

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 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

(* Please stand if you are able, and remain masked while singing)

(* Congregation is invited to join in with percussion)

Prelude: *The Christmas Tree with Its Bright Candles* German carol Carol Sing: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* +; *The Little Drummer Boy* +; *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* +

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements Silent Prayer And Meditation

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship:

Welcome all who come to seek the Lord:

Our God, Emmanuel has come to be with us here.

Welcome all of whom came to find the truth:

Our be-with God invites us to come and meet Him here.

Welcome all who have heard God's call: welcome!

For God, the God of Advent promises, is here in our midst Let us gather to know and worship the God of peace together.

Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn: Angels we have heard on high +

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.

All: 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: *Hope is a star*

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(The children are invited to head off to Sunday School.)

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All readings NRSV; see below) Advent God, Emmanuel, come be with us and reveal to us your living Word. Remind us of your promises and illuminate our

hearts with your Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Amen.

Main Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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

Choir Anthem: *Prepare Ye the Way* M. Barrett/M. Smith

Sermon: "Come Be-With Us: A Time of Confirmation" Rev. G. Ross 149

* Hymn: Away in a manger

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement: For more on giving to St Andrew's, please visit: 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:

Advent God, in your coming you offered us peace:

Peace for our lives and homes; for all our sisters and brothers.

All we have is ours by your grace: we pray

may our gifts - our very lives - reflect our gratitude. 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: Hark! the herald angels sing +

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: Come Running, You Shepherds

trad. Silesian carol

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

Rev. Geoff Ross Minister:

Advent Readers: Alisdair & Iona Milne

Scripture Reader: Ian Jess

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Sound & Video Team

Peter Shepherd Simpson Ross

Upcoming Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Join us on Facebook each Sunday at 10:30 am for our livestream services.

Click: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Facebook

Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:30 am 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Promises Fulfilled?" Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 7:30 pm Blue Christmas

"Transforming Love." Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Sunday, December 18, 2022 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent

"Expecting and Expectation." Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Christmas Eve: Family Service (TBD)

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 4:00pm

Christmas Eve: "Traditional" Service

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 7:30pm

"God with us!" Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Christmas Eve: "Candlelight" Service

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 10:00pm

"Do Not Be Afraid!" Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

Carols & Hymns for Sunday, December 4, 2022:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (congregational percussion)
Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow;
Christ the babe was born for you.
Christ the babe was born for you.

The Little Drummer Boy (congregational percussion)

Little baby Pa rum pum pum pum I am a poor boy too Pa rum pum pum pum I have no gift to bring Pa rum pum pum pum That's fit to give our King Pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Shall I play for you Pa rum pum pum pum On my drum.

Mary nodded Pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum
Then He smiled at me Pa rum pum pum
Me and my drum

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (congregational percussion)

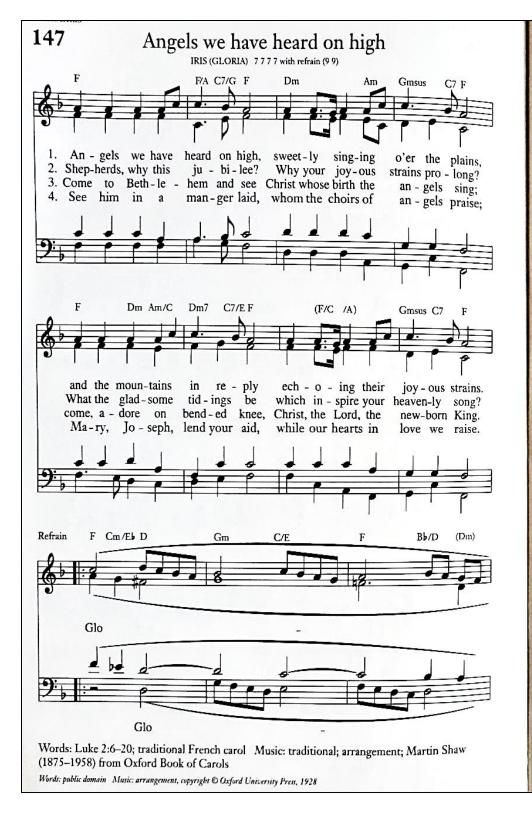
I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

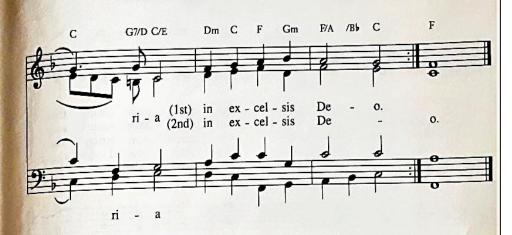
I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along th'unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men."

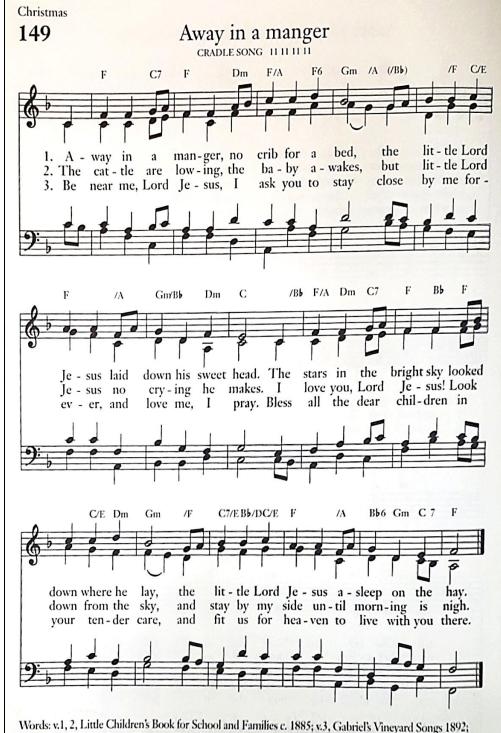
'Til ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men.





- Les anges dans nos campagnes ont entonné l'hymne des cieux, et l'écho de nos montagnes redit ce chant mélodieux. Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
- Bergers, pour qui cette fête? quei est l'objet de tous ces chants? quel vainqueur ou quel prophète méritent ces choeurs triomphants? Refrain
- Ils annoncent la naissance du libérateur d'Israël et pleins de reconnaissance chantent en ce jour solennel: Refrain





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French

- 1. Ecoutez! le chant des anges, vient d'éclater dans les airs; joignons aussi nos louanges à leurs sublimes concerts: gloire à Dieu! paix sur la terre! Aujourd'hui le Christ est né! Jésus s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné. Jésus s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné.
- 2. Son palais est une étable, une crèche est son berceau, et pourtant, c'est l'Admirable, c'est le Fils du Dieu très-haut. Il vient à nous débonnaire et de grâce couronné. Jésus s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné. Jésus s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné.
- 3. Avec vous, bergers et mages, aux pieds de notre Seigneur nous déposons nos hommages, nous lui sonnons notre coeur. Tout son peuple sur la terre dit, avec nous prosterné: Jésus, s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné. Jésus, s'est fait notre frère, un Sauveur nous est donné.

Hungarian

- 1. Halld mint zeng az egész ég;
 "A Királynak dicsőség!
 Békesség a földön lenn,
 Istentől jó kegyelem."
 Népek, örvendezzetek!
 Visszhangozzák a mennyek!
 Hirdesse a természet:
 Krisztusunk megszületett!
 Halld mint zeng az egész ég:
 "A Királynak dicsőség!"
- 2. Krisztus, kit imád a menny, Úr a nagy világ előtt, Köztünk íme megjelent, Szent szúz az, ki szülte Öt. Dicsősége eget áthat, Isten Ó, ki porruhánkat Földön élni vette fel. Jézus O, Immánuel! Halld mint zeng...
- 3. Dicsóség! Ó a Király,
 Békesség és Igazság,
 Éltető világos nap,
 Bajainkra gyógyírt ad.
 Kis gyermek lett mi érettünk,
 Született, hogy mi élhessünk,
 Porból, hogy feltámasszon
 S ujjászületést adjon.
 Halld mint zeng...



Second Sunday in Advent **Peace**

Written by the Rev. Mavis Currie, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

Reader 1: We are people of peace.

Reader 2: God seeks justice and compassion. God listens to the cries of the vulnerable and longs for wars to cease.

People: We pray God's peace is at work in our hearts, our homes, our neighbourhoods and the world.

Reader 1: The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of peace.

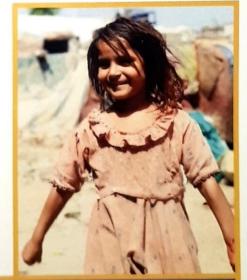
Reader 2: We light this candle as an invitation to work for justice and peace.

