

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, JANUARY 19, 2025 • 10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany • The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Prelude: *Precious Lord*Welcome, Greeting, Announcements
Silent Prayer

T. Dorsey

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration See & Hear

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

* Hymn: How firm a foundation

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The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:
God, the Alpha and the Omega,
Your constant love reaches everyone,
yet there are many who do not see it as clearly as others.
Your grace is neverending,
giving its true meaning to our lives on earth.

Yet we often do not extend that gift of grace to others needing to hear the truth.

Help us to keep Your love and grace in our hearts today, tomorrow and for ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Standing On The Promises*

G. Young

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See below for readings & responses)
The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed through and in Your Word belong to us and to our children forever. May Your revealed Word be the Word we put into action in our daily walk. Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:10-13 (All readings NRSV)

2nd Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 95

Additional Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

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

Sermon: "Things Could Always Be Worse" Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

* Hymn: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory: Air J. Chambonieres

* 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:

All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from You. With these gifts, we can continue to support our Church, the community and a wider world. All things come from You, God, and with gratitude we return to You what is Yours. 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: Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: Shalom, Chaverim (Shalom Until We Meet Again)

Trad. Israeli

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
Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

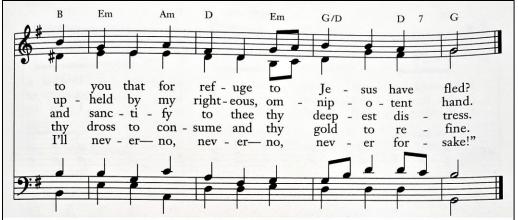
Worship Next Week

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:30 am Pulpit Supply: Rev. Sandy Fryfogel

Hymns for Sunday, January 19, 2025:





Update on the Call to the Reverend Byron Kappes

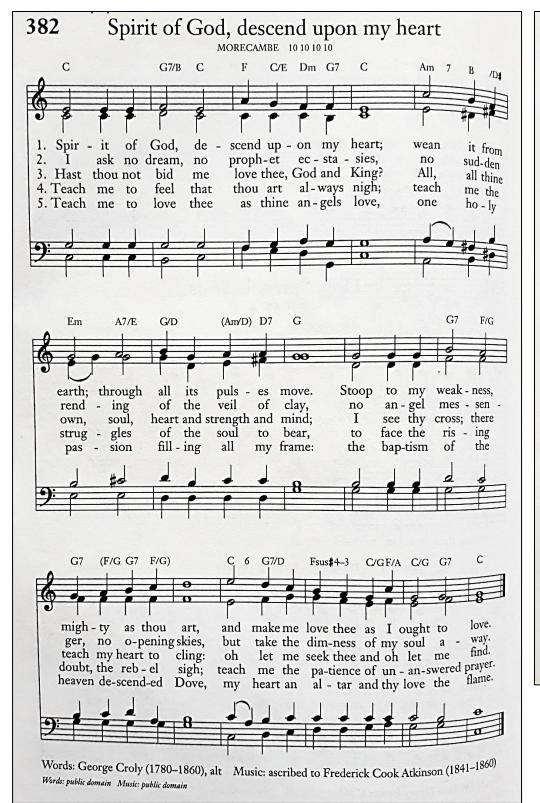
After the unanimous vote of the congregation to extend the call to Rev. Kappes, Rev. Baswick met with Rev. Kappes to let him know of the congregation's decision. Rev. Kappes 'informally' accepted the call gladly and joyously, and family members together with him were very happy for him.

I trust that you, as a member or adherent, have signed the call, and if not, **contact an elder or myself** and we can enter your name as signing.

It is important that we have as many signatures as possible in support of the call when it is presented to the Presbytery of Brampton, when Rev. Kappes has the call placed before him, and 'formally' accepts the call.

The bottom line is that Rev. Kappes is very much looking forward to joining us here at St. Andrew's, and your signature supporting the call will add strength to this happening.

- Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, Interim Moderator





Readings for Sunday, January 19, 2025:

Ist Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:10-13 Learning to be Content I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

2nd Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 A Complaining People

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 95 A Call to Praise and Obedience

- R: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
- C: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- R: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
- All: Today, if only you would hear his voice,
 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
 as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
 where your ancestors tested me;
 they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
 For forty years I was angry with that generation;
 I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
 and they have not known my ways.'
 So I declared on oath in my anger,
 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Additional Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

The Request of James and John

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can,"

they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Stewardship Moment

A good steward understands money, not for the money, but for the possibilities.

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes, poet, songwriter & retired minister

Announcements for Sunday, January 19, 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! Please recycle your bulletins in the blue bins in the Great Hall 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.

Minister's Vacation & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be on vacation from Monday, January 20 to Sunday, January 26 (inclusive). For <u>emergency</u> pastoral care during this time, please call the Congregational Care team at 905-791-0490.

Calling All Youth!

Worship Services - January 19 & 26

We encourage you to be in the Worship Service.

February 2, 9, 16 & 23

Youth Group Series - We will explore the faith journey of Tim Tebow on *Right Now Media* and talk about our own journey of faith. The first lesson will look at "who you are" – your identity – and "whose you are" – your identity in faith.

Annual Report Submissions

Committee chairs and group leaders: You will be receiving an email regarding submissions and a deadline for the 2024 Annual Report. This is a friendly reminder to start thinking about your reports and, if appropriate, financial summaries.