



# 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, JANUARY 14, 2024 Epiphany 2 • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Prelude: *I Waited On You, Lord*

J. Bell

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.)

\* Hymn: *How firm a foundation*

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### *The Rite of Reconciliation*

Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**We confess, Lord, that sometimes we fail**

**by making individual decisions,**

**and sometimes we fail by going along**

**with the decisions of others.**

**Sometimes we fail by speaking out,**

**and other times we fail by saying nothing.**

**Sometimes we fail by doing things we ought not to do –**

**the sin of commission – and sometimes we fail**

**by not doing the things we ought to do –**

**the sin of omission.**

**Pardon us, Lord God,**

**for both our positive and negative sins,**

**and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Rock-A-My Soul*

D. Perry/J. Perry

## *The Word Proclaimed*

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below)  
**The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed through and in Your Word belong to us and to our children forever. May Your revealed Word be the Word we put into action in our daily walk.**

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Responsive Psalm: Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 (See below for responses)

Additional Scriptures: Hebrews 11:8-10; John 8:31-42

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

Sermon: *A Profile of the Patriarchs: (1) Call of Abraham – An Adventure in Faith* Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

\* Hymn: *To Abraham and Sarah* 478

## *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:

**Eternal God, source of refuge and trust, our days are filled with Your abiding presence. We awaken with the dawn of new life. We labour with assurance that You bless the work of our hands. We sleep at peace in the promise of Your protection and care. All that we are and all that we do are signs of Your benevolent deliverance. Accept now the offering we bring You as the indicator of our unending devotion.**

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: *Jesus, lover of my soul*

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## *Returning to Service*

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trio in Four Voices*

J. Boyvin

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*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:* Susan Jess

*Duty Elder:* Felicity Alexander

*Sound & Video:* Peter Shepherd

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## *Worship Next Week*

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

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 10:30 am Epiphany 3**

**Pulpit Supply:** Robert English

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## *Stewardship Moment*

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.

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## Hymns for Sunday, January 14, 2024:

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### How firm a foundation

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G C Am D Em G/D D 7 G

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dis - mayed!  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

C Am D Em G/D D 7 G

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow,  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not— I will not— de - sert to his foes;

D/F# G (/B) G Em G/B D

What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flames shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,

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B Em Am D Em G/D D 7 G

to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er— no, nev - er— no, nev - er for - sake!"

## Announcements for Sunday, January 14, 2024

### Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! Please recycle your bulletins in the Great Hall after worship. St. Andrew's is a scent-free zone; please refrain from wearing perfumed products when in the building.

### Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be on vacation from Mon. Jan. 15 to Sun. Jan. 21, inclusive. For emergency pastoral care, call Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573 or the Congregational Care Team at 905-791-0490.

### Project Cozy

Please bring in your donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to help the unhoused people who frequent our area. The Mission Committee will make them available to those living on the street. This collection runs until February 11.

### A Note from the Food Bank

We currently have plenty of empty egg cartons, so no more donations are needed until further notice. Thank you.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

|      |         |          |                  |
|------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Sun. | Jan. 14 | 12:00 pm | Search Committee |
| Thu. | Jan. 18 | 7:00 pm  | Leap of Faith    |
| Thu. | Jan. 18 | 8:00 pm  | Senior Choir     |

## To Abraham and Sarah

THORNBURY 7676D

D A7/E D/F# G D/F# E7 A /G D/F# G Em7 A Dsus 2 - 1

1. To Ab-ra-ham and Sar-ah the call of God was clear:  
 2. From Ab-ra-ham and Sar-ah a-rose a pil-grim race, "Go  
 3. We of this gen-er-a-tion on whom God's hand is laid, de-can

F# Bm G D/F# E7 A /G D/F# G Em7 A7 Dsus4-2 - 3 D

forth and I will show you a coun-try rich and fair. You  
 pend-ent for their jour-ney on God's a-bun-dant grace, and  
 jour-ney to the fu-ture se-cure and un-a-fraid, re-

F#m /A Bm6 /D F#m/C# C# F#m C#/E# F#m /A Bm C#7

need not fear the jour-ney for I have pledged my  
 in their heart was writ-ten by God this sav-ing  
 joic-ing in God's good-ness and trust-ing in this

See also: Thornbury 477

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F#m (Bm/F# F#m) A/G D/F# A7/E D /C# G/B D/A E/G# A

word:  
 word: "that you shall be my peo-ple and  
 word:

I will be your God."

D/F# (A7/G D/A) A7 Bm /A G A7/G D (Em A7 D)

Organ

## Jesus, lover of my soul

ABERYSTWYTH 7777D

Em Em/B B Em B Em B7 Em B

1. Je-sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
 4. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Em F Em/B B7 Em B G Am6

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and  
 raise the fal - len, cheer the faint, heal the sick and  
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me

Em/B B7 Em C G C Am6 G D7 G

still is high: hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide,  
 com - fort me. All my trust on thee is stayed;  
 lead the blind. Just and ho - ly is thy name;  
 pure with - in: thou of life the foun - tain art,

Em B Em D G F# Bm C G

till the storm of life is past, safe in - to the  
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
 I am all un - right - eous - ness: false and full of  
 free - ly let me take of thee; spring thou up with -

Em Am B Em Em/B B7 Em

ha - ven guide; oh re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fence - less head; with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Readings for Sunday, January 14, 2024:

### Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 *God's Call to Abram*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

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

### Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

#### *God's Complete Knowledge and Care*

- R: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
C: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
R: You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
C: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,  
you know it completely.**

- R: You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
R: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
C: **Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**  
R: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written all the days that were  
formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
*All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them – they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end – I am still with you.*

### Additional Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-10 *The Faith of Abraham*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

### Additional Scripture: John 8:31-42 *Jesus and Abraham*

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The

slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.'

They answered him, 'Abraham is our father.' Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are indeed doing what your father does.' They said to him, 'We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.' Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me.

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

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### 2024 Envelopes

It was recently discovered that a couple of flats of envelopes were not in numerical order. If you know your envelope number and the envelopes that you received are not the same, please speak to either Kim Shepherd or Valerie Martin. We will get your correct envelopes for you. This does sometimes happen, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

- Envelope Secretaries

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### *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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca), or you may contact your Elder.



**ST. ANDREW'S SESSION**  
**Session Summary from January 8, 2024**  
**WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU**

**Search Committee**

This committee is already hard at work. They have profiles to build, job descriptions, and many questions to ask. It will be a few months before the Presbyterian Church in Canada posts the vacancy. Please keep this group in your prayers.

**Minister's Report**

Rev. Wayne will be on vacation from January 15th to January 21st. The pulpit supply for the 21<sup>st</sup> will be Robert English. Rev. Wayne will have his eye surgery on February 20th; please pray for a successful outcome. He will take two weeks of vacation from February 19th to March 3rd and April 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. These vacations are according to the Covenant we have with Rev. Baswick.

**GoFundMe Campaign**

St. Andrew's is a historical building, and repairs are costly. The Session permitted John Collins to start a GoFundMe to raise money for these repairs. When the Fund is ready, we ask that you help promote it on your digital platforms.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Stewardship Committee**

Financial Report: The contributions for 2023 were \$393,737.00, and expenses were \$576,872.00. Income received from the Presbyterian Church in Canada was \$10,000.00, and grants from the Brampton-Caledon and the City of Brampton Historical were \$10,000.00 each. The Easter, Anniversary and Christmas offerings were \$36,456.00.

**Mission Committee**

Project Cozy means that mitts, gloves, hats and scarves go to our community's unhoused and those in need; collection for these items has started and will run until February 11.

**Worship and Fellowship**

We still need a coordinator for the Refreshment Fellowship; please get in touch with Michelle Tedder to say you will serve.

**Property Committee**

Stan Loree reported that work on the eavestroughs is complete. The committee is looking into the cost of replacing the lights in the Great Hall.

**Food Bank**

The Food Bank in 2023 served 70% more clients than in 2022, the most significant increase at the Food Bank in 33 years. Thirty-two volunteers from various churches and groups come in to help every week. Also, there are over 46 donors who donate food to help keep the cupboards open.

**In-Person Worship Reminder**

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. Again, you are reminded not to attend in-person worship, meetings, or events if you are not feeling well. Also, please observe and follow any posted signage regarding COVID-19 safety protocols to help protect all building users and staff. Thank you.

The Session decided to lock the courtyard (Church St.) door on Sundays at 10:40 a.m. A notice on this door will advise any latecomers to use the main Church St. doors.

**Pastoral Care**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to drop by to meet or say "Hello." If you need to see a minister urgently, Wayne 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.

**Prayer Circle:** If you request prayers for a family member or friend, please obtain their permission before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.