



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 3, 2023 • Advent 1: Hope

Communion • Seasonal Colour: Violet

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

Prelude: *Ballade de Jésus-Christ (Ballad of Jesus Christ)*

- Trad. French Carol

Carol Sing: *Sing We Now of Christmas; Do You Hear What I
Hear?; I Saw Three Ships*

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn: *Hark the glad sound*

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See & Hear

Choir Anthem: *Walking to Bethlehem*

R. Schram

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope.

The banner has been raised to remind us

that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for His return.

Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us.

As we worship You this morning, come to us,

Be with us, and as we gather to know You together,

help us to prepare our hearts for Your Son's coming –

the gift of hope. Amen.

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

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

(All Readings NRSV; see below)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. As we come to You in Your Word, let the light of Your Word shine upon us, that we would reflect that light as we go into the highways and byways of our daily walk, that Your Name be glorified in the paths that we journey.

– Eleanor Roosevelt, former U.S. First Lady, diplomat, activist

Carols & Hymns for Sunday, December 3, 2023:

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Sing our grateful praises to the maid so dear.

Refrain: Sing we Noel! The King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we here, Noel!

From the Eastern kingdoms come the wise men far.
Bearing ancient treasure, following yonder star. *Refrain*

From the distant mountains, hear the trumpet sound.
With angelic blessings on the silent town. *Refrain*

Come let us surround Him on this magic night.
Gather here around Him, wondrous Babe of light. *Refrain*

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see,
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see,
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear,
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear,
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know,
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know,
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say,
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
Listen to what I say,
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light.

I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning.

The virgin Mary and Christ were there
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
The virgin Mary and Christ were there
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Hark the glad sound

RICHMOND 8 6 8 6 CM

G D/F# D C/E (D7/F#) G C D7 G Em6

1. Hark the glad sound! The Sav - iour comes, the
 2. You come the pris - oners to re - lease in
 3. You come the bro - ken heart to bind, the
 4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your

D/F# Em/G D/A A7 D /C G/B Em Am D/C

Sav - iour prom - ised long; let eve - ry heart pre -
 Sa - tan's bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 wound - ed soul to cure, to bring the treas - ures
 wel - come shall pro - claim, and heaven's e - ter - nal

G7/B G7 C G/B C/B Am6 G Cmaj7 G/D D G

pare a throne, and eve - ry voice a song!
 fore you burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of God's grace, good ti - dings for the poor.
 arch - es ring with your most hon - oured name.

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People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

D Em F#m Gmaj7 A Bm

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.
 2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health. Come, come,
 3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.
 4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

Em7 A Em /D A/C# D

come, Je-sus Christ. Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.
 Peo-ple in pov - er - ty want to have wealth.
 Peo-ple with ar - gu-ments want to a - gree.
 Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Bm E7 Asus4 - 3 A/G DF#

Come, Lord Je - sus Christ. These days of ad - ven - ture when

Em7 F# G6 D/A A7 D

(1) love.
 all peo - ple wait are days for the ad - vent of (2) hope.
 (3) peace.
 (4) joy.

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The first nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL. Irregular

(A) D Bm A G D/F# G A G

1. The first now - ell the an - gel did say was to
 2. They look - ed up the an - gel did say was to
 3. And by the light and of saw a star shin - ing
 4. This star drew nigh to that same star three
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three full

Bm /A G D/F# G Em6 D/F# /A A7 D A

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in
 in the east be - yond them far, and
 wise men came from coun - try far; to
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and
 rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, and

D Bm A G D/F# G A G Bm /A G

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 to the earth it gave great light, and so it con -
 search for a king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the
 there it did both stop and stay right o - ver the
 of - fered there in his pres - ence their gold and

6. Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our souls has bought.
 Refrain:

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D/F# G Em6 D/F# /A A7 D A D Bm F#m D

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star where - ev - er it went. Now - ell, now - ell, now -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh and frank - in - cense.

Descant and Alternate Harmony *

A 7 D /C# Bm Asus4-3 D Gsus2-1 Dsus4-3 A

Now - ell, now - ell, now - ell, now - ell!

Bm7 D/A Em 6 D/F# G A7/E D/F# /A A D

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

* May be used as instrumental or choral accompaniment for the chorus.



First Sunday in Advent

Hope

Voice 1: The prophets call and the psalmist sings to announce that hope comes from God.

Voice 2: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence."

(Isaiah 64)

"We shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."

(Psalm 27)

Voice 1: The world cries for justice and transformation. Advent summons us to watch, to wait and to hope. In the destruction of the current order is the promise of a new order beyond our imagination. Signs of hope are all around us if we have the patience to wait and to see them.

Voice 2: Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

All: **Jesus Christ comes as the hope of the world.**

Voice 2: We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

All: **We light this candle to bear witness to hope.**
(while lighting the candle of hope)

Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Journeying for Hope



"What an excellent experience to be together raising both awareness and funds for PWS&D. Can't wait until next year!" shared Laura Kavanagh, team leader of Together in Motion based in Victoria, BC, after PWS&D's first ever Journey for Hope.

Journey for Hope brings together people from across Canada in support of PWS&D food security programs. The climate crisis, conflict and ever-increasing costs are exacerbating an already urgent food crisis. PWS&D and our partners assist marginalized communities to address hunger and food insecurity.

Food security projects provide hope to families and communities. Amalia, an Indigenous woman in Guatemala, shares how her life has changed. "Before, our situation was poverty and violence, but this project is good for the community and Maya Mam women. I hope other families and communities see my life as an example."

Journey for Hope is crucial in supporting this essential work. In just two years, over \$50,000 has been raised across the country. We hope you'll join us next time!

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to show our faith and bring hope to those in need.



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Readings for Sunday, December 3, 2023:

Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:32-37 *No One Knows the Day or Hour*
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *A Prayer of Restoration*

- R: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
- C: **Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- R: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with
your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread
of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- C: **You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- R: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
- All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Additional Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

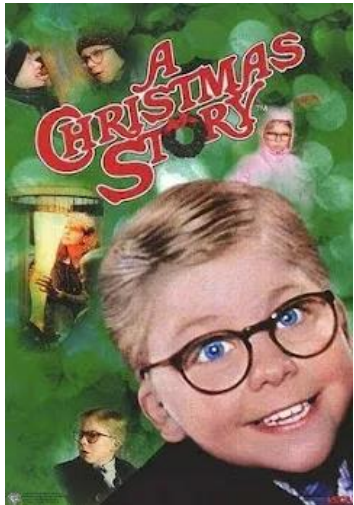
Additional Scripture: Romans 13:8, 11-12 *An Urgent Appeal*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

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

Please join us Friday, December 8, 2023 for our All Ages Advent Movie Event!

Doors open: 6:30 p.m. ~ Movie starts: 6:45 p.m.



Christmas is approaching, and 9-year-old Ralphie Parker wants only one thing: a Red Ryder Range 200 Shot BB gun. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he'll shoot his eye out. He then decides on a perfect theme for his teacher, but her reaction is like his mother's. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the

bad guys. When the big day arrives, he gets lots of presents including a lovely one from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

There will be light refreshments, conversation and carol singing.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

**We hope you can join us on
Friday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.
for this heartwarming family
Christmas classic!**

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presbyterian Church in Canada

A **Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope** will be held today, **Sunday, December 3** at 3:00 pm at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 106 Ravenscrest Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario. This in-person service will also be live-streamed. For more details, go to [A Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope - The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#).

Bruce the "Cookie Man" is Back!

Now available! **Shortbread Fingers** (375 g @ \$8.00), **Shortbread Cookies with Chocolate Chunks** (350 g tin @ \$10.00) and **Twin Pack Fruitcake** (total 900 g @ \$14.00) with these options: **one half dark & one half light** OR **double dark** OR **double light**. A **Half Fruitcake** (450 g @ \$7.00) is also available in either **light** or **dark**. Please email your order to brewsterwlu@hotmail.com. Bruce will give you payment details and deliver your order directly to your home. Proceeds support the St. Andrew's Food Bank.

Announcements for Sunday, December 3, 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.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is available to meet in the Vestry on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. He can be reached 24/7 at 905-451-1723 ext. 22 or 905-456-1727.

Inside St. Andrew's

The December issue is ready for pickup - one copy per family. The e-newsletter is also available here: [ISA - December 2023](#).

Sprucing Up the Balcony

Volunteers are needed to help dust and vacuum the balcony in the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, December 5** at 7:00 pm. This area hasn't been cleaned since COVID started, and we'd like it "spruced up" for Christmas.

Blue Christmas

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, missing someone who can't be with you during the festive season, or simply wish to worship in a quiet, intimate environment, you are welcome to our **Blue Christmas service** on **Wednesday, December 13** at 7:30 pm in the Parlour.

2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are in and will be ready for pickup this month. If you would like offering envelopes, please speak to Valerie Martin or Kim Shepherd, our Envelope Secretaries. Stay tuned for the pickup date.

NEEDED: Empty Egg Cartons for the Food Bank

Please leave your clean, empty egg cartons (half-size or full dozen, plastic or cardboard) in the red tote bin in the Great Hall.

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.

