

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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 7:30 PM Seasonal Colour: Violet/Blue

Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols & Candlelight Service

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

Prelude: Silent Night P. Clark

Approach to Worship

Opening Sentences: Isaiah 7:10-14

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2-7 (responsive)

The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness -

On us a light has shined. A child has been given to us.

A boy has been born for us; and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

Joy to the earth! Our Saviour does reign!

God's promise came with the sound of a baby's cry -

Came as Emmanuel God with us.

(All) Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn: Oh come, all ye faithful

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Prayer of Approach: (responsive)

O God, like Mary and Joseph who obeyed your calling will, like the shepherds who came to see what you had done:

responding to the angel's message, we are not afraid.

On this night we pray, come - born in a stable

Lord of lords, King of kings, come - in the form of a baby

God's gift of glory, come - as Emmanuel!

(All) Come, to us, God with us - God for us! Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent Liturgy
Lighting of the Christ Candle

(See PWS&D insert below)

* Hymn: Lord, you were rich

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Hearing the Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below) Christmas God, Emmanuel, come be with us and illuminate your Holy Word: That in Christ you came to dwell among us – to be with us – as Jesus, God with us, God for us! Amen.

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol: Glory Is A-Coming Our Way

P. Choplin

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Young People of St. Andrew's; arr. S. Tyreman

(For video, click here: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful)

Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Carol: Mary, Mary Had-a But One Child

J. Althouse

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

* Hymn: Good Christians, all rejoice

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Meditation: "The Empty Box"

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

* Hymn: Silent night

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Christmas Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-18

(See below)

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

Carol: In the Silence

P. Martin/C. Courtney

Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory: Go Tell It On the Mountain

A. Clark

* Presentation of Offering

* The Offering: (sung)

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:

On the eve of Your giving Your Son to us, what shall we offer You, Gracious God? A hymn? A star? Gifts? Wonder? What shall we give? We give ourselves – all that we are and all that we have – in response to Your love and to Your glory. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

(See below)

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Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Departing

* Hymn: Joy to the world

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Commission & Benediction: (responsive)

Having encountered Christ, we are sent out into the world. Rejoicing, we are to be messengers of God's Good News!

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest!

As shepherds praised God for all they saw and heard, we are called to announce the day of salvation and peace. **Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive its king.** Tonight, we have been blessed by the gift of God's presence. In the child, Jesus, we behold God with us – God for us. **Hail, O ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

* Choral Amen

Postlude: We Wish You a Merry Christmas

A. Clark

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples.

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Senior Choir

Soprano

Rosalind Cammidge • Mary Louise Duncan • Susan Jess Mae MacDonald • Heather Midgley

Alto

Pam Loree • Wilma Zinkweg

Tenor

Ian Jess

Leap of Faith

Andy Bunkis (baritone horn)
Bonnie Bunkis (percussion/vibraphone)
Pam Loree (violin) • Michelle Tedder (guitar)
Ruth Kelly-Boxe (organ) • Shelagh Tyreman (piano/organ)
Peter Shepherd (sound)

In Worship This Evening

Interim Moderator/Stated Supply: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick
Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman
Senior Choir & Leap of Faith
Oh Come, All Ye Faithful: Young People of St. Andrew's
Candlelighters: Kim & Peter Shepherd
Readers: Azaniah Babar, Shael Babar, Rosalind Cammidge,
Pam Loree, Stan Loree, Debbie Warwick
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

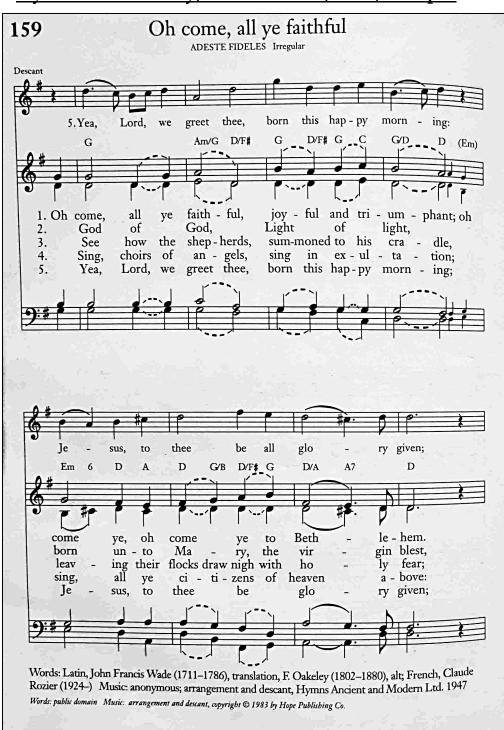
Sunday, December 29, 2024 10:30 am

"Entering 2025 with Thanksgiving" Interim Moderator/Stated Supply: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick



The Ministers, Session and Staff
of St. Andrew's
wish your and your families
a very Merry Christmas!