(Light the candle of peace)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

People: Holy One, help us to fan the flame of peace. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this candle. Make your church a place of peace and sanctuary in our community. Amen.

Sing verse 2 of #119 Hope is a star





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A Refugee Mother's Struggles in Pakistan

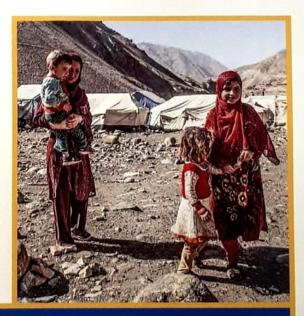
Jehan and her children fled their home in Afghanistan after the Taliban took over in 2021. "For many days, we were surviving on the streets of Islamabad. A kind man took us in," she explains. Now, they share a house in Pakistan with eight other refugee families.

Jehan found out that she was expecting her sixth child just before her husband died in crossfire between two rival groups in Afghanistan. While she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, the family had left all of their belongings behind when they fled Afghanistan and she had nothing for the newborn. Jehan was also unable to afford food to meet the family's needs.

Earlier this year, Jehan and her family were selected to receive cash assistance from a PWS&D project supporting Afghan refugees in Pakistan. With this aid, she was able to buy food and other life-giving essentials for herself and her kids.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to care for families who have fled danger. Through PWS&D, we can provide vulnerable families with essential life-saving items.

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Readings for Sunday, December 4, 2022:

Main Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 *Proclamation of John the Baptist*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come *near.*" This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Prayer for Guidance & Support for the King

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Please Others, Not Yourselves

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. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Purpose of Christmas

2022 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Nov. 29th – Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Every year billions of people around the world celebrate Christmas – but how many know the true, real purpose of Christmas?

For many, Christmas is celebrated by giving gifts but, in truth, Christmas is about receiving the greatest gift imaginable – a gift from God! But God's Christmas gift isn't one that you will find in a stocking – or under the tree – it's bigger and better than anything that can bought or packaged! The Good News is, behind all the glitter and tinsel and sounds of Christmas, the simple truth of God's plan for our salvation can be found – and it not only can transform your life but can also change your eternity forever. Interested?

The Study will be held by Zoom over the four Tuesdays of Advent (Nov. 29 – Dec. 20) and will end with a service of Communion. For more information or to register, contact Jean Bradshaw at jeanbradshaw@rogers.com or 905-872-0272, or Rev. Geoff Ross at geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca or 647-524-1870. We hope you will come be with us as we explore the Purpose of Christmas! All are welcome!

Please register in advance so we have an idea of numbers.

Announcements for Sunday, December 4, 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.

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Teresa Cornish on the passing of her cousin Robert on November 16.

Great Hall Closet Clear-out

We are currently clearing out the coat closets in the Great Hall, as we need the space for coats only. All church attendees, committees and groups: please remove any personal or committee/group items stored in the closets before Monday, December 12. After that date, any remaining miscellaneous clothing will be donated, and committee items will be moved by the Property Committee.

It's Cookie Time: Nov 1 - Dec 15

Get your Christmas fruitcake and shortbread before it's too late! Find details and pricing here and email your orders to brewsterwlu@hotmail.com. Proceeds to the St. Andrew's Food Bank.

Christmas Lawn Signs

Proudly remind everyone about the reason for the season with an outdoor Christmas sign - 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.



Help Needed - Coffee Fellowship Volunteers!

If you can help set up, serve and clean up at Coffee Fellowship on any of the dates below, please let Michelle Tedder know at tedderm@rogers.com or phone 647-261-2066.

DEC 11 DEC 18 JAN 8 JAN 15 **JAN 22 JAN 29 FEB 5 FEB 12 FEB 19 FEB 26** MAR 5 MAR 12 **MAR 19 MAR 26**

Giving to St. Andrew's

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- 2. Give Online: The second online option is via the Online Donation page the church website on 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: Your 2022 Offering Envelopes cannot be delivered to you at this time. However, you may now mail your donation (cheques - no cash, please) directly to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3. Or, if you wish, you can drop your envelope off in the mailbox outside the Church Street entrance. If you choose this option, and have an envelope number, please include it with your cheque.
- 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. Have Your Offering Picked Up: If you are unable to give online, mail in or drop off your offering, you can have it picked up! For this option, please email the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or contact your Elder.

