In Worship this Week

Minister: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Senior Choir

Congas: Kennedy Jackson Reader: Robyn Kirkpatrick

Sound & Video

Peter Shepherd Simpson Ross

Upcoming Worship Services

We have moved our livestream worship services to YouTube! If you are unable to attend services in person, please join us online for worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. Click here: https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewspresbyterianchur5179/streams

Lent 2023

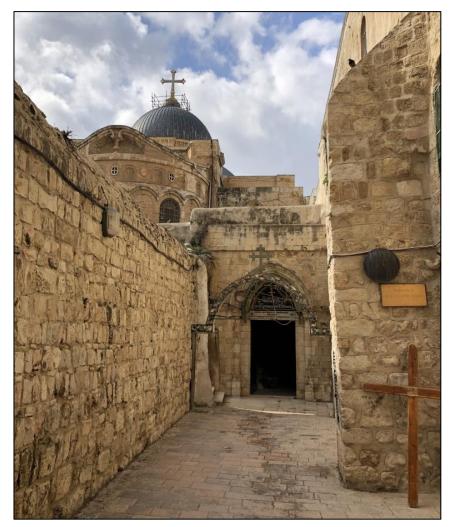
Join us for A Journey Through Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2023 10:30 am 5th Sunday of Lent; Reception of New Members "Lent Journey: Into Life." Rev. Geoff Ross

Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:30 am
Palm Sunday; Reception of Youth Confirmation Class
"Who is This...?" Rev. Geoff Ross

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples.

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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, MARCH 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

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

(* Congregation is invited to join in with percussion)

Prelude: Adagio

W. A. Mozart

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration See & Hear

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

* Hymn: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

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Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy

(See Insert below)

Choir Anthem: If We Ever Needed the Lord Before

T. Dorsey arr. S. Pethel

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

(See Readings below)

God of call, God of transformation, God of the Lenten journey; move us to respond to your Word, and guide our footsteps as we seek to live lives worthy of the Cross. Amen.

Main Reading: John 9:1-41

Additional Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; 1 Cor 3:1-9

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

Sermon: "Lenten Journey: Into Light."

Rev. Geoff Ross

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* Hymn: Simply trusting every day

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:

God of the Lenten journey, from call to Cross to resurrection: as pilgrims with sins forgiven, souls redeemed, we pray; gifted by you, we offer to you, ourselves, and our praise: Receive our gifts in answer to your call to serve you by loving all. 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: We are marching / Siyahamba +

Sing three times total:

- We are marching...
- We are praying...
- We are singing...

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

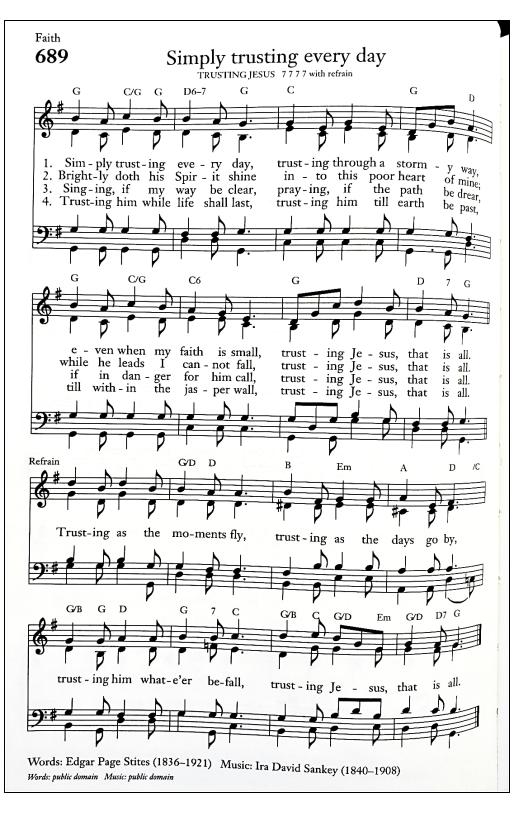
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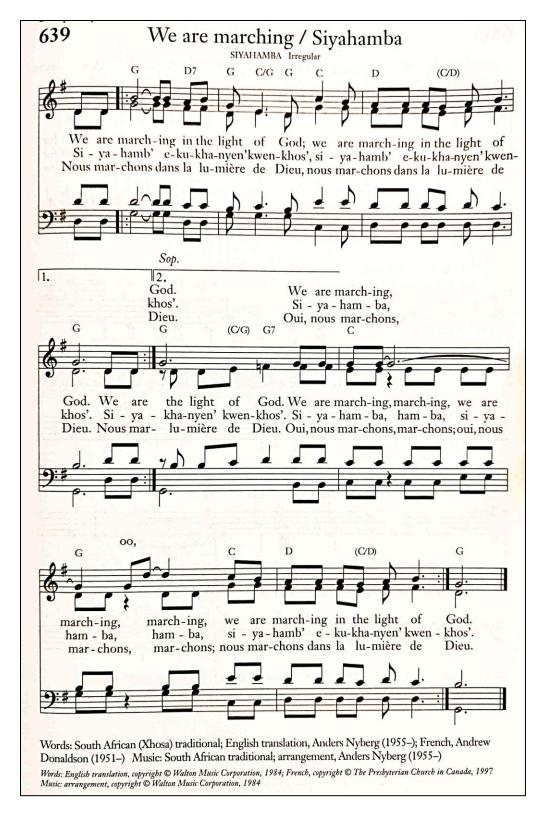
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Hymns for Sunday, March 19, 2023:







