



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, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 • 17th in Pentecost

Seasonal Colour: Green

(* Please stand if able. Masks are not mandatory but recommended.)

Prelude: *Allegro*

Anon.

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

See & Hear

(The children are invited to head off to Sunday School classes;
the Youth are invited to go to the Alpha Course in Room 207.)

* Hymn: *Come, let us sing*

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The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, who makes all things new,
we are distressed at how slowly we are being made.
We know we are called "new creations",
but all too often our old nature is changed reluctantly, if at all.
We hold on firmly to our old ways of thinking and our old
ways of doing. We do not understand our own actions.
For we do not do what we want, but do the very thing we
don't want. So, asking for pardon, we yield ourselves to You.
We ask for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit,
so that Christ may truly be seen in us.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Home By Another Road*

M. Miller

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below)

**Your Word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any
two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit,
of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. Through your Word may we be truly
alive and put our faith into action.**

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7

Responsive Psalm 1 (See below for responses)

Additional Scripture: Jeremiah 24:1-10

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

Sermon: *A Variety of Gifts*

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

* Hymn: *O sing a new song to the Lord* 63

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement: *For more on giving to St Andrew's, please visit: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>*

* Presentation of Offering

* The Offering: (sung) 661 v 1

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:

O God, through Christ the gifts of your grace are available to all. We place ourselves before You as recipients of your mercy. We make our offerings to You in response to Christ's call of us. Accept these offerings as tributes to your glory as we dedicate ourselves anew to service in Your name.

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: *I, the Lord of sea and sky* 592

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Allegro*

W. Byrd

*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 Today

Interim Moderator/Stated Supply: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Senior Choir

Reader: Ran Scanlan

Duty Elder: Felicity Alexander

Refreshment Fellowship: Stephen Kirumba Kimani &

Salome Wanjiku Ngethe

Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

Upcoming Worship Services

If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us
for our livestreamed services: [St. Andrew's YouTube Channel](#)

Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:30 am

Congregational Meeting after worship

"The Man Who Had Everything - Almost!"

Interim Moderator/Stated Supply: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Stewardship Moment

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

- Mother Teresa, nun & missionary

Hymns for Sunday, September 17, 2023:

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Come, let us sing

WONDERFUL LOVE 10 8 10 7 8 10

Chords: Eb, Ab/Eb Eb, F7, Bb7

1. Come, let us sing of a won-der-ful love, ten-der and true,
 2. Je - sus the Sav-iour this gos-pel to tell joy - ful - ly came,
 3. Je - sus is seek-ing the wan-der-ers yet; why do they roam?
 4. Come to my heart, O thou won-der-ful love; come and a - bide,

Chords: Bb(13) /D, Eb

ten - der and true; out of the heart of the
 joy - ful - ly came, came with the help - less and
 why do they roam? Love on - ly waits to for -
 come and a - bide, lift - ing my life till it

Chords: Ab/Eb Eb, F7

Fath - er a - bove, stream - ing to me and to
 hope - less to dwell, shar - ing their sor - row and
 give and for - get; home, wea - ry wan - der - ers,
 ris - es a - bove en - vy and false - hood and

Chords: Bb, /Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Bb7/F Bb, /F, Eb

you: won - der - ful love, won - der - ful love
 shame: seek - ing the lost, seek - ing the lost,
 home: won - der - ful love, won - der - ful love
 pride: seek - ing to be, seek - ing to be

Chords: Eb, (Bb7/F Eb/G) Ab, (Bb7/F Cm), Eb/Bb Bb(13) 7, Eb

dwells in the heart of the Fath - er a - bove.
 sav - ing, re - deem - ing at meas - ure - less cost.
 dwells in the heart of the Fath - er a - bove.
 low - ly and hum - ble, a learn - er of thee.

O sing a new song to the Lord

JACKSON 8 6 8 6 CM

D /F# G D/F# Em7 A 7 D

1. Oh sing a new song to the Lord, for
 2. The Lord makes known the vic - to - ry - we
 3. The Lord re - mem - bers stead - fast love, with
 4. Let all the earth un - to the Lord send
 5. Let seas and all their full - ness roar, the
 6. Oh sing for joy be - fore the Lord who

A/C# D A/E E 7 A /C# D D/C G/B D/F#

won - ders God has done, whose right hand and whose
 tri - umph in God's might! - for jus - tice now has
 Is - rael's house has stood, and all the ends of
 forth a joy - ful noise; lift up your voice a -
 world, and dwell - ers there; let floods clap hands be -
 comes in vic - to - ry to judge the world with

G Em A D /F# G D/A A 7 D

ho - ly arm great vic - to - ry has won.
 been re - vealed in all the na - tions' sight.
 earth have seen the vic - tory of our God.
 loud to God, sing prais - es, and re - joice.
 fore the Lord; let hills their joy de - clare.
 righ - teous - ness, and rule with eq - ui - ty.

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St. Andrew's *Presbyterian Church*

Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, September 24, 2023

On Sunday, September 24, there will be a brief congregational meeting following the worship service to approve transferring funds from the Capital Facilities Fund to cover the residual cost of planned repairs to the church eaves.

Stan Loree will be making a brief presentation on behalf of Session, outlining the required repairs and the estimated funding requirements. All withdrawals from our Flame funds require congregational approval in advance.

Please plan to attend.

Special
 CONGREGATIONAL
 MEETING

I, the Lord of sea and sky

HERE I AM, LORD 14 11 14 11 with refrain (8 9 8 9)

G Am G C/G G D/F#

* 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 /B C /B Am F#m/G D D/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them: they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7/B Am/C/B Am C/B Am7/C Dsus4-3

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

* Verses may be sung by a soloist

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Refrain /F# G Gsus G /B (Am7) G C/E /D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7/G Am C/B Am/C Dsus /F# D7

heard you call-ing in the night; I will

G Gsus G C/E /D G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G Fine

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Readings for Sunday, September 17, 2023:

1st Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take

the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

2nd Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7

Gifts from the Holy Spirit

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1 *True Happiness*

- R: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
- C: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**
- R: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- All: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Additional Scripture: Jeremiah 24:1-10

The Good and the Bad Figs

The LORD showed me two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the LORD. This was after King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had taken into exile from Jerusalem King Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim of Judah, together with the officials of Judah, the artisans, and the smiths, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, but the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they could not be eaten. And the LORD said to me, 'What do you see, Jeremiah?' I said, 'Figs, the good figs very good, and the bad figs very bad, so bad that they cannot be eaten.'

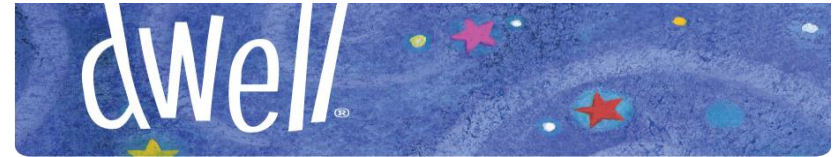
Then the word of the LORD came to me: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I have sent away from this place to the land of the Chaldeans. I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not pluck them up. I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

But thus says the LORD: Like the bad figs that are so bad they cannot be eaten, so will I treat King Zedekiah of Judah, his officials, the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who live in the land of Egypt. I will make them a horror, an evil thing, to all the kingdoms of the earth—a disgrace, a byword, a taunt, and a curse in all the places where I shall drive them. And I will send sword, famine, and pestilence upon them, until they are utterly destroyed from the land that I gave to them and their ancestors.

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

Sunday School is Back!

We are so excited to be starting Sunday School up after a very long couple of years as everyone returned to a level of comfort!



God's story is exciting—and it's ongoing!

DWELL teaches kids to **live into God's story** of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. And it encourages them to **live out of God's story** every day as they respond to God's call.

The DWELL curriculum will be used for Grades K through to 3.



The Connect curriculum allows the youth to **explore the Bible** (using the Connect Bible) to read, highlight, and sketch as they search for passages and also **learn how the Old Testament and New Testament are connected**. The Youth will also make associations between the biblical stories and their own lives.

The CONNECT curriculum will be used for Grades 4 through to 8.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Kim Shepherd at 416-557-5001.

ST. ANDREW'S SESSION

Session Summary from September 11, 2023

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

As we return to pre-pandemic activities, committees and groups need volunteers. Committees meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month from September to June. These meetings usually meet virtually. You will be amazed at how much you can contribute.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Coffee Fellowship and ushers to serve on Sunday mornings.

Task Force Survey

The Elders will continue to contact the members in their district to ask a few questions regarding the church's life. Your answers will be anonymous, so please answer freely.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The Treasurer reported an increase of 9% in the offering over the same period as last year. The expenditures are much higher now that the church is fully open. This difference between revenue and expenses means we are now in overdraft at the Bank by \$11,000.00. The Interest Rate on this loan is 8.75%.

You may notice there are new envelopes in the pews. These envelopes are for our afternoon members – the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM).

Mission Committee

The S-EAOM held its annual convention from September 1 to 3. Two guest speakers and about 330 people attended over the three days. It was a huge success; about forty people expressed interest in joining the church. Rev. Wayne attended one day and said that, although he did not understand the language, he got into the rhythm of the service and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Worship and Fellowship

The Committee is planning the Anniversary on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**. Remembrance Day will be celebrated on **November 5**. The Session approved the creation of a new team titled the **Special Events Team**. The team will coordinate Special Events – Anniversary Dinner, Rally Sunday BBQ, Strawberry Social, etc. The members of this team are Pam Loree, Michelle Tedder and Jessica Rhind.

Christian Education

Sunday School resumes on September 17, and the children will now be in age-appropriate classes. The children will have their classes upstairs. Kim Shepherd has recruited three more teachers, and we are excited about the upcoming courses.

After 28 years of teaching Sunday School, Jean Bradshaw has retired from this role, and we thank her for her dedicated service.

Property

This Committee works tirelessly to maintain our building. The work on the Fire Panel is now complete. The repairs to the steps at the front of the church will start on September 18. The eaves and soffit are in deplorable condition and are in danger of falling off the building. The repairs will be costly, and work should begin in the next two weeks.

It is necessary to have a Congregational meeting on **Sunday 24th, September at 11:45 a.m.** Note: There is only one item on the Agenda, so the meeting should be short.

In-Person Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. While there is no mandate for wearing masks, the Session recommends wearing them if it "feels right for you." Your safety and health are our primary concern. Again, the Session reminds you not to attend in-person Worship if you are not feeling well.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to meet with anyone who wishes to drop by to meet with him or to say "Hello."

Rev. Wayne wishes to clarify that if you need to see a Minister urgently, he is available 24 hours daily at 905-456-1727.

Our Congregational Care Team is also available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

Our Prayer Circle is a very confidential group that prays for those needing prayer. If you request prayers for a family member or friend, their permission is required before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.

Announcements for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church!

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 Rookmin Bisnauth on the death of her sister, Soondree David, on August 27. A funeral was held on September 1.

Condolences also to Bill and Anna-Marie Dewar and family on the passing of Bill's father, Robert Dewar, on September 12. Visitation and funeral will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Highland Funeral Home, 3280 Sheppard Avenue E., Toronto.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, our Interim Moderator and three quarter-time stated supply minister, is in the Vestry (Room 201) on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. He can be reached 24/7 at 905-451-1723 ext. 22 or 905-456-1727.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Our Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett, can be reached at standrewsoffice@rogers.com or 905-451-1723 ext. 0. Sunday bulletin material is due at the Church Office by 9:30 am Thursdays.

Calling All Youth!

The Alpha Course for St. Andrew's Young People begins **today** in the Youth room (Room 207) during the morning worship service.

Volunteers Needed for Anniversary Sunday

We need helping hands for the potluck luncheon on Anniversary Sunday, October 22; please see the sign up sheet in the Great Hall. Thank you.

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 you may contact your Elder.

