Harassment in the Church." This policy and accompanying procedures will be added to the 2022 Leading with Care workshop.

This workshop is <u>mandatory</u> for all Elders, Committee Convenors and members, Food Bank volunteers, Sunday School teachers, Ushers, the S-EAOM pastoral team, and volunteers. You are included if you do any other volunteer work at St. Andrew's. The seminars will start at 10 a.m. and run for about 2 ½ hours. To enable you to attend, two seminars are currently scheduled for February 15 and 26, 2022 for you to pick a date. (These dates are subject to change due to COVID.) It is important to note that you will attend only **one** workshop so please mark these dates in you calendar. More information will be forthcoming.

### St. Andrew's Food Bank an "essential ministry"

In order to ensure that our Food Bank can continue to serve its clients – and to comply with the many protocols and restrictions set in place by the Provincial Government, the Session voted in favour of formally acknowledging that the Food Bank is an essential ministry to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton. We ask that you please continue to pray for our clients – and at-risk neighbours!

#### **New Members:**

Some other good news! Despite COVID – and our sanctuary and building being closed, and our worship services and programs being online – God is still sending people to us! As a result of our online services – a ministry option we did not have prior to March 2020 – at its January meeting, Session received two new members by transfer, and five members by profession of faith. A date to receive them formally is to be determined.

# **2021 General Assembly Remits, Studies, Reports & Actions**The Session reviewed, approved, and adopt the remits, studies, reports,

and actions arising from the work of the 2021 General Assembly.

### Want Access to the Building? Contact the Entry Team

Session reminds everyone that it is crucial to get permission from the Entry Team before planning on going to the building. You can do this by emailing your request to <a href="mailto:entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca">entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca</a>. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS Stewardship Committee**

The preliminary 2021 financial report shows that, at year end, we had a positive balance in our bank account, and the Line of Credit has been at zero for the whole year. Thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's.

### **2022 Offering Envelopes:**

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are Available! On Saturday, January 15 and 22, Bea Embling and Valerie Warren will be at St. Andrew's to hand out the 2022 offering envelopes. To pick up your envelopes, please come to the church parking lot and follow the directions. You will need to remain in your car, and wear a mask. Once you've been identified, your envelopes will be brought to you. Please look in the upcoming February Newsletter for more details. Those members of the afternoon Urdu service, please contact Samina Babar for your envelopes.

### **Property Committee**

The Committee is planning a work event weekend to do other maintenance. A sub-contractor has been contacted to do some much needed repairs to the manse. **Help wanted!** This Committee will lose two of its members at the end of January, as their terms of office come to a close. Session thanked the members of this Committee for their faithful service to St. Andrew's.

#### **Christian Education**

Work on a Pre-Lent event for March 2, 2022 has started! We hope to see you!

#### **Congregational Care**

The Pastoral Care continues! The Congregational Care Team sent out three sympathy cards to members who lost loved ones in December. 66 members and eleven groups also received prayers from the St. Andrew's Prayer Circle.

## Announcements for Sunday, January 16, 2022

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.

### **2022 Offering Envelopes**

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here, but, due to the Covid situation, we are unable to deliver them to you at this time. However, you can pick up your 2022 Envelopes at the church on **Saturday, January 15** or **Saturday, January 22** between 10:00am and 12 noon. <u>Please contact Bea Embling in advance to ensure there will be envelopes waiting for you</u>.

When you arrive to pick up your envelopes, please drive to the far end of the church parking lot, turn around and wait beside the side door, remaining in your car at all times. The driver should wear a mask. Someone will hand you your envelopes; once you have them, please exit the parking lot immediately.

Members of the Southeast Asian Outreach Ministry should contact Samina Babar to arrange to receive envelopes.

### **Annual Report Submissions**

All submissions for the 2021 Annual Report should be forwarded to the Church Office, <u>office@standrewsbrampton.ca</u>, **by Tuesday, February 15**. (If you are able to send them earlier, it would be very helpful.) Thank you.

### We Need Your Help!

We are seeking someone with audio-visual tech skills to help broadcast our online worship services. We need two or three people who would be available 4 to 6 hours a week (or on shifts). If you are interested, please contact Rev. Ross (647-524-1870) or Peter Shepherd at webadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca.

## Giving to St. Andrew's in 2022

- 1. Give by Interac e-Transfer. 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 <a href="mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca">treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca</a> 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.
- **2. Give Online.** The second online option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website at <a href="https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/">https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/</a>. 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. Mail It In. The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here, but, due to Covid, cannot be delivered to you at this time. You may pick up your envelopes at the church on two dates; see the announcement in this bulletin. 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 <u>not</u> drop off cheques in the mailbox outside the Church Street entrance.
- **4. Join PAR.** You can sign up for PAR, our Pre Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to give in pre-arranged monthly amounts. To register for PAR, click here: <a href="https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/">https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/</a>.
- 5. Need Your Offering Picked Up? To have your Envelope picked up or to set up a time to drop it off at the Church, call Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870), or email Jean Bradshaw, Clerk of Session, at

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