

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 23, 2025 • 10:30 a.m. 7th Sunday after Epiphany • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Prelude: *Come Gather Round* Welcome, Greeting, Announcements T. Creen

(The children & Youth Group are invited to go to their classes.) Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration * Hymn: *All creatures of our God and King*

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The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession: You have blessed us, Lord, with many gifts, but we have sometimes neglected to use them. You have blessed us with family and friends, but we have sometimes ignored them. You have blessed us with a world of beauty and majesty, but all too often we have hardly noticed. You have given us a lifetime of hours and days, but we have sometimes squandered them on the trivial. Teach us, Lord, to number our days, and apply our hearts to wisdom. Amen. Assurance of Pardon Choir Anthem: *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* arr. J. Schrader

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See below for readings & responses) Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy, and apply to our lives what You say to us today. Amen.

1 st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15	(All readings NRSV)
2 nd Scripture Lesson: Luke 6:27-38	
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	
Additional Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	
(The Word of the Lord: <i>Thanks be to God</i> .)	
Sermon: The Struggle to Forgive	Rev. Sandy Fryfogel
* Hymn: Amigos de Cristo / Friends of the Lord	476

Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory: God Forgave My Sin

C. Owens

* 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, you nourish us by the outpouring of Your love. You strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. Our bodies are sustained by Your goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and every talent we possess. These gifts which we offer to You are but a portion of what You give us in abundance. Accept them as signs of our thanksgiving. 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: Love divine, all loves excelling

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen Postlude: *Ayre*

G. P. Telemann

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. Sandy Fryfogel Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman Senior Choir Scripture Reader: Pam Loree 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>

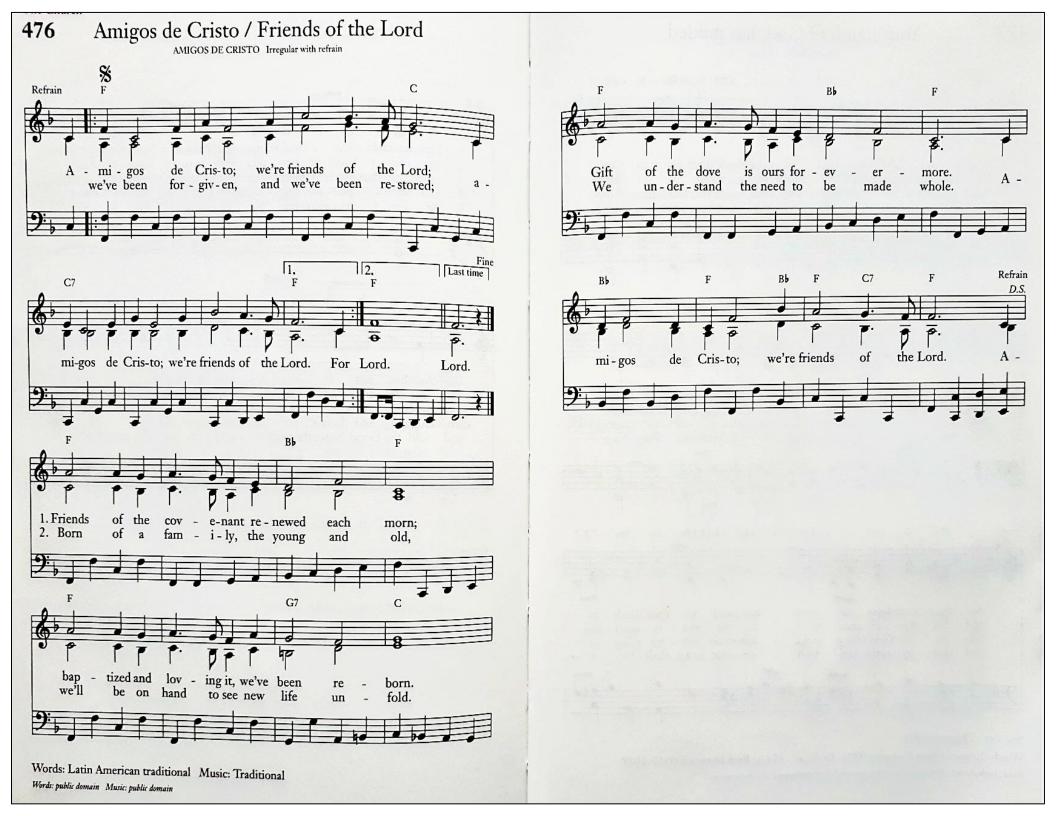
Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:30 am 8th Sunday after Epiphany • Transfiguration "From Glory to Glory: Seeing God in the Mirror" Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

