

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 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: *Jesus in the Morning* African-American folk song 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,
or the purposes you intended for us; help us to return to you

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: Deep in the shadows of the past

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The Word Proclaimed

and to serve and trust you in all things faithfully.

(For the Prayer & Reading click: https://youtu.be/fkn07duLfAk)
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: Luke 4:14-21

Additional Readings: Neh 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12–31a (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "Was praised by everyone." Rev. Geoff Ross Guitar/Piano Duet: What a Friend We Have in Jesus A. Clark

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: Will you come and follow me

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Returning to Service

Extinguishing the Christ Candle Commission & Benediction Choral Amen

Postlude: Do Lord

P. Clark

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: Pam Loree

Shelagh Tyreman Music Director: Michelle Tedder Guitar: 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

"Expectations"

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

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

Rev. Geoff Ross Communion

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

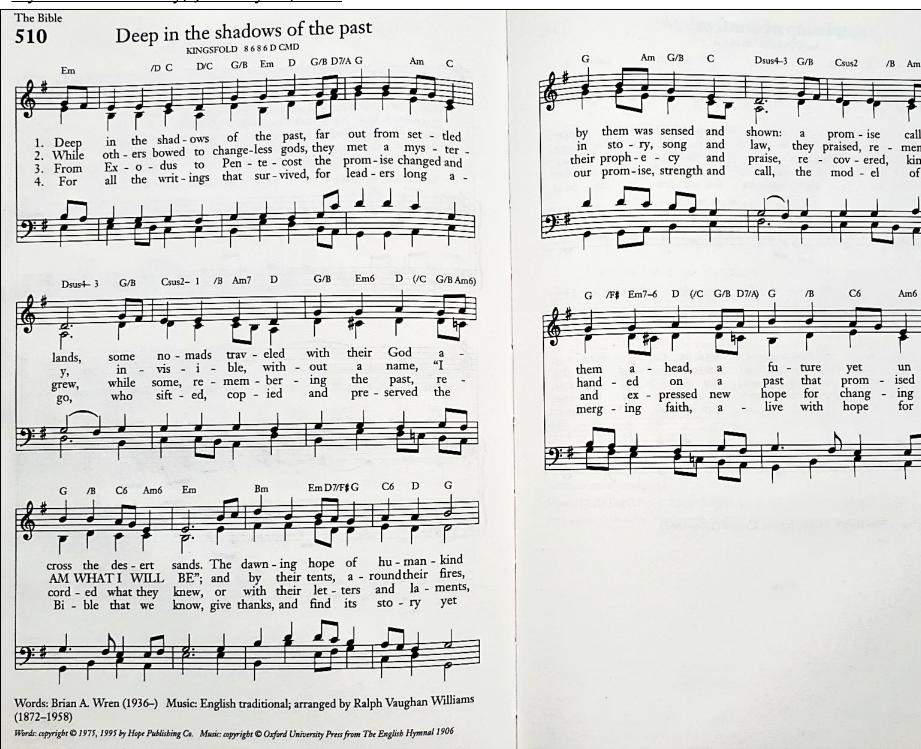
Season of Lent

Wed. March 2, 2022: Ash Wednesday (TBA)

Sun. March 6, 2022: 1st Sunday of Lent

Rev. Geoff Ross Communion

Hymns for Sunday, January 23, 2022:



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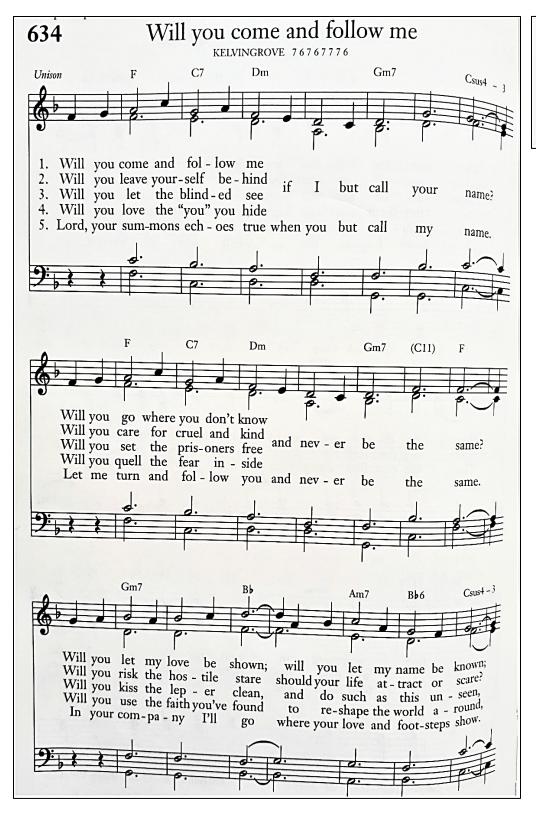
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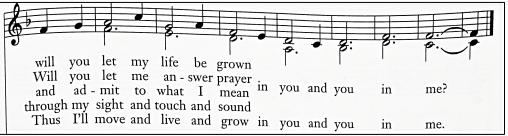
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Readings for Sunday, January 23, 2022:

Today's Primary Reading: Luke 4:14-21

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reading: Psalm 19

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of

the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

One Body With Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated

with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

Welcome to our Zoom Fellowship Time!

St. Andrew's "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, January 23, 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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Announcements for Sunday, January 23, 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.

Update - Postponement Announcement

Due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, **the Session has postponed our In-Person/In-Church worship services.** Session will assess the situation at their February 7th meeting and make a further announcement about whether or not we will be resuming our In-Person/In-Church worship and registration.

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

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

- St. Andrew's Session

Inside St. Andrew's Newsletter Submissions

Please email information for the February issue of your church newsletter to newsletter@standrewsbrampton.ca by January 26.

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.

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 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.
- **2. Give Online.** The second online option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website at 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. Mail It In. The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here, but, due to Covid, cannot be delivered to you at this time. If you would like a set of 2022 envelopes, please contact Bea Embling; members of the Southeast Asian Outreach Ministry should contact Samina Babar. 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: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/.
- 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 clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or contact your Elder.

