

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 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service

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

Prelude: What Child is This? arr. A. Clark

Approach to Worship

Opening Sentences: Isaiah 7:10-14

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness -

On us a light has shined. A child has been given to us.

A boy has been born for us; and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

Joy to the earth! Our Saviour does reign!

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

Came as Emmanuel God with us.

(All) Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

* Hymn: Oh come, all ye faithful

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Prayer of Approach:

O God, like Mary and Joseph who obeyed your calling will, like the shepherds who came to see what you had done:

responding to the angel's message, we are not afraid.

On this night we pray, come - born in a stable

Lord of lords, King of kings, come – in the form of a baby

God's gift of glory, come - as Emmanuel!

(All) Come, to us, God with us - God for us! Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Advent Hymn: *Hope is a star*

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Unison Prayer for Illumination:

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: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol: Holy Child of Light

G. Wiessel/G. Parks

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: *Ring the Bells* Children of St. Andrew's; arr. S. Tyreman (For video, click here: https://youtu.be/VH9Q0YRpPyU)

Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Carol: Never Been a Night Like This!

L. Larson

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7 Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

* Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain

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Meditation: "God with us."

Rev. Geoff Ross

* Hymn: Silent night

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Christmas Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-18 (See insert below)

Carol: Refugee King (Away from the Manger) arr. E. Willmington

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.

* Prayer of Dedication:

On the eve of your giving your Son to us, what shall we offer you, Gracious God?

A hymn? A star? Gifts? Wonder? What shall we give? We give ourselves - all that we are and all that we have - in response to your love and to your glory. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (See insert below) Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

* Hymn: *Joy to the world*

Commission & Benediction:

Having encountered Christ, we are sent out into the world. Rejoicing, we are to be messengers of God's Good News!

Departing

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.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive its king. Tonight, we have been blessed by the gift of God's presence. In the child, Jesus, we behold God with us – God for us.

Hail, O ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

* Choral Amen

Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. A. Clark

Senior Choir

Soprano

Rosalind Cammidge • Mary Louise Duncan • Susan Jess Heather Midgley • Brenda Stephens

Alto

Pam Loree • Mae MacDonald • Wilma Zinkweg

Tenor

Margaret Bakkeren • Sandra Jackson • Ian Jess

Bass

Kennedy Jackson

Leap of Faith

Margaret Bakkeren (flute) • May Jackson (clarinet) • Pam Loree (violin) • Michelle Tedder (guitar) • Ruth Kelly-Boxe (organ) • Andy Bunkis (tenor/baritone sax) • Kennedy Jackson (congas/percussion) • Bonnie Bunkis (percussion/vibraphone) • Shelagh Tyreman (piano/organ) • Peter Shepherd (sound)

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 Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Ring the Bells: Children of St. Andrew's

Advent Reading: The Ross Family

Readers: Ian Jess

Kim Shepherd Peter Shepherd June Young Colin Young

Sound & Video Team

Peter Shepherd Simpson Ross

Upcoming Worship Services

Join us on Facebook for our livestream services. Click: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Facebook

Christmas Eve: "Candlelight" Service *Saturday, Dec.* **24**, **2022 10:00pm** "Do Not Be Afraid!" Rev. Geoff Ross preaching

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

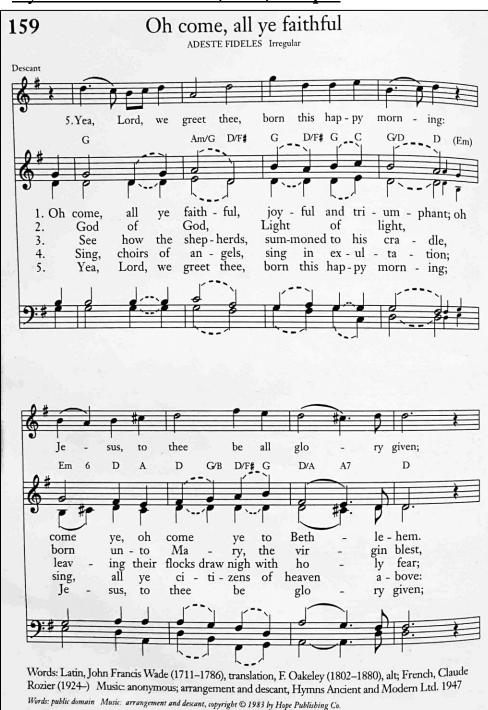
May God bless you this Christmas and watch over you in 2023.

