



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, DECEMBER 7, 2025 10:30 AM
Advent 2: Peace • Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* 13th Cent. Sanctus Trope

Carol Sing: *The Holly and the Ivy* (p 13); *Good King Wenceslas*
(p 7); *O Holy Night* (p 10)

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Advent Liturgy (See PWS&D insert below)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Prayer:

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope; the second is the candle of Peace. This banner has been raised to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him.

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of peace.

**May Christ's light shine in our lives,
showing us the way of peace between God and all people.
Help us to prepare our hearts to receive Him.**

We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

* Hymn: *Hope is a star* 119 v 2

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel* 122 v 1-3, 6-7

See & Hear

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

Choir Anthem: *Amen! Tell It on the Mountain* M. McDonald

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.**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Prepared for Peace* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Infant holy, Infant lowly* 143

* 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: *Whom of Old the Shepherds Praised*
1410 Hohenhurth Manuscript

* 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: *Angels we have heard on high*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *A Boy is Born in Bethlehem* 14th Century. Latin Carol

*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: Jessica & Holly Rhind

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 14, 2025 10:30 am

Advent 3: Joy • Pageant Sunday

"Joy Magnified"

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

*Our Sunday School children will present a Christmas Pageant
during the worship service. Don't miss it!*

Carols for Sunday, December 7, 2025:

The Holly and the Ivy

Oh the holly and the ivy,
When they are both full-grown.
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

*Refrain: The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer;
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom
As white as any milk,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
All wrapped up in silk. *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

The holly bears a bark,
As bitt'r as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all. *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickly,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen.
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

“Hither page and stand by me if thou knowst it telling
Yonder peasant, who is he, where and what his dwelling?”
“Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I will see him dine when we bear them thither.”
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together
Through the rude wind’s wild lament, and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart I know now how, I can go no longer.”
“Mark my footsteps my good page, tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master’s steps he trod where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

O Holy Night

O holy night!
The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

*Refrain: Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!*

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
 Here came the wise men from Orient land
 The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger
 In all our trials born to be our friend *Refrain*

Truly He taught us to love one another
 His law is love and His gospel is peace
 Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
 And in His name all oppression shall cease
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
 Let all within us praise His holy name

*Refrain: Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever we praise we
 His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim!
 His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim!*



Advent Hymn for Sunday, December 7, 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 rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes 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 (E/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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Second Sunday in Advent

Peace

Voice 1: The psalmist dreamed of a world where leaders govern with righteousness, and the poor are treated with dignity and justice.

Voice 2: In this new creation, the oppressed are set free, the vulnerable are protected and peace flows like a river.

Voice 1: Today, too many experience violence, poverty and persecution. Yet, they yearn to know peace.

Voice 2: We long to live in that new creation, where God's glory is revealed on earth, through justice and peace. Today, on this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace as a prayer of longing.

The candle of peace is lit.

Let us pray together:

Living God, help us to recognize your presence wherever people work for peace. Teach us to be instruments of your peace in the world. Come, Lord Jesus.



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA



Gaza

Aid Brings Relief

As violence persists in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, humanitarian needs on the ground are extreme and the ability to deliver aid continues to be challenging.

With thousands of families displaced, schools and hospitals bombed, thousands of children killed, and famine conditions, the impetus to act is greater than ever.

Despite the challenges, PWS&D has been responding through ecumenical networks and partnerships at ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food and other humanitarian assistance where and whenever possible.

Ibrahim was a participant in a recent Canadian Foodgrains Bank food distribution. The food package he received made a big difference—not only easing his financial burden but also improving his son's health.

"This food parcel alleviated his suffering and provided my child with the necessary food," he shared. "Food aid distributions like this are essential."

This Advent season, faithfully respond to help provide food and humanitarian assistance for people in crisis.



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Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

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Unison

1. Oh come, oh come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 3. Oh come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things
 4. Oh come, thou Branch of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa-tan's
 5. Oh come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Em Bm G Am Em D Bm C

Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an-cient times didst give the law
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show,
 tyr - an - ny; from the depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high

Am Bm Em Am Em Bm

6. Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!...

7. Oh come, desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart, one mind;
 bid envy, strife and discord cease,
 and be thyself our source of peace.
 Rejoice!...

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Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap-pear.
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice, re-joice!
 and give them vic-tory o'er the grave.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em D G Am Em G D Em Bm

Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

G Am D Em G/B Em Am Bm Em

1. Oh! viens bientôt, Emmanuel,
 nous délivrer du joug cruel,
 et du péché briser la loi;
 ton peuple entier s'attend à toi.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

3. Oh! viens bientôt, descends vers nous,
 Saint Fils du ciel, aimant et doux.
 Aux coeurs troublés apporte donc
 la paix divine du pardon.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

2. Oh! viens bientôt, que ta clarté
 dissipe nos obscurités.
 Errants et tristes dans la nuit,
 nous appelons le jour qui luit.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 Voici venir Emmanuel!

4. Oh! viens bientôt, puissant Sauveur,
 nous réveiller de nos langueurs!
 Il n'est que toi, céleste Pain,
 qui puisse apaiser notre faim.
 Joyeux, levez les yeux au ciel,
 voici venir Emmanuel!

Infant holy, Infant lowly

POLISH CAROL 87878877

G (B) D (F#) G /B C

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till a the

D 7 G D G/B G D7/A (F#) D

cat - tle stall; ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing
morn - ing new, saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry,

G /B C D 7 G G/B C (B)

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing
tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing,

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Am D (/C) Bm Em Am7 Dsus4 - 3

an - gels sing - ing, no - wells ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:

G (/B) C G/D * D7 G

Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe was born for you.

G/D /B Am 7 D7 * Gsus4 - 3

Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe was born for you.

* Alternate melody: C B

Angels we have heard on high

IRIS (GLORIA) 7 7 7 7 with refrain (9 9)

F F/A C7/G F Dm Am Gmsus C7 F

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

F Dm Am/C Dm7 C7/E F (F/C /A) Gmsus C7 F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain F Cm/Eb D Gm C/E F Bb/D (Dm)

Glo

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C G7/D C/E Dm C F Gm F/A /Bb C F

ri - a (1st) in ex - cel - sis De - o.
 (2nd) in ex - cel - sis De - o.

ri - a

1. Les anges dans nos campagnes
ont entonné l'hymne des cieux,
et l'écho de nos montagnes
redit ce chant mélodieux.
Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Bergers, pour qui cette fête?
quel est l'objet de tous ces chants?
quel vainqueur ou quel prophète
méritent ces choeurs triomphants?
Refrain
3. Ils annoncent la naissance
du libérateur d'Israël
et pleins de reconnaissance
chantent en ce jour solennel:
Refrain

Readings for Sunday, December 7, 2025:

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

The righteous shall flourish

R: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**C: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

R: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

R: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

R: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

*All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.*

*** 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

“Gratitude is the antidote to pride, that life is not our achievement but a gift.”

- *Walter Bruggeman, theologian, Old Testament scholar*

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, December 7, 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.

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!

Services, Meetings & Events This Week

Tue Dec 9	11:30 a.m.	WMS Christmas Potluck & Mtg
Tue Dec 9	7:00 p.m.	All Committee Night
Wed Dec 10	12:00 p.m.	Food Bank
Wed Dec 10	7:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
Thu Dec 11	7:00 p.m.	Leap of Faith
Thu Dec 11	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Sun Dec 14	10:30 a.m.	Advent 3 Service with Church School Pageant

ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK



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.



MYSTERY DINNERS ARE BACK FOR 2026

January 10, February 7, March 7, April 11

The Mystery? Who is coming to dinner?

Where? January, February and March at participants' homes; in April there is a themed potluck dinner at the church.

When? Arrive at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be around 7:00 p.m. with the evening ending around 10:00 p.m. (depending upon the people involved).

Why? For members, long-time or newcomers, to get to know each other better; to have fun and good food.

Cost? No cost to register; hosts pay costs for dinner at their house; there is usually a small charge for the potluck at the church.

Those who register will dine with twelve (12) different people in three (3) different homes. The week before the dinner evenings, you will receive an invitation giving the address and phone number of the home of the host. All names are a secret until everyone arrives. The mystery (who is coming to dinner?) ends, and the fun begins!

HOW DO MYSTERY DINNERS WORK?

1. Open to all in the congregation.
2. Host a dinner for two (2) couples and attend two (2) dinners.
3. List any food allergies when registering.
4. **S E C R E T ! ! !** Everyone is sworn to secrecy. It is fun guessing who is coming to dinner/who will be hosting the dinners you will attend.
5. No host gifts, please.
6. Hosts may serve whatever they wish. The object is to be comfortable and have fun.
7. Please email kimbers1269@gmail.com to register.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 28, 2025

Co-ordinators

Pam Loree

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