



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 25, 2024 2nd Sunday in Lent • Band Sunday • Seasonal Colour: Violet

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

Prelude: *Joy Is Like the Rain*

Sister M. Winter

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: *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

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Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:

We come to You, O God, not to boast but to confess;

not to claim but to request;

not to give excuses but to come clean;

not to explain but to admit.

We come empty-handed, relying completely on Your mercy.

Too often, we think and act like we are in complete control,

and fail to grasp that You are the One

in control of the issues of life,

granting us free will to respond to Your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Lord, Lift Me Up!*

M. McDonald

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below)
Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word as our rule of faith and life. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that hearing, we may also obey Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7

2nd Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:1-11 (See below for responses)

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

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

Sermon: *The Great Faith* Rev. Keesung Chang

* Hymn: *We are one in the Spirit* 471

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 of redemption, You bless Your creation, and it springs forth with beauty. You judge Your people with righteousness, and new life abounds. We bring You now the efforts of our labours. Bless the work of our hands, so that what we do reflects the radiance of Your love. Receive our offering in our spirit of thankfulness for Your goodness to us. 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: *I have decided to follow Jesus*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *This Train*

Adapted W. Guthrie

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

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Keesung Chang

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Senior Choir • Leap of Faith Band

Lenten Liturgy Reader: Paul Willoughby

Scripture Reader: Rosalind Cammidge

Refreshment Volunteer: Wilma Zinkweg

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, March 3, 2024 10:30 am Lent 3

Pulpit Supply: Dona Simpson

Hymns for Sunday, February 25, 2024:

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Lord, the light of your love is shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 9 9 10 10 6 with refrain (13 9 13 10)

Chorus

Unison

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the sha - dows in -
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fa - ces dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 to your ra - diance; by your blood I may
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from

World, shine up - on us. Set us free by the
 en - ter your bright - ness. Search me, try me, con -
 glo - ry to glo - ry: mir - rored here may our

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truth you now bring us.
 sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus shine; fill this land with the
 Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
 grace and mer - cy; send forth your word, Lord, and

1. 2. Last time

hearts on fire. let there be light!

We are one in the Spirit

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT Irregular with refrain

Fm Cm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fath - er, from

Cm Fm Bbm

one walk in the Lord, we are one in the
work hand in hand, we will walk with each
work side by side, we will work with each
whom all things come, and all praise to Christ

Fm Cm Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
Je - sus, who is God's on - ly Son, and all

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Bbm Cm Fm Cm7

pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

Fm Fm7 Db Cm

stored, and they'll know we are Chris-tians by our
land, pride, one,

Fm /Eb Db Fm Fm

love, by our love, and they'll know we are

Bbm Cm Fm

Chris - tians by our love.

I have decided to follow Jesus

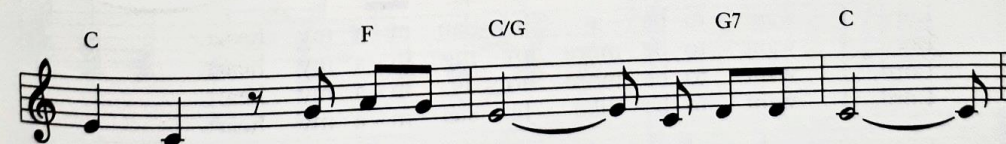
ASSAM 10 10 10 8



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; though none go
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
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 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus,
 fore me,
 fol - low,
 Je - sus?
 No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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Stewardship Moment

Jesus knew that the place of money in our lives is a spiritual issue far more than it is an economic issue.

– Canon Harold Percy, Anglican rector

*Announcements for Sunday, February 25, 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.

Minister's Vacation & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is on vacation until Monday, March 4. For general inquiries, please call / email the Church Office at 905-451-1723 ext. 0 / standrewsoffice@rogers.com and we'll get back to you during regular office hours (Tuesday – Thursday). For pastoral emergencies, please call Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573 or the Congregational Care Team at 905-791-0490.

From the Worship & Fellowship Committee

Collection Ushers Needed: We would like to resume collecting the Offering in the traditional way during our worship services. To do this, we need six volunteers each Sunday. If you can occasionally volunteer, please let the Church Office know (see contacts above) or email Karen Hutchinson at vankarry@gmail.com.

