



# 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 1, 2024

Advent 1: Hope • The Sacrament of Holy Communion •  
Seasonal Colour: Violet/Blue

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

Prelude: *Mary Had A Baby* Trad. Spiritual

Carol Sing: *I Saw Three Ships* (p. 5); *Once in Royal David's City*  
(p. 11); *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (p. 10)

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer

### *Approach to Worship*

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

\* Hymn: *Hark the glad sound* 118

See & Hear

Choir Anthem: *So We Come to Find the Child* M. K. Beall

### *Lighting of the Advent Candle*

Advent Liturgy (See PWS&D insert below)

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope.

The banner has been raised to remind us

that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for His return.

**Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us.**

**As we worship You this morning, come to us,**

**be with us, and as we gather to know You together,**

**help us to prepare our hearts for Your Son's coming –  
the gift of hope. Amen.**

(The children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

### *The Word Proclaimed*

Unison Prayer for Illumination: (All readings NRSV; see below)

**Your Words, O God, give joy to our hearts and Your teaching  
is light unto our eyes. May we receive this joy and light now  
as we read and listen to Your Word of Scripture. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 17:20-24

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25:4-10 (See below for responses)

Additional Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:9-13  
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Where is the Kingdom of God?* Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

\* Hymn: *Hope is a star* 119

### *Response and Thanksgiving*

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

Offertory: *Coventry Carol* Trad. English

### *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Invitation

\* The Apostles' Creed 539 (See below)

\* Presentation of Offering

The Words of Consecration

The Great 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.**

The Words of Institution & Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

\* Hymn: *People in darkness* 124

### *Returning to Service*

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Postlude: *The Snow Lay on the Ground* Trad. Irish-English Carol

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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*

*Advent Candlelighters: June & Colin Young*

*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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

*Sunday, December 8, 2024 10:30 am*

*Advent 2: Peace*

*"God Makes His Choice"*

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

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### *Stewardship Moment*

Christian stewardship is discipleship; it's how we live our  
lives in response to God's bounteous grace.

*- Marcia Shetler*

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## Carols & Hymns for Sunday, December 1, 2024:

### *I Saw Three Ships*

I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?  
And what was in those ships all three  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

The virgin Mary and Christ were there  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.  
The virgin Mary and Christ were there  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

### *Once in Royal David's City*

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle-shed  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love.  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

### *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing,  
nowells ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new,  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing greet the morrow;  
Christ the babe was born for you.  
Christ the babe was born for you.

## Hark the glad sound

RICHMOND 8686 CM

G D/F# D C/E (D7/F#) G C D7 G Em6

1. Hark the glad sound! The Sav - iour comes, the  
 2. You come the pris - oners to re - lease in  
 3. You come the bro - ken heart to bind, the  
 4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your

D/F# Em/G D/A A7 D /C G/B Em Am D/C

Sav - iour prom - ised long; let eve - ry heart pre -  
 Sa - tan's bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 wound - ed soul to cure, to bring the treas - ures  
 wel - come shall pro - claim, and heaven's e - ter - nal

G7/B G7 C G/B C/B Am6 G Cmaj7 G/D D G

pare a throne, and eve - ry voice a song!  
 fore you burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of God's grace, good ti - dings for the poor.  
 arch - es ring with your most hon - oured name.

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## Hope is a star

MOON BEAMS Irregular

Unison C Em F Em

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
 2. Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

F C Dm /E Fmaj7 Gsus G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.  
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.  
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.  
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain Am /G F G (F/A G/B) C Am F

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first

G (Am7 G7/B) C Am /G F Dm7 C

and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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# People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

D Em F#m Gmaj7 A Bm

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.
2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health. Come, come,
3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.
4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

Em7 A Em /D A/C# D

- come, Je-sus Christ. Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.  
 Peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth.  
 Peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree.  
 Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Bm E7 Asus4 - 3 A/G DF#

Come, Lord Je-sus Christ. These days of ad-ven-ture when

Em7 F# G6 D/A A7 D

- all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of
- (1) love.
  - (2) hope.
  - (3) peace.
  - (4) joy.