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



Merry Christmas!

Hymns for December 24, 2022, 7:30 pm:





 Peuple fidèle! Ton Seigneur t'appelle: c'est féte sur terre, le Christ est né. Viens à la crèche, voir le Roi du monde:

Refrain: en lui, viens reconnaître, en lui, viens reconnaître, ton Dieu, ton Sauveur!

- Verbe, Lumière, et Splendeur du Père, il naît d'une mère, petit enfant; Dieu véritable, le Seigneur fait homme: Refrain:
- Peuple, acclame, avec tous les anges, le Maître du monde qui vient chez nous, Dieu qui se donne à tous ceux qu'il aime: Refrain:
- Peuple fidèle, en ce jour de fête, proclame la gloire de ton Seigneur. Dieu se fait homme; vois donc comme il t'aime: Refrain:

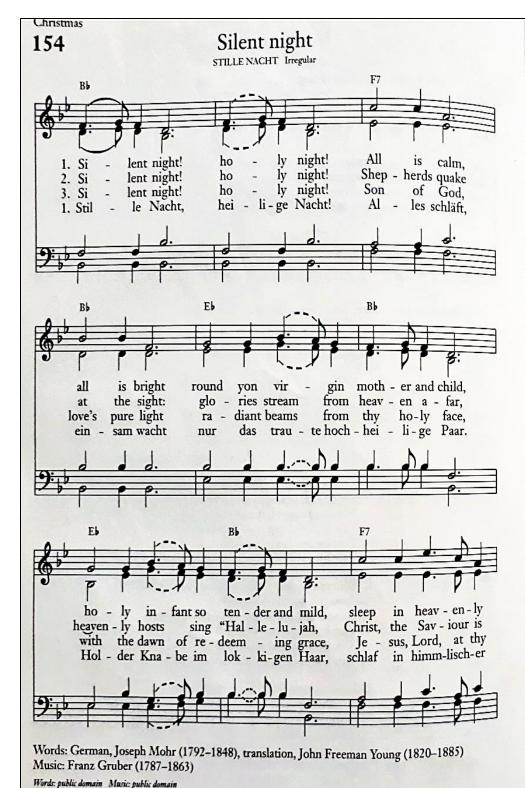
 Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite, in Bethlehem; natum videte regem angelorum:

Refrain: Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus Dominum.

- Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine, parturit virgo mater; Deum verum, genitum, non factum: Refrain:
- 3. Cantet nunc hymnos chorus angelorum; cantet nunc aula caelestium: gloria in excelsis Deo! Refrain:
- 4. En grege relicto, humiles ad cunas vocati pastores approperant; et nos ovanti gradu festinemus: Refrain:
- Ergo qui natus die hodierna, Jesu, tibi sit gloria: Patris aeterni verbum caro factum: Refrain:









