



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 16, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Lent • Band Sunday •
Seasonal Colour: Violet

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

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic Melody
Welcome, Greeting, Announcements
Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration
See & Hear

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

* Hymn: *I am the church! You are the church!* 475

Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy (See PWS&D insert below)

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'.
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Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Gather With the Saints*

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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (All readings NRSV)

2nd Scripture Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 27

Additional Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

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

Sermon: *Lent 2: Waiting on a Promise* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* 399

Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory: *Amazing Grace* arr. A. Clark

* 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:

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: *We are God's people*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *All Night, All Day, Angels Watchin' Over Me* Trad.

*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 • Leap of Faith

Lenten Liturgy & Scripture Reader: Stan Loree

Duty Elder: Felicity Alexander

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 23, 2025 10:30 am

3rd Sunday in Lent

"Lent 3: The Gift of Repentance"

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, March 16, 2025:

The Church

475 I am the church! You are the church!

PORT JERVIS 7 7 8 6 with refrain

Refrain

G Em7

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

C/D D7 G Em

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

Am D Bm Em C/G G Fine

all a-round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Verses

G C C6

1. The church is not a build - ing; the church is not a stee - ple;
2. We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
3. Some - times the church is march - ing; some - times it's brave - ly burn - ing;
4. And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing;
5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

D G C6 D D.C.

the church is not a rest - ing place; the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ours and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing; al - ways it's learn - ing.
there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS Irregular

Unison
Refrain

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
Souf - fle, vent doux du Saint-Es - prit; ta grâ - ce

Bm E Asus4 - 3

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free.
me con - duit hors du dé - sert.

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from
Souf - fle, grand vent du Saint-Es - prit, se - coue notre

Bm G A7 D G D Fine

pla - cid - ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.
a - pa - thie, vent, vent sur la mer.

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Verses

D G A G

1. You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3. You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4. You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

D Bm Bm7

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

E Asus4 - 3 D

val - leys of sleep, and o - ver the
 law and a land, and when they were
 whole world was still, and down in the
 cap - tives dream dreams; our wom - en see

G A G D

ae - ons you called to each thing: -
 blind - ed with their i - dols and lies, then you
 ci - ty you called once a - gain, when you
 vi - sions, our men clear their eyes; with

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers
 spoke through your proph - ets
 blew through your peo - ple
 bold new de - ci - sions

A7 D G A D.C.

and rise on your wings.
 to o - pen their eyes.
 on the rush of the wind.
 your peo - ple a - rise.

1. Tu formas la terre,
 Esprit créateur;
 tu dressas les montagnes
 en gloire et splendeur.
 À travers les âges,
 tu crias à tous vents:
 «Déployez vos ailes,
 sortez du néant.»
 Refrain:

2. Tu choisis un peuple;
 poussé par ta voix,
 il quitta l'esclavage
 vers une terre et une loi.
 Et quand il fut trompé
 par des illusions,
 tu donnas aux prophètes
 tes saintes visions.
 Refrain:

3. Tu chantas dans l'étable,
 tu gémiss sur la croix;
 tu rompis le silence,
 par un souffle de joie.
 Et puis, dans les villes,
 tu nous envoyas
 le vent d'une tempête
 qui nous ranima.
 Refrain:

4. Esprit, tu écrases
 l'ancien désespoir;
 tu dévoiles à l'esclave
 le chemin de l'espoir.
 Les femmes et les hommes
 reçoivent ta vision,
 ton peuple se lève,
 avec décision.
 Refrain:

We are God's people

SYMPHONY 11 11 14 8 9

Unison F C /Bb F/A Bb F F C F C

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
 2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head,
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

F C /Bb F/A Bb F C F C

born of the Spir - it, es - tab - lished by the word; our
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; a -

Cm Gm/Bb A7 /C# Dm /C Bb

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: oh
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: oh
 wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: oh
 lone, we die, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet

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C /Bb Gm C F G C Bb/C/Bb Gm F/A Bbmaj7 Gm F/C C F

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 let us free - ly give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.



Easter Flowers



Every year on Easter Sunday, we decorate the Easter Cross with flowers. The Worship Committee invites you to give cut flowers in memory of a loved one this Easter. **Please give \$20 to cover the cost of the flowers. All names and payments must be received by Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. To give flowers for the Cross:**

1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of THESE WAYS:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked **“Easter Flowers”** on the offering plate and include the donor information form below. **OR**
- Pay by Interac e-Transfer via your bank’s website or app, using treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. *Include your name and “Easter Flowers” in the message area.* **OR** Pay via our website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. *Mark your payment “Easter Flowers”.* *For both electronic methods, please email standrewsoffice@rogers.com with your donor information (see below) after making your payment.*

2. SUBMIT the FOLLOWING to the CHURCH OFFICE by APRIL 13:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: (Name of loved one[s], for the bulletin)

FROM: (Name of donor[s], for the bulletin)

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____



Second Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: As we seek your face, O God, on our
Lenten journey,

All: **may we remember your covenant of grace
with your people.**

One: Give us eyes to see your compassion and glory
in Christ Jesus

All: **that we may be astounded by your greatness.**

One: Help our hearts to take courage as we wait
for you, O God,

All: **so that together we can sing and
make melody.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

From Student to Teacher



Jessica is an inspiration at Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, where she teaches Grade 6.

Her journey with Francisco Coll began when she was just 11 years old, attending elementary school there. With a scholarship supported by PWS&D, she continued her studies beyond elementary school—through middle school, high school, and even teacher training.

Now, after 13 years of teaching at Francisco Coll, Jessica exemplifies the school's holistic approach to education. She doesn't just teach subjects like math, language, science and social studies, she instills values of productivity, citizenship and character development—reflecting the community.

Jessica believes in walking alongside her students and helping them apply what they have learned to the real world.

For Jessica, Francisco Coll is more than a school. It is her second home, a place where success and achievement are not just ideals but lived experiences shared with her students and community.

"What I love is to be a teacher, to be here with my students," she shares.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to open
classroom doors and provide necessary supplies to help children
reach their full potential.**



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Readings for Sunday, March 16, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The Covenant with Abraham

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

2nd Scripture Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and

now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 27 *The Lord shall keep me safe*

- R: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**
R: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh –
my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.
C: **Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**
R: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
C: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**
R: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
C: **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!**
R: 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
C: **Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.**

R: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

C: **Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

R: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

*All: Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!*

Additional Scripture: Luke 13:31-35 *A hen gathering her brood*
At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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

Stewardship Moment

Gratitude is the memory of the heart. – *French proverb*

Announcements for Sunday, March 16, 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.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Byron 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.

Youth Group

There is no Youth Group session this week because of March Break. Sessions will start again next Sunday, March 23.

Induction Service for Rev. Byron Kappes

The Induction Service by the Presbytery of Brampton for the Reverend Byron Kappes into the Pastoral Charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will take place next **Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship in the Great Hall. The Presbytery of Brampton will meet in the Session Room at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to attend this worship service in support of Rev. Byron Kappes' ministry here at St. Andrew's.

Games Night Alert!

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter and friendly competition! Join us on **Friday, March 28 at 7:00 pm** in the Great Hall for an all-ages games night. Bring your favourite game or jump in to learn a new one – either way, it's going to be a blast! Don't miss out – see you there!

Duty Elders Needed in the Great Hall!

Elders and supporting Elders are asked to sign up for Elder Duty. The sheet is on the bulletin board in the Great Hall.

St. Andrew's Session
Session Summary - March 10, 2025
WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

NEWS

The Session was all smiles on Monday, March 10 when the elders held their first meeting with the Rev. Byron Kappes as the Moderator.

INDUCTION SERVICE

The Brampton Presbytery is holding an Induction Service for the Rev. Byron Kappes at St. Andrew's on **Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** Please plan to attend.

ROLL CLERK

The Session is pleased to appoint Ian Jess as the Roll Clerk. We thank Kim Shepherd, who worked tirelessly to update this task.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The Line of Credit at the end of February is \$24,000.00 with an interest rate of 6.7%. The balance in the Restricted Fund is up. The year-to-date offering is below budget for both the morning and afternoon services.

Stewardship is holding its annual fundraisers: The BBQ meat and the hanging baskets of flowers. The details will be in the bulletin shortly. The Easter Offering is designated to do repairs and upgrades to the Manse. The Easter Letter will be mailed at the end of March.

Worship & Fellowship Committee

The Holy Week worship services are:

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - Friday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Easter - Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. with Communion

The **Easter Cross flowers** are on order. If you would like to make donations toward the purchase of these flowers in memory of loved ones, please see the Sunday bulletin inserts for details.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank volunteers work very hard to provide food packages every week to many clients, but they are also involved in the life of St. Andrew's. Thank you to these volunteers who have undertaken to thoroughly clean the downstairs wing once per month.

S-EAOM

The S-EAOM service is changed to 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The members of the afternoon group is planning their Annual Revival Meeting for the end of August. We will let you know the details as they become available.

PASTORAL CARE

In-Person Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. If you feel unwell, please do not attend in-person worship, meetings, or events.

Pastoral Care

Our Congregational Care Team is available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

Prayer Circle

If you request prayers for a family member or friend, please have their permission before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.