Hymns for Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7:30 pm:





 Peuple fidèle! Ton Seigneur t'appelle: c'est féte sur terre, le Christ est né. Viens à la crèche, voir le Roi du monde:

Refrain:

en lui, viens reconnaître, en lui, viens reconnaître, ton Dieu, ton Sauveur!

- Verbe, Lumière, et Splendeur du Père, il naît d'une mère, petit enfant; Dieu véritable, le Seigneur fait homme: Refrain:
- 3. Peuple, acclame, avec tous les anges, le Maître du monde qui vient chez nous, Dieu qui se donne à tous ceux qu'il aime: Refrain:
- Peuple fidèle, en ce jour de fête, proclame la gloire de ton Seigneur. Dieu se fait homme; vois donc comme il t'aime: Refrain:

1. Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite, in Bethlehem; natum videte regem angelorum:

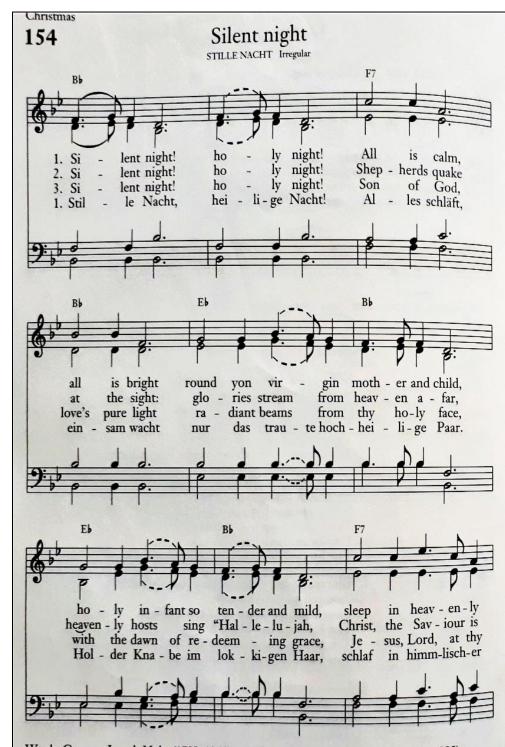
> Refrain: Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus Dominum.

- 2. Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine, parturit virgo mater; Deum verum, genitum, non factum: Refrain:
- 3. Cantet nunc hymnos chorus angelorum; cantet nunc aula caelestium: gloria in excelsis Deo! Refrain:
- 4. En grege relicto, humiles ad cunas vocati pastores approperant; et nos ovanti gradu festinemus: Refrain:
- Ergo qui natus die hodierna, Jesu, tibi sit gloria: Patris aeterni verbum caro factum: Refrain:





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Hungarian

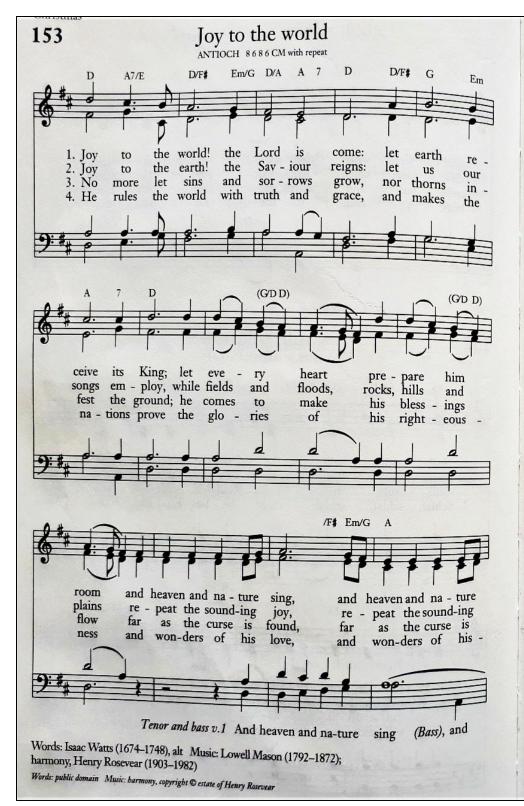
- 1. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Mindenek nyugta mély;
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,
 Drága kisdednük álmainál.
 Szent Fiú aludjál,
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
- Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerte zengi e drága szavát:
 Krisztus megszabadít,
 Krisztus megszabadít!
- 3. Csendes éj, Szentséges éj! Szív örülj, higyj, remélj Isten szent Fia hinti reád Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát! Krisztus megszületett, Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng an yè! Shèng shàn yè!
Zhēn níng jìng, zhēn guang míng,
Guang hui huán zhào shèng mử shèng yīng,
Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhēn kě ài,
Jìng xiảng tian cì an mián,
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Korean

