



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 24, 2023 4:00 PM

Family Christmas Eve Service The Story of God's Promise

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

Prelude
Welcome
Opening Prayer
Introduction
Reading: Micah 5:2-5

A Promise from God

Music: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 164 v. 1, 4
Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Mary Meets an Angel

Music: *Angels we have heard on high* 147

The Advent Wreath Story

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (See PWS&D insert below)
(The children are asked to come gather at the Advent wreath.)
Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Joseph & Mary's Journey

Music: *Away in a manger* 149

God Kept His Promise to Us

Meditation: *What Does Your Dad Do?* Rev. Wayne J. Baswick
Music: *Silent night* 154
The Offering Announcement
Music: *I Saw Three Ships* Trad. English

* The Offertory: *While Shepherds Watched* 138 v. 1
While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

* Prayer of Dedication
Closing Prayer
Music: *Joy to the world* 153
(Those children with Prophets are invited to come forward.)

Benediction
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 for this Service

Worship Leaders: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, Kim Shepherd
Music: Ruth Kelly-Boxe
Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

Worship This Evening

Sunday, December 24, 2023 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service

"The Ultimate Proof!"

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

***Merry Christmas! May God bless you
and watch over you in 2024.***

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



Music for Sunday, December 24, 2023, 4:00 pm:

O Little Town of Bethlehem 164 v. 1, 4

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Angels we have heard on high 147

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

Away in a manger

149

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Silent night

154

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!"

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face;
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joy to the world

153

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



Readings for Sunday, December 24, 2023, 4:00 pm:

Reading: Micah 5:2-5 *The Ruler from Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Reading: Luke 1:26-38 *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also

conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 *The Birth of Jesus*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.





The Christ Candle

Voice 1: The angels sing the glory of God in the highest heavens.

Voice 2: "Be not afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord... you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!" *(Luke 2)*

Voice 1: At Christmas, God speaks in signs. The baby in the manger is a sign of a new life and new governance shining in the world. Christ is born and the world is filled with the promise of hope, signs of peace, joy and the incarnation of God's love.

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

All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Voice 2: We join with all creation in joyful praise.

All: **We light this candle because God has been made flesh and dwells among us**
(while lighting the Christ Candle)

*Sing the hymn or just the chorus of #159
O, come all ye faithful*



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Encouraged by God's promise of abundant life, we are addressing hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster. Our efforts are focused on caring for the poor, sick and vulnerable. Through our collaborative efforts, we aim to restore human dignity, alleviate suffering and promote community cooperation.

As a reflection of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are striving toward a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember our brothers and sisters across the globe. Your support is crucial to the success of this transformative work.

This Christmas, help to bring hope, peace, joy and love around the world, please support PWS&D.



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