



# 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 30, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Violet

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

Prelude: *The Lord's My Shepherd* J. Irvine  
Welcome, Greeting, Announcements  
Silent Prayer

### *Approach to Worship*

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration  
See & Hear  
(The children & Youth are invited to go to their classes.)

\* Hymn: *A mighty fortress is our God* 315

### *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: *Oh, Sinner Man*

arr. B. Slagle Mayo

## *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"*

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 (All readings NRSV)

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32

Additional Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12

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

Sermon: *Lent 4: The Gift of Grace* Rev. Byron Kappes

\* Hymn: *Tell me the old, old story* 499

## *Response and Thanksgiving*

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

Offertory: *I Will Call Upon the Lord* M. O'Shields

\* 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: *Amazing grace*

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## *Returning to Service*

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Welsh Folk

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*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*

*Lenten Liturgy & Scripture Reader: Kim Shepherd*

*Duty Elder: Stan Loree*

*Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd*

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## *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, April 6, 2025 10:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"Lent 5: Wasteful Generosity"*

*Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes*

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A mighty fortress is our God

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C /E F G Am D G Am Em F G Am/C

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a ref - uge nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with e - vil filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers—no thanks to them!—a -

Dm G7 C /E F G Am D G Am Em F

fail - ing, our help - er sure a - mid the flood of mor - tal  
 los - ing, were not a Sav - iour on our side, the One of  
 do us, we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to  
 bid - ing, en - sures that all God's gifts are ours, through Christ in

G Am Dm G7 C Em D G/B D G C/E

ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe yet  
 God's own choos - ing. Who is this Sav - iour, who? Christ  
 tri - umph through us: the powers of death and hell our  
 us re - sid - ing, whose sum - mons rings a - bove all

C /E F Dm6 C Em Am 6 G/B Am/C D G F

seeks to work us woe with craft and pow - er great and,  
 Je - sus, liv - ing, true. Lord Sab - ba - oth by name, from  
 God will sure - ly quell: their rage we can en - dure, for  
 goods, all earth - ly love. Earth's pow - ers waste a - way; God's

F C A/C# Dm A Am Em F C Am Dm G7 C

armed with cru - el hate, on earth has not an e - qual.  
 age to age the same, al - read - y wins the bat - tle.  
 look! their doom is sure: one lit - tle word will fell them.  
 word en - dures al - way, whose reign will last for - ev - er.

See also: Ein' Feste Burg 316

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## Tell me the old, old story

EVANGEL 7 6 7 6 D with refrain

C /E C F C G/F C/E C Am

1. Tell me the old, old sto - ry of un - seen things a -  
 2. Tell me the sto - ry slow - ly, that I may take it  
 3. Tell me the sto - ry soft - ly, with ear - nest tones and  
 4. Tell me the same old sto - ry, when you have cause to

Gsus4-3 G/F C/E C /E C F G7/D C F

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of  
 in, that won - der - ful re - demp - tion, God's  
 grave; re - mem - ber I'm the sin - ner whom  
 fear that this world's emp - ty glo - ry is

C/E C Gsus4-3 C G G7/B G

Je - sus and his love. Tell me the sto - ry  
 rem - e - dy for sin. Tell me the sto - ry  
 Je - sus came to save. Tell me the sto - ry  
 cost - ing me too dear. Yes, and when that world's

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C /E D7 G /F

sim - ply, as to a lit - tle child, for  
 of - ten, for I for - get so soon; the  
 al - ways, if you would real - ly be, in  
 glo - ry is dawn - ing on my soul, tell

C/E (C /E C) F G7/D C F C/G F/A 6 G 7 C

I am weak and wea - ry, and help - less and de - filed.  
 ear - ly dew of morn - ing has passed a - way at noon.  
 an - y time of trou - ble, a com - fort - er to me.  
 me the old, old sto - ry: Christ Je - sus makes thee whole.

Refrain  
C /E C F C G7 /B G7 C

Tell me the old, old sto - ry; tell me the old, old sto - ry;

(C/E G7) Am C/Bb F/A F F#dim C/G G7 C

tell me the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



## Amazing grace

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F /C C7 Dm Bb F

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares,  
 1. Grâce in - fi - nie de no - tre Dieu  
 2. Ma vie fut com - plète - ment chan - gée

C7 F C7 F C7 F F/A

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,  
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought  
 qui un jour m'a sau - vé. J'é - tais per - du,  
 du mo - ment où j'ai cru. De - puis ce jour

Bb F Dm F/C C7 F

but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 er - rant de lieu en lieu quand il m'a re - trou - vé.  
 de tous les dan - gers, sa grâ - ce m'a se - cou - ru.

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4. The Lord has promised good to me:  
 this word my hope secures;  
 God will my shield and portion be,  
 as long as life endures.

3. Dans mes épreuves et mes labeurs  
 suffisante est sa grâce.  
 Je peux toujours compter sa faveur  
 à chaque heure qui passe.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love—  
 a boundless, endless store—  
 shall echo through the realms above  
 when time shall be no more.

4. Quand nous aurons pendant mille ans  
 célébré ses louanges,  
 nous pourrons comme au commencement,  
 lui offrir nos hommages.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 bright shining as the sun,  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than  
 when we'd first begun.

## Chinese (Mandarin)

1. Qí yì èn diǎn! Hé dèng gān tián!  
 Wó zuì yè dé shè miǎn!  
 Qián wó shì sòng, jīn bèi xún huí;  
 Xià yān jīn dè kàn jiàn.

## Cree

1. Mamaskach sakihiwewin  
 Kapimachihwet  
 Pikwataw nikiwaihon  
 Anoch maka niwap

## Mohawk

1. Ioh ne ra a kwat ra o ten raht  
 ne se wa ah tsia tah kwen  
 wa ka a tsia a tah ton ha tie es kwe  
 ses ha tsia a tah tsen rion.

## Ojibway

1. Kihcishawencikewin  
 kaapimaaci' ikoyaan  
 Ninkakippiunkwenaapan hsa  
 Nookom itahsh niwaap





# Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls*

**One:** Like the prodigal son, we sometimes waste our lives

**All:** **running toward arrogant and unthinking excess.**

**One:** Like the older brother, we sometimes lose our way

**All:** **resenting the blessings others receive.**

**One:** But to all, Christ offers grace—a new creation and a reconciled world,

**All:** **so let us be glad and rejoice in the steadfast love of the Lord.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

# Creating an Environment for Success



Any instance of violence, whether in public spaces or in the home, is one too many. PWS&D's partner in Nicaragua is helping to create safe environments that foster equitable, non-violent relationships within the family and community. The project works to protect children and adolescents, especially girls, who might be at risk, promote their rights, and strengthen and improve family dynamics.

One 13-year-old girl, who joined the project with her mother, reflects on what has changed. "I've learned a lot, and I see things differently. At home I can talk more, and my mom tries to help me. I feel like we have changed a lot, and I feel safer. I know that I want to continue studying and learning and improving and I'm motivated to do it. I think I can do a lot of good and beautiful things—to help my family, and in the future, to help other girls like me."

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to help build safe environments where families and communities can thrive.**



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## Readings for Sunday, March 30, 2025:

**1st Scripture Lesson:** Luke 15:11-32

### *The parable of the forgiving father*

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted

calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

**2nd Scripture Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

### *The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 32 *Mercy embraces us*

R: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

R: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

C: You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

R: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.  
Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

All: *Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

**Additional Scripture:** Joshua 5:9-12 *Israel eats bread and grain*  
The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you  
the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to  
this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they  
kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the  
month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover,  
on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened  
cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they  
ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had  
manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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



## Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship service. 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.**

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### TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

#### 1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of THESE WAYS:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked "**Easter Flowers**" on the offering plate during in-person worship. Please include donor information (see #2 below) in the envelope. **OR**
- Pay online using your bank's website or app: *Select Interac e-Transfer, use [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca) as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. In the message area, indicate your name and "Easter Flowers".* **OR** You can pay via our website at <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. **Be sure to mark your payment "Easter Flowers".** For both methods, please email [standrewsoffice@rogers.com](mailto:standrewsoffice@rogers.com) with your donor information (see #2 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)

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

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

... Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ...



## Announcements for Sunday, March 30, 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 Great Hall blue bins. 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. Thank you.

### Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Starting April 1, Rev. Byron Kappes will be in the Vestry every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. He can be reached at 226-998-5606 or [rev.byronkappes@gmail.com](mailto:rev.byronkappes@gmail.com).

### Youth Group

The Youth Group study series continues in Room 207 today.

### Elders & Volunteers: We Need YOU!

Active and supporting Elders are asked to sign up for Elder Duty on Sunday mornings. We also need volunteers to serve refreshments during fellowship time after the service. If you can help - even if it's one time - please sign the sheets on the bulletin board in the Great Hall.

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## Stewardship Moment

Gift and Response. In this mode, gifts exist before benefactors. The universe is a gift. Life is a gift. Air, light, soil, and water are gifts. We live on a gifted planet. Everything we need is here, with us. We freely respond to these gifts by choosing a life of mutual care. - Diana Butler Bass

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## Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship at St. Andrew's

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*Please join us on our continuing journey through Lent and Holy Week, and the joy of Easter!*

**Sunday, April 6**      **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**      **10:30 am**

*Lent 5: Wasteful Generosity*

**Sunday, April 13**      **Palm Sunday**      **10:30 am**

The Sunday School children will participate in a Palm Parade as we celebrate *Christian Victory*.

**Thursday, April 17**      **Maundy Thursday**      **7:00 pm**

*A New Commandment*. This Holy Week service includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction.

**Friday, April 18**      **Good Friday**      **11:00 am**

*Finished*. This moving service reminds us that, even though it often appears otherwise, the darkness can never put out The Light.

**Sunday, April 20**      **Easter Sunday**      **10:30 am**

You will be *Upside-down* with joy as we take Holy Communion by distribution and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

