

## 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, MARCH 17, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Violet

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

Prelude: *Moderato* Welcome, Greeting, Announcements Silent Prayer J. Dowland

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: *My shepherd is the King of love* 

691 v 1,2,3,6

#### Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

#### The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession: Lord, we know that You love us and we also know how difficult it is for us to love in that love You have for us. We are so easily irritated. We are so quick to criticize. We are so ready to argue our own point of view. We are slow to understand the feelings of others. We are so hesitant to take the first step of reconciliation. We are slow to sympathize. We are so persistent in remembering past hurts. Forgive us, we pray, for allowing these things to dampen our love. Amen. Assurance of Pardon Choir Anthem: *Sanctuary* L. Larson

(With congregational singing; see below)

#### The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below) O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path when times of darkness overtake us. Grant us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will, and live always to bring praise to Your name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson: John 10:7-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-6

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 (See below for responses) (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God*.)

Additional Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25

Sermon: *Paying the Price!* 

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

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\* Hymn: Come, let us to the Lord our God

#### Response and Thanksgiving

\* Offering Announcement: For more on giving to St Andrew's, please visit: <u>https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/</u>

\* 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:

O God, who calls us, names us and watches over us with care, and supplies all our needs; we now bring our gifts in response to Your goodness to us. Use these gifts that Your name may be upheld and shared in the world through Your Body, the Church. 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: Glorious things of thee are spoken

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#### Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen Postlude: *Allegro* 

G. Farnaby

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 Lenten Liturgy Reader: Colin Young Scripture Reader: Molly Harvey Duty Elder: Michelle Tedder Refreshment Volunteer: Michelle Tedder Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

#### Worship Next Week

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024 10:30 am Palm Sunday "Following the Crowd"

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

#### Hymns for Sunday, March 17, 2024:











# Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**One:** On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.

All: We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.

- **One:** In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."
- All: And so we pray, as Jesus taught us, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."



# From Leprosy Recovery to Empowering Others



Gulam Hasmad, a 29-year-old man from Banke district in Nepal, was diagnosed with leprosy after experiencing symptoms such as blisters and swelling. Due to a delay in diagnosis, he developed complications, including a hand deformity and eye issues.

Gulam was able to undergo corrective surgeries at Green Pastures Hospital, supported by PWS&D. Gulam and his family were grateful that the procedures meant he regained the use of his hand and eye.

Afterward, Gulam started a self-help group for people affected by leprosy, including those recently diagnosed. He now actively raises awareness about leprosy and what can be done about it. Additionally, Gulam helped his mother and brother seek medical help, leading to their own leprosy diagnoses. Today, Gulam continues to be a positive impact on his community.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide healthy futures for all. PWS&D is working to provide access to medical care and treatment for those who need it most.



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#### Readings for Sunday, March 17, 2024:

1st Scripture Lesson: John 10:7-18 Jesus the Good Shepherd So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

#### 2nd Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-6 The Suffering Servant

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

#### **Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 23 The Lord our Shepherd

- R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
- R: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
- R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

#### Additional Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25 The Lost Sheep Return to the Shepherd

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example,

so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

#### Announcements for Sunday, March 17, 2024

#### Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! Please put your bulletins in the Great Hall recycling bins after worship. 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.

#### Search Committee Meeting

The Search Committee will meet at 12:00 noon today in the Session Room.

#### 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.

#### **Annual Report Submissions**

This is a reminder that all material for the 2023 Annual Report is due at the Church Office **by Tuesday, March 19**. Please email your reports to <u>standrewsoffice@rogers.com</u>.

#### Inside St. Andrew's Submissions

Please send your articles and JPEG photos to <u>felicity.alexander@sympatico.ca</u> by Friday, March 22.

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change. Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.

- Gregory Coulter, professor of philosophy

#### St. Andrew's Session Session Summary from March 4, 2024 WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE

This Committee meets regularly, researching and completing dozens of forms to submit to the PCC. Please keep this group in your prayers. The Session saw some of their work, and it is impressive.

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

Rev. Wayne's last week of his vacation will be April 8 to April 14, and the pulpit supply will be Kim Shepherd.

A speaker from PWS&D will visit us in May to explain what PWS&D does worldwide.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS Stewardship Committee

**Financial Report:** The offering in January was down 18%, and our fixed costs are \$25,000.00 per month. Currently, our offerings are not meeting these expenses. Our Line of Credit is at \$21,000.00.

**Committee Sunday:** The Session has agreed that **March 17, 2024** is Committee Sunday. Each Committee and Team will have a table set up in the Great Hall to explain the work of that Committee. We invite you to join these volunteers after service to see how they keep our church alive and well every year. Volunteer to join a committee!

#### Worship & Fellowship Committee

We are returning to the way we did Communion by Distribution and the offering collection before COVID-19.

On **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**, the ushers will pass the offering plates along the pews for the offering. You can volunteer to help by signing up in the Great Hall or by speaking to John Bakkeren.

Communion by Full Distribution will be done on **May 26**, and Michelle Tedder will hold a practice/walkthrough immediately after the service on **May 12** (10 minutes). Elders and Supporting Elders, please mark this date on your calendar.

#### Food Bank

The Food Bank serves an average of one hundred and thirty-six clients weekly. W.J Davis School has been contributing to the Food Bank regularly and has invited a member of the Team to address their school.

#### **Property Committee**

The members of this Committee continue to work on maintenance and improvements to the building.

#### **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 inperson worship, meetings, or events if you are not feeling well.

**Reminder:** The courtyard door will be locked on Sundays at 10:40 a.m. A notice on the door will advise anyone arriving late to use the front doors. The Church Street door will be open as an entry door; bulletins will be on the table at the entrance.

#### **Pastoral Care**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the Vestry 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 <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.

### **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 <u>by Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024</u>.

#### TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

#### **1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in <u>ONE</u> 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 at 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:

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



Let's celebrate our community with food and fellowship!

Please join us for a potluck lunch next **Sunday, March 24, 2024** following the worship service.

Bring your favorite sandwiches, soup, salad or dessert dish and let's share a meal together.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your fellow congregants and enjoy delicious food.

We can't wait to see you there!