

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 2, 2025 • 10:30 a.m. 8th Sunday after Epiphany • Transfiguration Sunday •

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

Prelude: *Oh Be Joyful, Oh Be Jubilant* Welcome, Greeting, Announcements Silent Prayer

N. Sleeth

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration
See & Hear

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

* Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts
so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives
- that which is beautiful and good, and that which is
hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

- Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: Lord, I Know I Been Changed arr. L.

arr. L. Shackley

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See below for readings & responses)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us in the Truth of your Word, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abiding in Christ we pray. Amen.

- From "Get Lit Worship Resources"

1st Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

(All readings NRSV)

 2^{nd} Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 99

Additional Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35

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

Sermon: From Glory to Glory: Seeing God in the Mirror

Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Great is thy faithfulness*

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Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory: One More Step

S. Carter

- * 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:

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

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: To God be the glory

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *I've Got the Joy!*

G. Cooke

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

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman Senior Choir

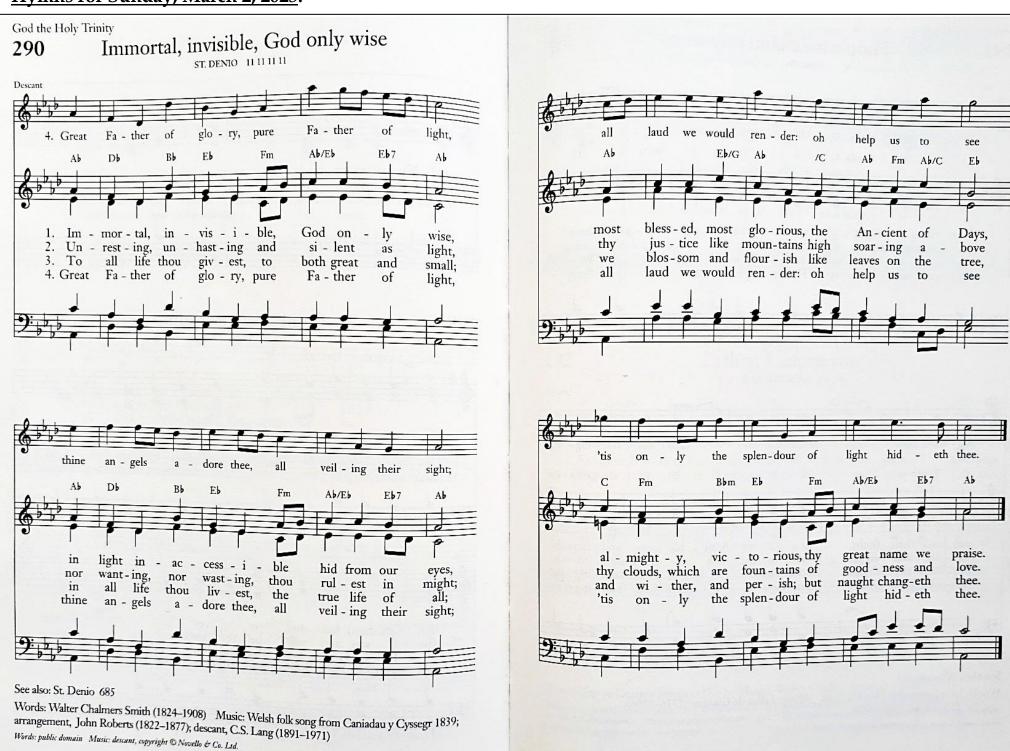
Congas/Percussion: Kennedy Jackson *Scripture Reader:* Molly Harvey Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

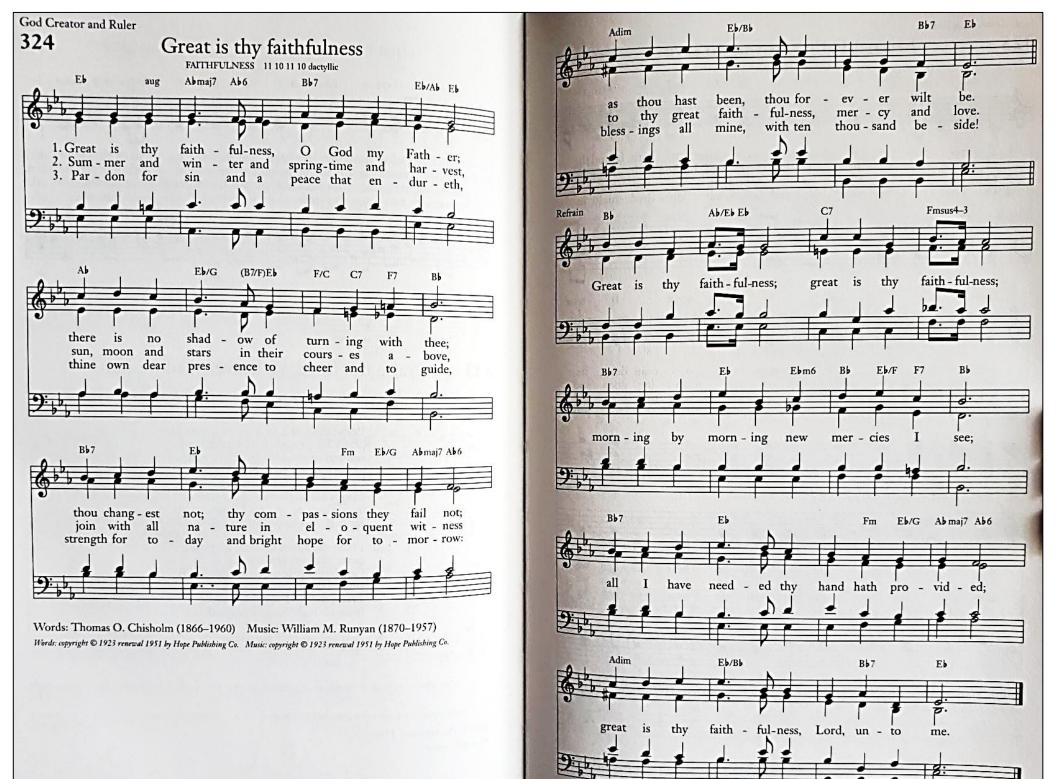
Worship Next Week

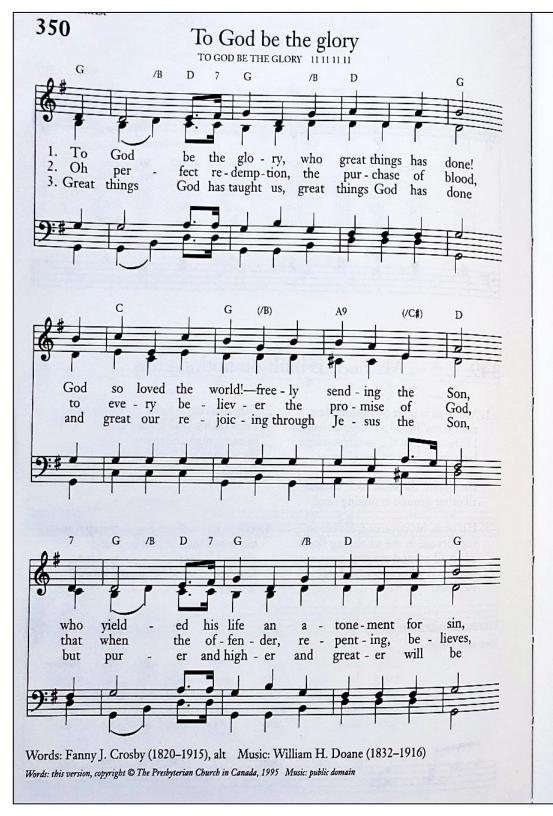
If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us for our livestreamed services: St. Andrew's YouTube Channel

Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:30 am 1st Sunday in Lent "40 Days in the Desert of Lent" Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

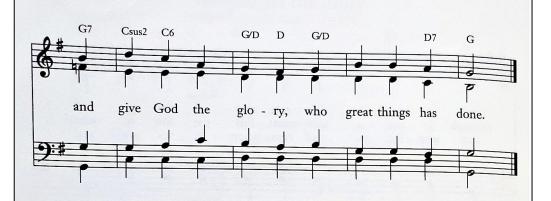
Hymns for Sunday, March 2, 2025:











To God be the Glory Original Words

1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice. Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he hath done!

- 2. Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives! *Refrain*:
- 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see! Refrain:

Readings for Sunday, March 2, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

2nd **Scripture Lesson**: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

We will be transformed

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled

faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 99 Worship upon God's holy hill

- R: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
 He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- R: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
- C: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- R: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- C: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
 Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
 They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
 they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- R: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- All: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

Additional Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35 Moses' face shone

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Stewardship Moment

For all that has been—thanks. For all that shall be—yes.

- Dag Hammarskjold



Announcements for Sunday, March 2, 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.

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Wayne and Michelle Tedder on the passing of Wayne's mother, Sylvia Tedder, on February 25. Sylvia was a longtime member of St. Andrew's. A Celebration of Life is being planned; please check the St. Andrew's Facebook page for details.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

When Rev. Byron has had a chance to settle in to life at St. Andrew's, we will let you know his office hours. He can be reached at 226-998-5606 or rev.byronkappes@gmail.com. Alternatively, for emergency pastoral care, you may also contact the Congregational Care team at 905-791-0490.

Calling All Youth

The **Youth Group Series** will continue today in Room 207.

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.**

