



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
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 10:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome, Silent Prayer and Meditation

Gathering to Worship

Opening Reading: Is 7:10-14 *"Isaiah Gives the Sign of Immanuel"*

* Call to Worship:

The people who walked in darkness **Have seen a great light;**

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –

On them light has shined.

A boy has been born for us; **A child has been given to us.**

And he is named:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.

God's promise came with the sound of a baby's cry –

Came as Emmanuel – God with us.

Let us worship the newborn Christ, God for us!

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent Banner & Candle Liturgy (See PWS&D insert below)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Advent Hymn: *Hope is a star*

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The Gift of God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)

**Christmas God, Emmanuel, come be with us and illuminate
your Holy Word: That in Christ you came to dwell among us
– to be with us – as Jesus, God with us, God for us! Amen.**

First Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Meditation: *"Come Be-With Us: Do not be afraid."* 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: *Away in a manger* 149

Presentation of Gifts & Prayer of Dedication

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Commissioning

* Hymn: *Silent night* 154

Commission & Benediction:

We are being sent out into the world.

Go, carrying a song on your lips and joy in your hearts.

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest!

As shepherds praised God for all they saw and heard,

We are called to announce the day of salvation and peace.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

We have been blessed by the gift of God's presence.

In the child, Jesus, we behold God with us – God for us.

Joy to the World! The Lord is come: let earth receive its king.

Postlude

*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 Evening

Minister: Rev. Geoff Ross

Musician: Ruth Kelly-Boxe

Christmas Reading: Rev. Rosemary Doran

Sound & Video: Justin Kelly-Boxe, Simpson Ross

Upcoming Worship Services

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Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 10:30am

"A Gift at Christmas." Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

New Year's Day

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 10:30am

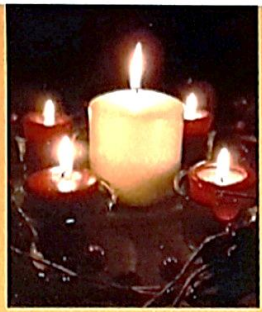
"The Gift of Light." Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

***May God bless you this Christmas
and watch over you in 2023.***

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

Merry Christmas!





The Christ Candle

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

Reader 1: We are Christmas people.

Reader 2: We have heard the good news that a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us, and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: We have seen God kindle hope, peace, joy and love in our lives and in our world.

Reader 1: The centre candle in our Advent wreath is the Christ candle. From this light, all good gifts come.

Reader 2: We light this candle remembering the One who is the Light of the world.

(Light the Christ candle)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

People: Holy One, you sent your son as a baby born in Bethlehem. Give us a strong sense of his birth among us, so that our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this Christmas flame. Make your church a place that shines with the wonder of your love. Amen.

Sing verse 1 of #153 Joy to the world



Christ is Born!

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

For 75 years, our church has been faithfully putting Christ's words into action—reaching out to people affected by poverty and disaster around the globe. With Presbyterian World Service & Development, we are able to answer God's call to serve those in need, wherever they may be. Together with our partners, we are making a positive impact.

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 marginalized. Together, we are helping to restore human dignity, ease the burden of want, and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As a representation of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are committed to a sustainable, compassionate and just society.

As we celebrate Christ's birth this season, let us remember our neighbours near and far. Your prayers, gifts and actions make this mission possible.

This Christmas, please support PWS&D.

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Hymns for December 24, 2022, 10:00 pm:

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Hope is a star

MOON BEAMS Irregular

Unison

C Em F Em

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
2. Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,
3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

F C Dm /E Fmaj7 Gsus G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.
Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain Am /G F G (EAG/B) C Am F

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first

G (Am7 G7/B) C Am /G F Dm7 C

and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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Christmas

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Away in a manger

CRADLE SONG 11 11 11 11

F C7 F Dm F/A F6 Gm /A (/Bb) /F C/E

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask you to stay close by me for -

F /A Gm/Bb Dm C /Bb F/A Dm C7 F Bb F

Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus! Look
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

C/E Dm Gm /F C7/Eb/DC/E F /A Bb6 Gm C7 F

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
your ten - der care, and fit us for hea - ven to live with you there.

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Silent night

STILLE NACHT Irregular

Bb 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,

Bb Eb Bb

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.

Eb Bb F7

ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heaven - 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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Bb F6 7 Bb

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 kisednük álmainál.
 Szent Fiú aludjál,
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
2. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerzte 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 mǔ shèng yīng,
 Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhēn kě ài,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān mián,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān mián.

Opening Reading: Is 7:10-14 *Isaiah Gives the Sign of Immanuel*
Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

First Reading: Luke 2:8-20 *The Shepherds and the Angels*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “*Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.*” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!*”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “*Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.*” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form

of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(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 December 24, 2022

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Online!
We're glad you chose to join us for tonight's Christmas Eve service. We hope you will find our worship inspiring!

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Fred Swackhamer on the passing of his daughter, Susan Snider, on November 27.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Please be advised when mailing your offerings to the church, that the locked mailbox is only checked one day a week (usually on Tuesdays). Your cheque may take two to three weeks to clear your bank account from the time you mail it. We appreciate your patience and we THANK YOU for your donation.

Bulletin & Announcement Submission Deadline

All material for the Sunday bulletins and announcements must be received at standrewsoffice@rogers.com by 9:00 a.m. Thursday each week.

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.

JAN 8 JAN 15 JAN 22 JAN 29 FEB 5 FEB 12
FEB 19 FEB 26 MAR 5 MAR 12 MAR 19 MAR 26



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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: 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.