- Kee-pu-daw koo-joo oh-shut-neh mawn pek-sung maw-jaw-raw Ohn kyo-hweh yuh taw il-uh-naw Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw Taw chawn-yawng chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
- 2. Koo-seh-joo tawn-seng hess-u-nee taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
 Ee seh-sawng-eh mawn-mool-dul-aw
 Taw hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
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 Taw hwaw-dawp hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
- 3. Ohn seh-sawng chweh-rul saw-haw-ruh choo yeh-soo oh-shut-neh
 Chweh wah sul-poom moo-raw-neh-goh
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-neh
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-heh
 Taw koo-wun koo-wun haw-shi-neh
- 4. Un-heh wah chill-lee tweh-shin joo taw choo-gwahn haw-shi-nee Mahn-gook pek-sung koo-joo aw-peh Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw Taw kyung-beh kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw



The Christ Candle

One: We gather to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

All: With each candle we light, we commit ourselves to seeking hope, peace, joy and love.

One: We light the Christ candle to shine into the world, reminding us of the new life promised through Jesus' birth.

(Light the Christ candle)

One: May the warmth and light of Christ comfort all people, bringing courage to the weary and strength to the oppressed.

All: Holy One, by the power of your Spirit, help us to shine your light brightly to the world. Affirm within us the conviction to show hope, peace, joy and love throughout our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Christ is Born!



Hope is possible, even in the face of poverty, injustice and disaster.

The church, through PWS&D, heeds God's call to aid those in need. Together, we are actively shaping a brighter future for our global community, offering assistance in disaster-stricken areas, whether due to conflict or climate extremes, and fostering sustainable pathways out of poverty.

Guided by God's promise of abundant life, we address issues of hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster with compassion. Through our collaborative efforts, we aim to restore human dignity, alleviate suffering and promote community cooperation.

As a reflection of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are striving toward a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember our neighbours near and far. Your support is crucial to the success of this transformative work.

This Christmas, help bring hope, peace, joy and love around the world by supporting PWS&D.

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CHRISTMAS READING: John 1:1-5, 10-18 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,

and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world,

and the world came into being through him;

yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,

and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,

he gave power to become children of God,

who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh

or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,

the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out,

"This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me

ranks ahead of me because he was before me.")

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Gracious God, on this Holy night

your Son, our Saviour, was born a human child.

Born to give the world hope.

All: For your grace, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night heaven's Son came down to earth,

Left sapphire throne for flesh and bone,

Entering a world in need of God's presence and peace.

All: For your love, God for us, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night Mary and Joseph,

and the baby Jesus found shelter in a stable.

Bless our homes and all whom we know with joy.

All: For your Son, born to be with us, we give you thanks.

On this Holy night your Christ

came as a light shining in the darkness.

Approach and comfort us by the light of your eternal love.

All: Come God within us, bring to us your presence.

On this Holy night shepherds heard your glad tidings: May this Good News change our lives, giving us the grace to live the Gospel of Christ in all that we do.

All: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, promise fulfilled.

On this Holy night

Christians the world over are celebrating His birth.

Open our hearts that He may be born in us today.

All: Come awaited Holy Child, transform our world.

On this Holy night Jesus entered into this world, revealing for us the extent of your love and grace: move us to reach out to those you call us to love.

All: Come, rule the world with grace and truth.

On this Holy night when heaven and earth worshipped at the manger throne, we pray receive the prayers we have offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER: (Debts/Debtors)