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## The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ,  
 God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead,  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting.  
 Amen.



First Sunday of Advent



## First Sunday in Advent

# Hope

**One:** As we enter the season of Advent, we remember God's call to seek justice in the world God loves.

**All:** We come longing for a brighter future for all.

**One:** We light the first candle of Advent, a symbol of God's hope, which shines in the darkness.

*(Light the candle of hope)*

**One:** May the light of this candle ignite a fire within your people, who are often afraid or hesitant to work for change.

**All:** Holy One, strengthen us by your Spirit to commit ourselves to walking with those who are oppressed and marginalized. May our actions reflect your hope, which transforms your world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## Zinenani Finds Hope in Malawi



In Malawi, 15-year-old Zinenani took on the responsibility of caring for her younger siblings after their mother's death and their father leaving to find work in Mozambique.

Zinenani became the caretaker of their household. She faced challenges in providing food, attending school regularly, and lacked basic necessities.

Then, a community-based program for orphans and vulnerable children supported by PWS&D's partner, Mulanje Mission Hospital, intervened. The program supplied essentials like food, offered free medical care and provided school necessities. It also offered vocational skills training for out-of-school youth, including Zinenani and her siblings.

Enrollment in this program alleviated some of Zinenani's burdens, allowing her and her siblings to regain some normalcy. Zinenani expressed gratitude for the program and its donors, recognizing the significant impact on their lives.

**This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to ensure that children have access to the tools they need for success.**



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**Readings for Sunday, December 1, 2024:**

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 17:20-24 *The Coming of the Kingdom*

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.' Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.'

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

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-10

***Confident Prayer for Forgiveness and Guidance***

R: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

C: **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

R: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

C: **Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**All: *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.***

**Additional Scripture:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

***The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David***

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**Additional Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

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## [Announcements for Sunday, December 1, 2024](#)

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

We're so 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. Overflow parking for up to 10 spaces is available at Central Public School (24 Alexander Street) on Sunday mornings and during special events while construction at Rosalea Park is ongoing.

### **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.

### **Bruce the Cookie Man is Back!**

Solve your gift-giving and holiday hosting needs with delicious baked goodies from Bruce the Cookie Man. These items will sell out quickly, so place your order soon! [Details and pricing are available here.](#)



### **You're Invited to a Holiday Potluck Lunch!**

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 3 at 12:30 pm**, and join the WMS for a warm and joyful potluck gathering! Let's come together in the Great Hall to celebrate the season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Please bring a dish that serves 5 to 6 people, and we'll provide the beverages. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to invite family and friends. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Please Lend a Helping Hand!**

We are always in need of **Ushers, Duty Elders** and **Refreshment Volunteers** on Sunday mornings. If you can help - even for a single day - please sign the sheets posted in the Great Hall at least one week in advance so that we can add your name to the weekly bulletin. This is an important ministry in the life of St. Andrew's, and we thank you in advance for your help.

## **Blue Christmas**

An invitation welcoming the congregation to the *Blue Christmas Service of Reflection, Remembrance and Hope*, which takes place on **Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm**, was emailed to you this past week. For those who have not provided us with an email address, flyers for this service are available at the Sanctuary entrances; please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to this service.

We also remind you that **Special Christmas Offering envelopes** are available at the Sanctuary entrances. You are also welcome to make electronic donations any time through [the St. Andrew's donation page on our website](#). **Also, there are still many hardcopies of the Christmas letter from Rev. Wayne Baswick still to be picked up in the Great Hall.**

**If you haven't already done so, please provide your current email address (and any other changes to contact information) to the Church Office by emailing us at [standrewsoffice@rogers.com](mailto:standrewsoffice@rogers.com).** This will help reduce materials, labour and mailing costs. Thank you.