Calling All Elders: 12 Elders are needed to serve Communion on Sunday, May 26. Please let Michelle Tedder know if you are available and willing to serve.

World Day of Prayer

"I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love" (Eph 4:1-3)
 You are invited to the annual **World Day of Prayer** ecumenical worship service at 1:30 pm on **Sunday, March 3**, hosted by Christ Church Brampton, 4 Elizabeth Street N. For more information including parking details, please see the flyer on the Great Hall bulletin board.



Second Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)

One: On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus teaching about the suffering and rejection that he would endure on his way to the cross.

All: **Like Peter, we resist this teaching.
We prefer an easier way without struggle and suffering.**

One: But Jesus does not hold back. He tells us that to become his followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

All: **May God help us as we learn more of what it means
to be friends and followers of Jesus.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

From Crop Harvest to Small Business



In Pakistan, Mohammad Saleh owns three acres of land in his village, where he grows guar beans. Despite sporadic rains, he had a relatively successful harvest—some of the beans were sold in the market for cash. The rest was used for food at home.

Farming is part-time in the desert area of Umerkot because farmers are challenged by unpredictable rains, droughts and floods, and can't grow enough to sustain themselves. Many work as unskilled labourers to make ends meet while waiting for their crops to ripen.

Unfortunately, the crops were not enough to last the year and Saleh worried about providing for his family when the guar ran out.

Saleh and his family received food aid through PWS&D's partner Community World Service Asia, which enabled them to access food in difficult times. Since then, he managed to save some money and set up a small store in his home, which his wife could manage while he continued to work in construction, providing the family with a sustainable income.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call. PWS&D is working closely with local partners to provide communities with the resources and training they need to build better futures.



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Readings for Sunday, February 25, 2024:

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7 *The Sign of the Covenant*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

2nd Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

God's Promise Realized Through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when

he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:1-11 *The Glories of God's Law*

- R: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- C: **Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**
- R: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
- C: **Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**
- R: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- C: **I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**
- R: How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- All: With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.*

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

In the Pulpit This Morning...

We welcome and thank the **Rev. Keesung Chang** who is our pulpit supply this morning.

Keesung was born and grew up in Seoul, South Korea and moved to Toronto in 1987.

He earned a B.A. in Social Science and a Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in Indiana. Keesung was ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad and received a call as Senior Pastor of the Mississauga Korean Presbyterian Church in 2001. After finishing Knox College's Denominational Requirement Study, he received a call to the Church in Brantford.

Keesung is married and has been blessed with two wonderful daughters.



News You Can Use

Rev. Wayne Baswick had his eye surgery on February 20 and is recovering well at home. He and Cathy thank you for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes.

The **Easter letter** from Rev. Wayne was mailed to you in mid-February. In it, he shares his message for the season and includes a list of Lenten and Easter services. Also included is a **special Easter offering envelope** with return envelope. This year, Session has designated the Easter offering to a fund to improve accessibility for those with mobility issues.

Please note that the **Maundy Thursday Communion service** on March 28 will be held at **7:00 pm**, not at 7:30 pm as previously stated. This service will be about 45 minutes long and will be held in the Sanctuary.



Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship service. The Worship Committee invites you to give cut flowers in memory of a loved one this Easter.

Please give \$20 to cover the cost of the flowers. All names and payments must be received by Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of THESE WAYS:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked **"Easter Flowers"** on the offering plate during in-person worship. Please include donor information (see #2 below) in the envelope. **OR**
- Pay online using your bank's website or app: Select Interac e-Transfer, use treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. **In the message area, indicate your name and "Easter Flowers"**. **OR** you can pay via our website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>: **be sure to mark your payment "Easter Flowers"**. For both methods, please email standrewsoffice@rogers.com with your donor information (see #2 below) after making your payment.

2. SUBMIT the FOLLOWING to the CHURCH OFFICE by MARCH 24:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: (Name of loved one[s], for the bulletin)

FROM: (Name of donor[s], for the bulletin)

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

... Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ...