



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, AUGUST 31, 2025 10:30 AM
12th Sunday after Pentecost • Labour Day Weekend •
Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Opening

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *Come, children, join to sing*

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See & Hear

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

The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not always loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not always loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has worked your holy will in us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below)
Heavenly Father, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths and lead us into your truth. Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 2:9-13

2nd Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Responsive Psalm 112 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *A Seat of Honour* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Take time to be holy* 638

* Apostles' Creed (*unison*) (See below)

Response and Thanksgiving

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

Offertory

* 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: *Be thou my vision*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude

*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: Ruth Kelly-Boxe

*Thank you to our volunteers who provide audiovisual services
and refreshments each week!*

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, September 7, 2025 10:30 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost • Rally Day

*Blessing of Teachers & Children and Commissioning of
Sunday School; Welcome-back barbecue after worship*

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, August 31, 2025:

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Come, children, join to sing

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1. Come, chil-dren, join to sing—
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men—
 3. Loud now our voic - es raise—
 praise to our Ser-vant King,
 let prais-es fill the sky— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!
 no power can still our praise—
 Let all with heart and voice saved by God's gra-cious choice,
 Christ calls his peo - ple friends; lost, out - cast he de - fends
 On heav-en's bles-sed shore, God's good-ness we'll a - dore
 now in this place re-joice—
 with love that nev - er ends— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er-more—

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Discipleship
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Take time to be holy

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY 11 11 11 11

1. Take time to be ho - ly; speak oft with thy Lord.
 2. Take time to be ho - ly; the world rush-es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly; let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly; be calm in thy soul,
 A - bid in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.
 Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak,
 By look-ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still him thou shalt be;
 Thus led by his Spir - it to fol - low thy Lord,
 foun-tains of love,
 for - get-ting in noth - ing his bless-ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like-ness shall see.
 and, look-ing to Je - sus, his trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted still for serv-ice a - bove.

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Be thou my vision

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Descant

5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

Unison Eb /G Ab Bb /Ab Eb/G Ab Fm6 Eb

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom; be thou my true word;
 3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain earth - ly praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;

Bb Fm (/Eb) Bb/D Eb /G Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb /Ab Eb/G

naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my ar - and be thou my might;
 thou my in - her - it - ance, through all my days;
 grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;

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heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Ab Ab/Eb Eb Bb/D Cm Gm7 Ab (maj7) Bb/Ab

thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 thou my great Fath - er, thine own may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter and thou my high tower,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Eb/G Eb (/D) Cm Eb/G Ab6 /C Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art!
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Readings for Sunday, August 31, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 2:9-13 *Israel forsakes the Lord*

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

2nd Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Invite the poor to your banquet

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you

give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 112 *The righteous are merciful*

R: Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

C: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

R: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

C: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

R: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.

C: **They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

R: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.

*All: The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.*

* **The Apostles' Creed:**

Let us confess our faith together in the words of The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Stewardship Moment

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

Rally Day – Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am



We're looking forward to starting off the fall season with Rally Day next **Sunday, September 7**. During the worship service, there will be a blessing of our Christian Education children and teachers, and a commissioning of the Sunday School.

After the service, everyone is invited to a barbecue, plus fun and games for kids of all ages. Don't forget to bring your family, friends and neighbours!

God Sightings

Throughout the summer, the Sunday School invites you to look for "God Sightings" during your week: moments when you see God at work in your life or the community around you. On Sundays, add your God Sightings to the Education bulletin board in the Great Hall. Pens and index cards are available. Let's fill the board with all the ways we see God moving in and through our world!

Summer Offering

The Stewardship Committee invites you to consider joining Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). The work of the church continues throughout the summer, and our ongoing ministries rely on regular weekly offerings. If you'd like to sign up for PAR or learn more, please speak with our Envelope Secretaries, who would be happy to help you get set up.

Announcements for Sunday, August 31, 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. The staffed **Nursery** (Room 106) is available for infants and toddlers during worship; parents will be supplied with a pager.

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Gwen Arbuckle**, who died on July 30. Gwen was, at 103, our oldest member. A funeral will be held at Christ Anglican Church in Coboconk on Friday, September 12 at 12:00 p.m.

We also extend our deepest condolences to Jennifer Aleong, her children and extended family on the passing of husband and father **David Aleong** on August 24. A funeral was held at St. Andrew's on August 30.

Please pray for both families.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Byron Kappes is 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.

September Newsletter

If your email is up-to-date with the Church Office, you will have received an email, with our September newsletter attached, by the time you read this bulletin. The newsletter will also be posted on our website. A few printed copies will be available today on the table in the Great Hall. These are intended **only** for people with **no** email address or **no** printer. Volunteers will deliver printed copies to members who are confined to home, or who have no computer. Thanks for understanding – and happy reading!

Membership Classes

A new program of classes for membership at St. Andrew's will start this September. Those seeking membership will be asked to attend three 1-hour classes taught by Rev. Kappes, with an in-worship membership ceremony acting as the "graduation". Classes will cover topics such as basic Presbyterian theology, sacraments, church governance and structure, and basic church history, including a review of significant subordinate standards such as "Living Faith". Our next New Member ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 19, with the three classes to be held on Sundays, September 14, 21 & 28 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please email Rev. Kappes at rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.

To request membership, submit a completed **Information Required for New Member** form (available in the Great Hall or upon request from the Church Office). As always, these forms must be sent or dropped off directly to the Church Office. If an individual submits a membership request, it is understood that they will attend all membership classes as well as the scheduled New Member ceremony.

Church Memorial

The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is seeking ideas for a church memorial project. The concept is a space, wall or synthetic tree where church members can have names of late loved ones or friends written or engraved, such as on bricks, rocks, brass/bronze plates, etc., at an affordable price. (The initial idea was a garden where rocks with engraved plates could be placed, but the issue of upkeep was raised as a concern.) The aim is to choose a method that will not cost too much for individual members to purchase. Your ideas are welcome before we commit to something permanent. To discuss your own ideas or preferences with Rev. Byron Kappes, please email rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.