

# 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, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Epiphany 6 • Transfiguration • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Prelude: She Flies On

G. Light

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer

### Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration See & Hear

> (The children are invited to go to Sunday School. The Youth Group is invited to head upstairs to Room 207.)

\* Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name

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### The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession:

You have blessed us, Lord, with many gifts, but we have sometimes neglected to use them.

You have blessed us with family and friends, but we have sometimes ignored them.

You have blessed us with a world of beauty and majesty, but all too often we have hardly noticed.

You have given us a lifetime of hours and days, but we have sometimes squandered them on the trivial.

Teach us, Lord, to number our days, and apply our hearts to wisdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: When We Sing to the Lord

D. Besig/N. Price

#### The Word Proclaimed

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy, and apply to our lives what You say to us today. Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6 (See below for responses)

Additional Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Sermon: A Profile of the Patriarchs: (4) Jacob's Ladder –

A Beautiful Dreamer Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

\* Hymn: *The Spirit breathes upon the word* 506

### 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)

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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:

O God, you nourish us by the outpouring of Your love. You strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. Our bodies are sustained by Your goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and every talent we possess. These gifts which we offer to You are but a portion of what You give us in abundance. Accept them as signs of our thanksgiving. 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: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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### Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Postlude: This Little Light of Mine

Trad.

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: Colin Young Refreshment Volunteer: Nancy Mutiso Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

### Worship Next Week

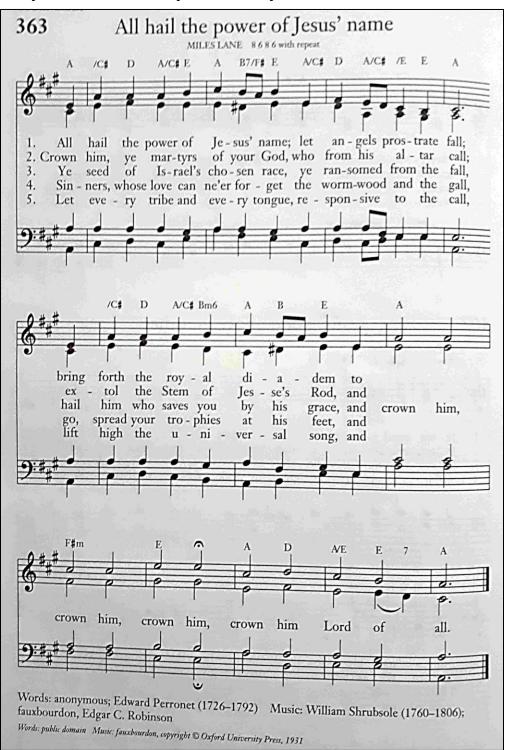
If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us for our livestreamed services: St. Andrew's YouTube Channel

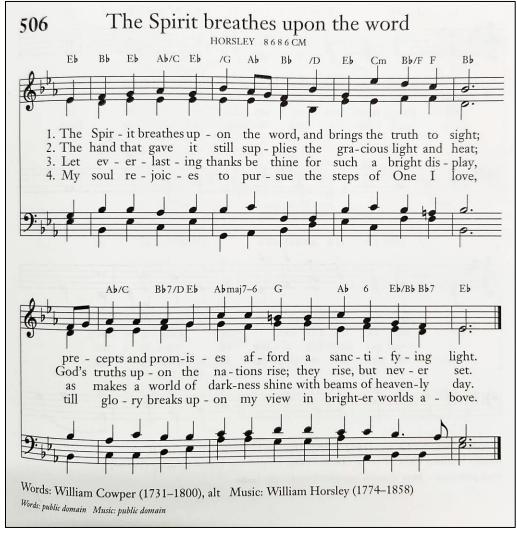
### Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:30 am Lent 1 The Sacrament of Holy Communion

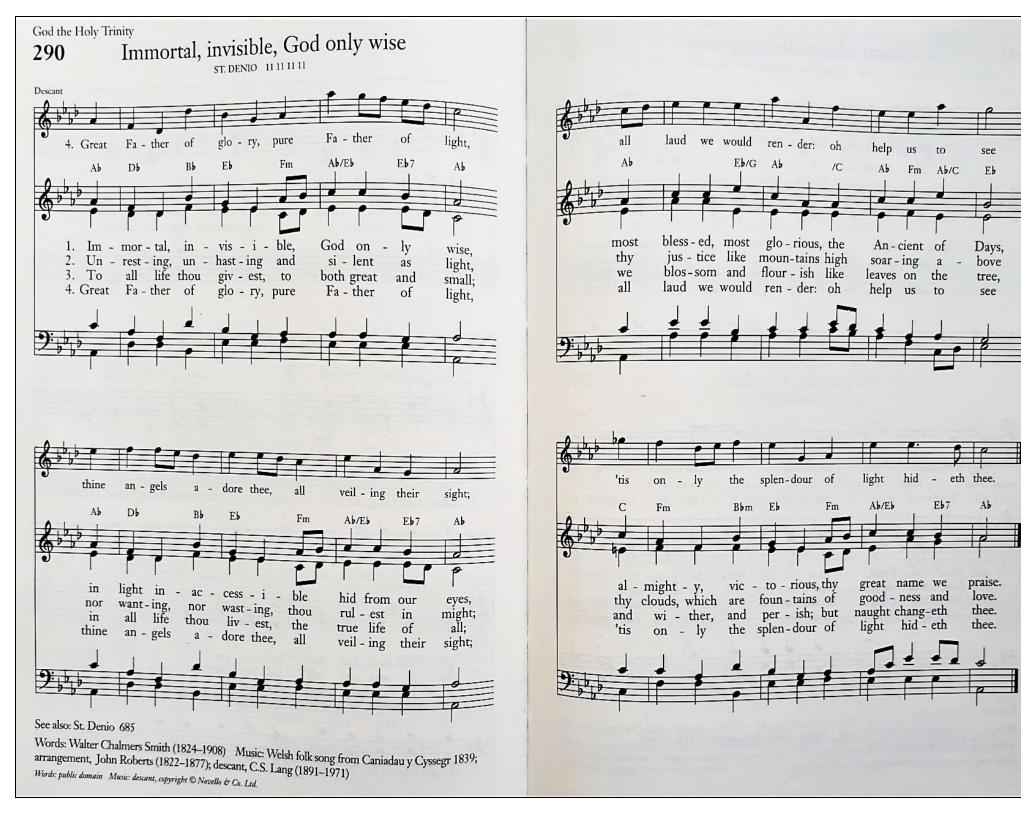
"A Profile of the Patriarchs: (5) Jacob Wrestles with an Angel – A Divine Human Wrestling Match"

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### Hymns for Sunday, February 11, 2024:







### Readings for Sunday, February 11, 2024:

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19 Jacob's Dream at Bethel Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

<u>2nd Scripture Lesson</u>: Mark 9:2-9 *The Transfiguration of Jesus* Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one

for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

### Responsive Psalm: Ps 50:1-6 God Shines Forth in Perfect Beauty

- R: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- R: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- C: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- R: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
- All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

### **Additional Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

#### ST. ANDREW'S SESSION SUMMARY from FEBRUARY 5, 2024

#### **Search Committee**

This committee meets regularly, researching and completing dozens of forms to submit to the PCC. Please keep this group in your prayers.

#### **Minister's Report**

Rev. Wayne will be on vacation from February 19 to March 3; his eye surgery is on February 20. Please pray for a successful outcome. Pulpit supply for Feb 25 will be Rev. Keesung Chang; for March 3, Dona Simpson. Wayne's last vacation week is April 8 to 14; pulpit supply on April 14 is Kim Shepherd.

#### **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:** Financial Report: The offering in January was down 14%, and our expenses for maintaining the building keep rising; we are now using the Line of Credit and are overdrawn by \$23,000.00.

**Foodbank:** The Food Bank closed 2023 positively, with several donors making large contributions. Currently, 105 clients use the Foodbank weekly.

**Worship & Fellowship:** A few changes are coming to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings:

- Starting February 18, we will collect the offering during the service.
- Starting March 31, we will resume Communion by Distribution.

### **In-Person Worship Reminder**

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. Please do not to attend in-person worship, meetings, or events if you are not feeling well. Also, the courtyard door will be locked on Sundays at 10:40 a.m.; a notice on the door will advise anyone who is late to use the front doors.

#### **Pastoral Care**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you need to see a minister <u>urgently</u>, 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 have their permission before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.

### Announcements for Sunday, February 11, 2024

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

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! Please take your bulletins with you after worship and put them in the Great Hall recycling bins. St. Andrew's is a scent-free zone; for the health and comfort of those with allergies, please refrain from wearing perfumed products when in the building.

You are invited to the Great Hall after worship for a **Pancake Lunch** in celebration of upcoming Shrove Tuesday.

A **funeral** for Vera Wawoczny (Helen Collins' mother) will be held in the Sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. Following the service, guests are invited to a reception at Legion #15 (80 Mary St.).

### 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.

### **Project Cozy**

**Today** is the last day for the collection of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for local unhoused people. The Mission Committee thanks those who have made donations in January and February. Your generosity is much appreciated!

### **Search Committee**

The Search Committee will meet **next Sunday**, **February 18** at 12:00 pm in the Session Room.

## Stewardship Moment

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. - *Pope Francis*