



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 21, 2025 10:30 AM
15th Sunday after Pentecost • Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Opening

Prelude: *The Servant Song*

R. Hillary

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *Open my eyes, that I may see*

500

See & Hear

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

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: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

T. Dorsey are. S. Curry

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 8:18-9:1

2nd Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Responsive Psalm 113 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Two Masters* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *There is a balm in Gilead* 747

* 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: *What a Friend* C. Converse

* 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: *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine* 687

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Faith of Our Fathers* D. Hegarty

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 Reader: Mary-Louise Stratton

Sound & Visuals: 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, September 28, 2025 10:30 am

Service of Gratitude

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Stewardship Moment

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

- Romans 12:13 NIV

Hymns for Sunday, September 21, 2025:

500

Open my eyes, that I may see

OPEN MY EYES 8 8 9 8 with refrain

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab6 Ab

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear,
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth eve - ry - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, eve - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain
 Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see;

(Eb/Bb Ab/C) Ab7C# Db(6) Eb7 Ab

o - pen my eyes:
 o - pen my ears: il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart:

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747

There is a balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD 7 6 7 6 with refrain (8 6 8 6)

Refrain
 F (Bb/F) C 9

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole.

C 7 F F/C C 7 F Fine

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

F Bb6/F F Bb6/F F (A) C9

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

F Bb6/F F7 Bb6 F/C C 7 F C7/E D.C.

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl - edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 with refrain (9 9 9 9)

D G/D (D) D

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh what a
 2. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, vi-sions of
 3. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

A/E E7 (A/EE) A D G/D (D)

fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de-scend - ing bring from a -
 Sav - iour am hap - py and blest, watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

D G6 D/A A7 D

God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
 bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

D G D

This is my sto - ry; this is my song:

G D/F# A/E E A

prais - ing my Sav - iour all the day long;

A7 D G/D (D) D

this is my sto - ry; this is my song:

D (A/E D) G6 D/A A7 D

prais - ing my Sav - iour all the day long.

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Readings for Sunday, September 21, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Jeremiah laments over Judah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

2nd Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:1-13 *Serving God or wealth*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the

dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 113 *God, the helper of the needy*

R: Praise the LORD!

C: **Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.**

R: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.

C: **From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

R: The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

C: **Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high, who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

R: He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

*All: He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!*

* **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 21, 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.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Byron Kappes is in the Vestry every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. If you would like to meet with him outside of these hours, please contact Byron for an appointment. He can be reached at 226-998-5606 or rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.

Youth Class

Youth Class resumes today in Room 207 just before the children's story. The focus is on prayer, with videos on the "Practice of Prayer" by Pastor John Mark Comer.

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!