



# 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 10:30 AM Rally Day • Blessing of Children and Teachers & Commissioning of Sunday School • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

### *Opening*

Prelude: *Come Join the Circle*

G. Webber

Welcome & Announcements

### *Approach to Worship*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

\* Hymn: *Jesus loves me, this I know*

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See & Hear

Blessing of Children and Teachers &

Commissioning of the Sunday School

(See below)

(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 neighbour 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 graciousness, 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

Choir Anthem: *The Potter's Hand*

D. Zschech arr. L. Larson

## *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.**

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Responsive Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (See below for responses)  
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Owning Up to Our Possessions* Rev. Byron Kappes

\* Hymn: *Tell me the stories of Jesus* 348

\* 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: *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy* G. W. Cooke

\* 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 marching / Siyahamba* 639  
(Sing 3x: "We are marching..." "We are praying..." "We are singing...")

## *Returning to Service*

Commission & Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Hornpipe*

S. Wesley

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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*

*Scripture Readers:* Jessica & Holly Rhind

*Sound & Visuals:* 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, September 14, 2025 10:30 am**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"Lost and Alone"*

*Minister:* Rev. Byron Kappes

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## Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders

### Preamble:

We have all been called to dedicate our unique gifts to God's service, to use and develop them for the good of all and for the building of Christ's church.

"The gifts Jesus gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (*Ephesians 4:11-13*)

### Invitation:

*Nursery: James Stratton. Sunday School: Jessica Rhind, Meaghan Bhim, Kim Shepherd, Robyn Beams. Youth: Ray Scanlan, Doreen Scott-Dunne.*

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

**People: but the same Spirit;**

Leader: There are varieties of services,

**People: but the same Lord;**

Leader: There are varieties of activities

**People: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

Leader: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

**People: In baptism we are called to nurture one another.**

Leader: You are charged with special responsibility to guide and teach those under your care. May this deepen your own faith as you lead with kindness, respect and insight.

### Questions to those being commissioned:

Do you accept the responsibility of the service that has been entrusted to you? How do you answer?

**I do.**

Do you promise to respect and nurture those under your care, and to help develop their gifts to the glory of God? How do you answer?

**I do.**

*(The Congregation is asked to please stand.)*

### Question to the Congregation:

Do you promise to uphold and encourage their ministry, and to support them with your prayers? How do you answer?

**We do.**

May the Lord bless this congregation and their leaders, and give all of us the grace to keep these promises.

### Unison Prayer of Commissioning:

**God of wisdom, we thank You for those who have committed themselves to teaching Your ways and Your word. Fill them with grace, joy and peace, and grant them patience, humour and the gift of the Spirit. May they experience Your love and guidance in all that they do. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord be kind and gracious to you;

The Lord look upon you with favour,  
and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**



## Jesus loves me, this I know

JESUS LOVES ME 7 7 7 7 with refrain

D A D G G/D D

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so,  
 2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

D A D G D D/A A7 D

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

D G D D/A A

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

D G D/A A7 D

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## We are marching / Siyahamba

SIYAHAMBA Irregular

G D7 G C/G G C D (C/D)

We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march - ing in the light of  
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -  
 Nous mar - chons dans la lu - mière de Dieu, nous mar - chons dans la lu - mière de

Sop.

1. 2. G G (C/G) G7 C

God. We are march - ing,  
 khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba,  
 Dieu. Oui, nous mar - chons,  
 God. We are the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are  
 khos'. Si - ya - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -  
 Dieu. Nous mar - lu - mière de Dieu. Oui, nous mar - chons, mar - chons; oui, nous

G oo, C D (C/D) G

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 mar - chons, mar - chons; nous mar - chons dans la lu - mière de Dieu.

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# Tell me the stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS 8 4 8 4 5 4 5 4

Unison (Optional S.A.)

C /G C /G G/D G C

1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear,  
2. First, let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
3. Tell me a - bout the dis - ci - ples from far and near,  
4. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, how rolled the sea,  
5. In - to the ci - ty I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,

C /G C A/C# G/D D7 G

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me:  
and I will lis - ten a - mong them ea - ger to hear.  
toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest on Gal - i - lee,  
wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

G7 C6 C C9 (Am/C C7) A7/C# Dm

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
Whose loaves and fish - es did Je - sus bless,  
and how the Mas - ter, read - y and kind,  
one of his her - als, yes, I would sing

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G7 Am dim 7 C/G G7 C

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
show - ing the peo - ple God's ten - der - ness?  
chid - ed the bil - lows and hushed the wind.  
loud - est ho - san - nas: Je - sus is King!

## Readings for Sunday, September 7, 2025:

### 1st Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 *The Lord Shapes Israel*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson:** Luke 14:25-33 *Give up your possessions*  
Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*You have searched me out*

- R: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
C: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
R: You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
C: **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**  
R: You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

- C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
R: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
C: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**  
R: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
C: **My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**  
R: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
*All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them – they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end – I am still with you.*
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\* **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.**



## Announcements for Sunday, September 7, 2025



### Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

We're glad you chose to join us for **Rally Sunday!** 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. Following the

worship service, there will be a **barbecue** and **games** for kids of all ages. Please join us!

### 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](mailto:rev.byronkappes@gmail.com).

## Calling All Youth!

Our **Youth Class** will resume on **Sunday, September 21** in Room 207 just before the children's story. The focus will be on prayer. We will be using videos from *Right Now Media* on the "Practice of Prayer" by Pastor John Mark Comer, and our topics for discussion will be:

*Talking to God • Talking with God • Listening to God*

Come along and join us for four weeks on this great topic!

### Many Hands Make Light Work

We need Duty Elders and volunteers to serve refreshments each Sunday. If you can help – even one time – please sign up on the sheet posted on the Great Hall bulletin board.



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P R E S B Y T E R I A N

## Service of Gratitude

*Gratitude:*

The quality of being thankful:  
readiness to show appreciation  
for and to return kindness.

With this in mind: the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Brampton, invites members of the Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, Peel Paramedics and Peel Regional Police, to a service of gratitude on **Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.** St. Andrew's is located at 44 Church Street East (corner of Church St. & Union St.)

We realize that not all will be able to attend, so for those who cannot attend in person, our service is broadcast live on YouTube.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, for you.



*Thank you to all our First Responders!*