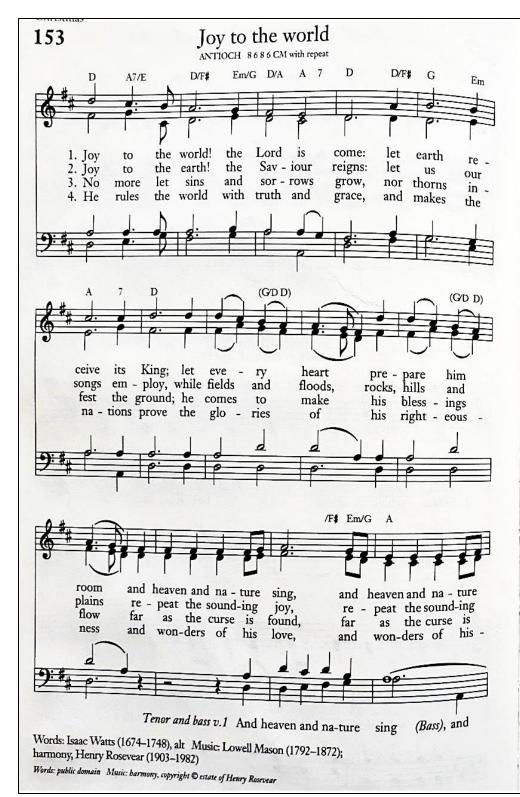
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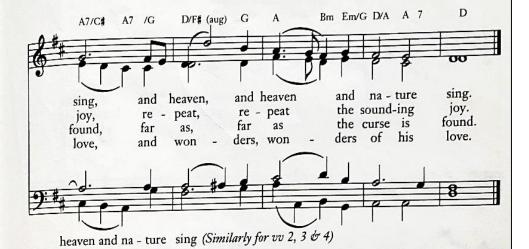
- Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Mindenek nyugta mély;
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,
 Drága kisdednük álmainál.
- Drága kisdednük álm Szent Fiú aludjál, Szent Fiú aludjál!

- Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerte zengi e drága szavát:
 Krisztus megszabadít,
 Krisztus megszabadít!
- Csendes éj, Szentséges éj! Szív örülj, higyj, remélj Isten szent Fia hinti reád Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát! Krisztus megszületett, Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng an yè! Shèng shàn yè!
Zhen níng jìng, zhen guang míng,
Guang hui huán zhào shèng mǔ shèng yīng,
Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhen kě ài,
Jìng xiảng tian cì an mián,
Jìng xiảng tian cì an mián.





Korean

- 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
- 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



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





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Christ is Born!

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

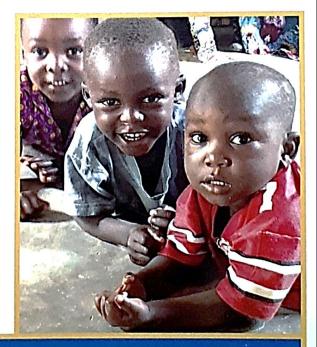
For 75 years, our church has been faithfully putting Christ's words into action—reaching out to people affected by poverty and disaster around the globe. With Presbyterian World Service & Development, we are able to answer God's call to serve those in need, wherever they may be. Together with our partners, 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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CHRISTMAS READING: John 1:1-5, 10-18 (NRSV)

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.

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.

(John testified to him and cried out,

"This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me

ranks ahead of me because he was before me.")

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.

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Gracious God, on this Holy night

your Son, our Saviour, was born a human child.

Born to give the world hope.

All: For your grace, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night heaven's Son came down to earth,

Left sapphire throne for flesh and bone,

Entering a world in need of God's presence and peace.

All: For your love, God for us, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night Mary and Joseph,

and the baby Jesus found shelter in a stable.

Bless our homes and all whom we know with joy.

All: For your Son, born to be with us, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night your Christ

came as a light shining in the darkness.

Approach and comfort us by the light of your eternal love.

All: Come God within us, bring to us your presence.

On this Holy night shepherds heard your glad tidings: May this Good News change our lives, giving us the grace to live the Gospel of Christ in all that we do.

All: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, promise fulfilled.

On this Holy night

Christians the world over are celebrating His birth.

Open our hearts that He may be born in us today.

All: Come awaited Holy Child, transform our world.

On this Holy night Jesus entered into this world, revealing for us the extent of your love and grace: move us to reach out to those you call us to love.

All: Come, rule the world with grace and truth.

On this Holy night when heaven and earth worshipped at the manger throne, we pray receive the prayers we have offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER: (Debts/Debtors)

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



Giving to St. Andrew's

- 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: 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.