Are you eligible? Already a member?



The **Century Club** is a celebration of our members and adherents whose age plus the number of years attendance at St. Andrew's is equal to or greater than 100 years.

We will honour all new members of this illustrious group with a commemorative certificate at our Easter service on April 9.

If you are eligible for membership in the Century Club, **and have not previously registered or received a certificate**, please email us the information below. If you think you're eligible but don't know the date you started attending St. Andrew's, let us know!

** All ages will be kept confidential.

Send the information below to standrewsoffice@rogers.com
by-sunday, April 2:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number and/or Email
- Your age ____ + Years attended ____ = Total Years ___



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Written by Jim Goring and the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit leads us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Here we are taught to pay attention to those whom others ignore.
- P: Jesus insists that God's grace is revealed in unlikely people.
- L: God's realm is a place where all are welcome, regardless of their state or position.

 In a world of disparity,
 we recognize that some receive
 what is denied to others.
- P: Let us break through barriers that keep many from receiving the grace that they need.





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Rabin Smiles Again

In Nepal, 22-year-old Rabin Budha kept finding dry red patches all over his body. He ignored the issue for weeks and when he could no longer do so, he mentioned it to a health outreach worker in his village who recommended Rabin go for a check-up. After an initial test, a dermatologist suspected that Rabin had leprosy and sent him to hospital for further testing.

Rabin began treatment at the Shining Hospital, where doctors admitted him after finding his blood pressure very low. Upon receiving medication and close supervision, his condition improved and treatment is ongoing.

Today, Rabin is grateful for the support, care and love he received at the Shining Hospital and is optimistic about a full recovery.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide care and hope to those who are suffering. Through PWS&D, we help people build healthy lives.

In Nepal, PWS&D supports the Shining Hospital, which provides health outreach in remote villages, and care and treatment for those experiencing illness, in particular leprosy and tuberculosis.

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Readings for Sunday, March 19, 2023:

Main Reading: John 9:1-41 A Man Born Blind Receives Sight As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 David Anointed as King

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show

you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm: Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Epistle: 1 Cor 3:1-9 *On Divisions in the Corinthian Church*

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.

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

Announcements for Sunday, March 19, 2023

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.

The Church Office is Reopening!

As of Tuesday, March 21, our Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett, will be back in the Church Office! The office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. (It may take a few days to get our systems up and running again after the long closure, so please bear with us!) Valerie can be reached at standrewsoffice@rogers.com or 905-451-1723 ext. 0.

Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation Class will be held after worship this morning. A Reception Service to welcome these youth into St. Andrew's membership will take place on **Sunday**, **April 2**.

Let's Do Lunch!

St. Andrew's is hosting a **Chili Luncheon** on **Sunday**, **March 26** after the morning worship service. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Rev. Geoff Ross' ministry at our church. Vegetarian chili will be available. **If you are able to bring a crockpot of chili, please email Michelle Tedder at tedderm@rogers.com.**

We've Moved to YouTube!

The online service has switched to YouTube. The following link will be published in the bulletin and on the website each week: https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewspresbyterianchur5179/streams
You can also go to our YouTube channel (no membership required) and navigate to the "Live" tab.

Change Her World

Change Her World is once again asking for full cotton briefs (Girls - Size 4 and up and Women - Size S/M/L) to send to their girls in Malawi. There will be a bin put on the edge of the stage each Sunday for collection. If you are not able to get them to the church, please contact Susan Jess at 905-846-8143.

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:** You may **mail** your donation (cheques no cash, please) directly to: Envelope Secretary, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 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.