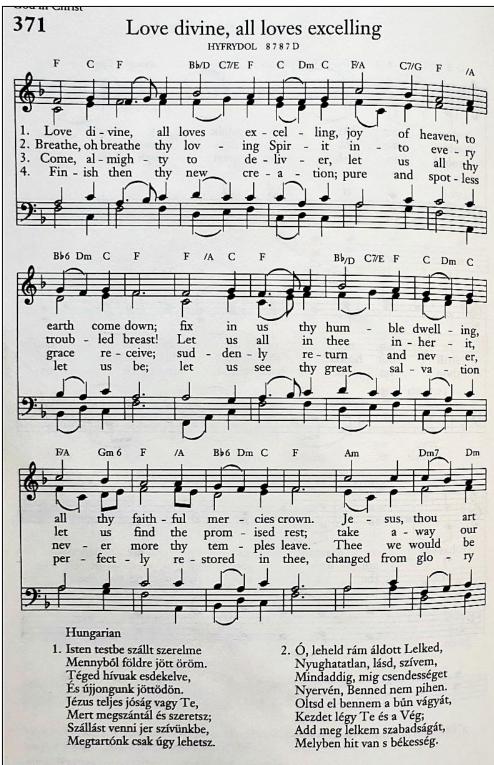
Stewardship Moment

The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. *Love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times. - *Herb Miller* (1936-2018), *minister, author, editor*

Hymns for Sunday, February 23, 2025:







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3. Ó, jöjj vissza, Szabadító, Töled nyerjünk életet; Jöjj sietve s immár többé El ne hagyjad gyermeked! Téged áldunk minden órán, És szolgálunk, szens Urunk, Mindig Hozzád óhajtozván, Áldunk és magasztalunk. 4. Végezd új teremtő munkád, Tiszták, szentek hadd legyünk. Add, hogy vágyva váyjunk Hozzád, Míg tart földi életünk. Vigy a mennybe, hol Elődbe Mind lerakjuk koronánk, Áldva zengi nagy szerelmed Mindörökké szivünk, szánk.

Readings for Sunday, February 23, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-since there are five more years of famine to come-so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

<u>**2nd Scripture Lesson:</u>** Luke 6:27-38 Love for Enemies</u>

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 *Exhortation of Patience and Trust*

- R: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
- C: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- R: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- C: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- R: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- C: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
- R: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- C: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

- R: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- C: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.
- R: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
- All: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Additional Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 The Resurrection Body

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a lifegiving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Dear Members, Adherents and Friends of St. Andrews:

We extend our thanks to the congregation for the many well wishes and expressions of kindness we have received for the Ministry we have shared these past two years.

We have appreciated both the formal support received from the leadership of the congregation, as well as words and acts of encouragement behind the scenes which have been equally important to us.

It has also been a pleasure to work with fellow staff of the congregation.

After a brief hiatus from worshipping together with the congregation, we look forward to taking our place in the pew on Sunday mornings and being a part of the worshipping congregation. Our thanks to the congregation for the pair of Blue Jays/Yankee tickets for the game on Canada Day; we will enjoy the day and the game, no matter who turns out to be the winner!

Sincerely,

Rev. Wayne and Cathy Baswick



Announcements for Sunday, February 23, 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.

In the Pulpit This Morning

We welcome back and thank the Rev. Sandy Fryfogel as our pulpit supply minister this morning.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is available to meet in the Vestry on Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. He can be reached 24/7 at 905-451-1723 ext. 22 or 905-456-1727.

Calling All Youth

The Youth Group Series will resume today in Room 207.

Annual Report Submissions Deadline - February 27

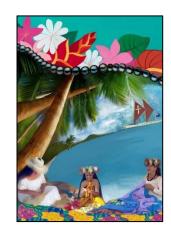
The deadline for submitting material for the 2024 Annual Report is this **Thursday, February 27**. Please send your reports to <u>standrewsoffice@rogers.com</u>. **Anything received after the deadline will not appear in the 2024 Annual Report.**

 \rightarrow *Committee & group chairs/facilitators:* Please compile a list of your committee members as of February 27, <u>2025</u>*, including their roles or titles, if any, and email to the Church Office at <u>standrewsoffice@rogers.com</u> by the above deadline.

* Note <u>correction</u>.

2024 Income Tax Receipts

The 2024 Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up following the service. As per the CRA (Canadian Revenue Agency), donations made in January and February 2025 may go towards your 2024 Income Tax Return. These statements will be printed in March and available for pick up on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed out.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 138:1-18 Artists: Tarani Napa & Tevairangi Napa

Friday March 7, 2025 • 2:00 pm St. Paul's United Church 30 Main Street S., Brampton

Free underground parking at 5 John Street and City Hall

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Sisters from Cook Island have planned this year's service. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