As always, congregation-wide emails are sent by blind copy to protect your personal information.

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## *Blue Christmas*

### *Service of Reflection, Remembrance and Hope*

**Wednesday, December 11 • 7:30 pm in the Parlour**

This worship service is for those who are grieving lost loved ones or feeling blue for any reason at this busy, festive, and sometimes overwhelming time of year. In a contemplative, intimate environment, attendees are invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. Anyone feeling the need for a quiet space of worship is most welcome to attend.

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ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK

# Christmas Donation Drive

Help us make this holiday season brighter for our Food Bank clients! We're putting together 150 special gift bags and need your support. Please consider donating some of the following:



- Men's & Ladies' socks
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Combs & hairbrushes
- Chapstick or lip balm
- Pocket-sized facial tissue
- Disposable razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Travel-sized shampoo & conditioner
- Travel-sized hand lotion
- Travel-sized deodorant

We will collect your donations in the red tote bins on the Great Hall stage up to and including December 15.

***Join us in spreading kindness and cheer this holiday season!  
Thank you for your generous support!***

## CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Get ready to sing your heart out! Please join us for a festive night of Karaoke Carolling on **Friday, December 13** at 7:00 pm.

Gather with friends and family in the Sanctuary and Great Hall for an evening full of music, laughter, and holiday cheer. No experience needed -- just bring your singing voice and a joyful spirit!

We'll have plenty of refreshments to keep the fun going. All are welcome, so mark your calendars and come share the joy!





## ***MYSTERY DINNERS ARE BACK FOR 2025***

**January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, 2025**

**The Mystery?** – Who is coming to dinner?

**Where?** – January, February and March at participants' homes; in April there is a themed potluck dinner at the church.

**When?** – Arrive at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be around 7:00 pm with the evening ending around 10:00 pm (depending upon the people involved).

**Why?** – For members, long-time or newcomers, to get to know each other better; to have fun and good food.

**Cost?** – There is no cost to register. Hosts pay costs for dinner at their house; there is usually a small charge for the potluck at the church.

Those who register will dine with twelve (12) different people in three (3) different homes. The week before the dinner evenings, you will receive an invitation giving the address and phone number of the home of the host. All names are a secret until everyone arrives. The mystery (who is coming to dinner?) ends, and the fun begins!

## **HOW DO MYSTERY DINNERS WORK?**

1. Open to all in the congregation.
2. Host a dinner for two (2) couples and attend two (2) dinners.
3. List any food allergies when registering.
4. **S E C R E T !!!** Everyone is sworn to secrecy. It is fun guessing who is coming to dinner/who will be hosting the dinners you will attend.
5. No host gifts, please.
6. Hosts may serve whatever they wish. The object is to be comfortable and have fun.

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**Registration Deadline:**  
Sunday, December 15, 2024

**Co-ordinators:**

Pam Loree  
Jessica Rhind  
Kim Shepherd

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***Our church family is growing  
and it's music to our ears  
with the joyful sounds of babies!***

We're excited to open up our nursery and need 2-4 warm-hearted volunteers to help care for our little ones, from newborns up to 3 years old.

It's a wonderful way to make Sunday mornings special for these tiny members (and their parents)!

If you're ready to join in the fun and help out, please get in touch with Kim Shepherd.

Thank you for considering this delightful opportunity!

Deck the Great Hall  
with your  
**Nativities**  
SUNDAY **8** DECEMBER

Help us transform the Great Hall into a festive gallery! Bring your favorite **nativity set** or a beloved **holiday keepsake** to put on display for all to enjoy during coffee fellowship after service next week.

To reserve a spot for your item, please contact Sandra:

Email: [sj\\_jack@sympatico.ca](mailto:sj_jack@sympatico.ca) OR

Phone: 905-459-4563

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 8** for this **one-day-only** celebration of Christmas spirit, memories, and fellowship!



WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENT