



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, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 10:30 AM
Advent 1: Hope • Sacrament of Holy Communion •
Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude: *The Sleep of the Infant Jesus* Trad. French

Carol Sing: *Ding Dong, Merrily on High* (p. 4); *Sing We Now of Christmas* (p. 11); *Do You Hear What I Hear?* (p. 4)

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Liturgy: (See PWS&D insert below)

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope.

The banner has been raised to remind us
that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for His return.

**Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us.
As we worship You this morning, come to us,
be with us, and as we gather to know You together,
help us to prepare our hearts for Your Son's coming -
the gift of hope. Amen.**

* Hymn: *Hope is a star* 119 v 1

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *People in darkness* 124

See & Hear

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

Choir Anthem: *In Silence We Wait*

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.**

1st Scripture Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

2nd Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:11-12

Responsive Psalm 122 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Hope for the Expected, Hope for the Unexpected*
Rev. Byron Kappes

* Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* 542 v 1-2

Holy Communion

* Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* 542 v 3-4

* 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 Is This Perfume So Appealing* Trad. French

* 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: *What child is this* 161

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Pat-a-Pan* B. de la Monnoye

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

Advent & Scripture Readers: Katie & Jasmine Kappes

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, December 7, 2025 10:30 am

Advent 2: Peace

"Prepared for Peace"

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Carols for Sunday, November 30, 2025:

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

Ding Dong! merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing
Ding, dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Glo-o-o-o-oria,
Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swing'n
and I-O, I-O, I-O
By priest and people sing'n
Glo-o-o-o-oria,
Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers
May ye beautifully rhyme
Your eve time song, ye singers
Glo-o-o-oria,
Hosanna in excelsis!

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas,
Noel sing we here.
Sing our grateful praises
To the maid so dear.

Refrain: Sing we Noel!

The King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas.

Sing we here, Noel!

From the Eastern kingdoms
Come the wise men far.
Bearing ancient treasure,
Following yonder star. *Refrain*

From the distant mountains,
Hear the trumpet sound.
With angelic blessings
On the silent town. *Refrain*

Come let us surround Him
On this magic night.
Gather here around Him,
Wondrous Babe of light. *Refrain*

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see,
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see,
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear,
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear,
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea.

(cont'd)

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
 Do you know what I know,
 In your palace warm, mighty king,
 Do you know what I know,
 A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
 Let us bring Him silver and gold
 Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere
 Listen to what I say,
 Pray for peace, people everywhere!
 Listen to what I say,
 The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night,
 He will bring us goodness and light
 He will bring us goodness and light.

Mark Your Calendars!



Join us on **Friday, December 5** for an exciting evening at St. Andrew's as we host our very first **Messy Church**

Advent event! Bring your appetite and your creativity as we gather to celebrate the Season of Advent together.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Activities begin at 6:45 p.m. with dinner, followed by crafts and fun. We'll finish the night with some festive Christmas Karaoke, so start warming up those pipes!

A goodwill offering will be received. We hope to see you there!

Hymns for Sunday, November 30, 2025:

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Hope is a star

MOON BEAMS Irregular

Unison

C Em F Em

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

F C Dm /E Fmaj7 Gsus G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

Am /G F G (F/A/G/B) C Am F

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first

G (Am7 G7/B) C Am /G F Dm7 C

and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

D Em F#m Gmaj7 A Bm

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.
2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health. Come, come,
3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.
4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

Em7 A Em7 /D A/C# D

come, Je-sus Christ. Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.
 Peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth.
 Peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree.
 Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Bm E7 Asus+ - 3 A/G DF#

Come, Lord Je-sus Christ. These days of ad-ven-ture when

Em7 F# G6 D/A A7 D

all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of
 (1) love.
 (2) hope.
 (3) peace.
 (4) joy.

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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Unison Dm Bbmaj7-6 F Dm F7/C /A

1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard
4. At his feet the six-winged Ser-aph; Cher-u-bim with

Bb Gm6/Bb A Bb F Gm Dm

trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly mind-ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of all, in hu-man vest-ure,
 on the way, as the Light of Light, de-scend-ing
 sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the Pre-sence

Dm F7/C /A Bb G6/Bb F D/F# Gm

for with bless-ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de-
 in the bo-dy and the blood, Christ will give to all the
 from the realms of end-less day, comes the powers of hell to
 as with cease-less voice they cry, "Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-

Dm C Dm/F Gm C F/A Dm

scend - eth our full hom-age to de-mand.
 faith - ful, his own self for heav-en-ly food.
 van - quish as the dark-ness clears a-way.
 lu - jah, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord most high."

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Em D/F# G D Em Am/C B

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em Am B Emsus4-3

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tians, fear, for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

Bm G D Em Am/C B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high; the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Bm G D Em Am B Emsus4-3

haste, haste to bring him laud,
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.
 Joy, joy for Christ is born,

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First Sunday in Advent

Hope

Voice 1: The prophet Isaiah announced that people of all nations will come to the mountain of the Lord and learn God's ways.

Voice 2: When we look at this suffering world, we know we need to follow God's ways.

Voice 1: God will settle disputes among the nations. Weapons will be transformed into tools for planting and growth. Nations will live in peace – no more will they prepare for war.

Voice 2: We cling to that promise and light this candle of hope, inspired by a vision of a world where children grow into adulthood, and parents live to old age.

The candle of hope is lit.

Let us pray together:

Living God, make us more aware of your presence. We trust your promises and wait with hopeful hearts. Come, Lord Jesus.



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA



Hope and Education in Pakistan

Twelve-year-old Sapna and her 10-year-old sister Raksha are part of a story that is reshaping their village's future.

Not long ago, the girls' school in their village was closed, leaving many without a chance to learn. But everything changed when PWS&D's partner stepped in and reopened the girls' school. From the moment the doors opened, a new chapter began, not just for Sapna and Raksha, but for every girl in the village.

Now, every morning, the girls eagerly head to school with bright smiles and hearts full of hope.

One of the things they love most is the delicious meals they receive every day at school. Because of these meals, more girls in the village are coming to school. The village has changed because of this project. Enrolment has risen, and the excitement to learn is growing every day.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to help ensure girls have access to education.



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Readings for Sunday, November 30, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of salvation

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

2nd Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:11-12

Salvation is near; wake from sleep

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 122 *Gladness in God's house*

R: I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'

C: **Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

R: Jerusalem – built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

C: **For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.**

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'

*All: For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'*

*For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.*

Final Call - Project Cozy 2025

Today is the last day to donate to this year's collection. Many thanks from the Mission Committee to all who have contributed cozy hats, mitts or gloves and scarves, plus toiletries (shampoo/body wash/shower gel) for the residents of **Ellen House**, and items for the **OCI** support bags (travel-sized toothpaste and toothbrushes, mouthwash, body wash/shower gel, deodorant and combs.

As always, your generosity makes these initiatives incredibly successful. Thank you for helping to make the winter months a little warmer for those in need!

*** 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

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” - *Psalms 24:1*

Blue Christmas

Service of Reflection, Remembrance and Hope

**Wednesday, December 10 • 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**



Christmas is often sold to us as a time of universal joy and celebration. The birth of our Lord and Saviour should be a happy time for everyone, after all! For many, however, the Christmas season can be just as painful as it is cheerful. During a time when family, friends and “togetherness” are so heavily stressed, many of us nonetheless experience the wounds of loss, loneliness and grief all the more keenly.

Understanding that Christmas festivities can often drown out our cries for solace and help, even in the context of the church, St. Andrew's is offering an evening of quiet calm in which to worship and experience our sadness without shame – a space and a time to acknowledge it and to know that we are not alone. During this service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those whom we miss.

Our Blue Christmas service is open to all who seek encouragement and hope. Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to the Sanctuary on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. You will be warmly welcomed.

This service is in-person only and will not be livestreamed.

Announcements for Sunday, November 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. 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 Florence Martin, a longtime St. Andrew's member who died on November 24. A funeral was held for Florence at the church on November 29. Please pray for her daughter, Denise Sannella, and family as they grieve their loss.

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.

Bruce the Cookie Man is Back!

Solve your gift-giving and holiday hosting needs with delicious baked goodies from Bruce the Cookie Man. By now you will have received an e-blast with all product, pricing and ordering details. Quantities are limited, so please place your online order soon!



ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK

Christmas **Donation Drive**

We are looking for the following donations from the St. Andrew's congregation to help us make up Christmas gift bags for our Food Bank clients:

- New warm winter socks for men, women & kids
- Travel-sized shampoo & conditioner
- Travel-sized hand lotion
- Travel-sized deodorant
- Lip balm
- Brushes & combs
- Disposable razors
- Pocket-sized facial tissue
- Toothbrushes & small toothpaste
- Individually wrapped candies/mini chocolate bars for kids

Red tote bins for your donations will be on the Great Hall stage every Sunday until December 14. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We will distribute these gift bags to our clients on Wednesday, December 17, which is the last day the Food Bank will be open for 2025. (We will resume on January 7, 2026.)

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Food Bank Committee: Gord Warren, Ian Jess, Graham McWatt, Grace Yates, Tom & Belle Campbell, Herb Eitner, John Collins or Sandra Jackson.