



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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service • Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Prelude: *Coventry Carol*

English Melody

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Introduction

Reading: Micah 5:2-5

(See insert for readings)

A Promise from God

Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

164 v 1, 4

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Mary Meets an Angel

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Song: *Angels we have heard on high*

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The Advent Wreath

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (See PWS&D insert below)

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Joseph & Mary's Journey

Story: Joseph and Mary's Journey

Song: *Away in a manger*

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Completing the Nativity Scene – Family of Jesus

God Kept His Promise to Us

Song: *Silent night*

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The Offering Announcement

Offertory: *What Child is This?*

17th century English Air

* Prayer of Dedication

Closing Prayer

Song: *Joy to the world* 153 v 1, 2, 4
(The children are invited to come forward.)

Benediction

Postlude: *On Christmas Night* Trad. English

*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 for this Service

Worship Leaders: Rev. Byron Kappes & Kim Shepherd

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Advent Candlelighters: The Kappes family

Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

Worship This Evening

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Story

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes



Songs for Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 4:00 pm:

O Little Town of Bethlehem 164 v. 1, 4

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Angels we have heard on high 147 v. 1, 4

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Away in a manger

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Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Silent night

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Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!"

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face;
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

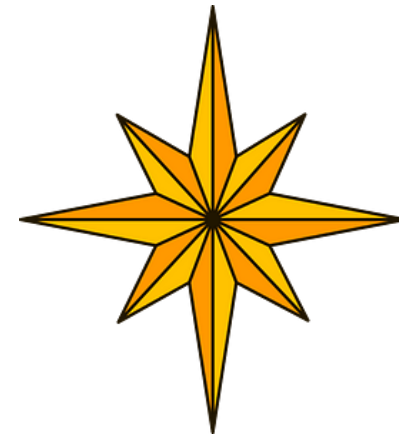
Joy to the world

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Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



Readings for Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 4:00 pm:

Reading: Micah 5:2-5 *The Ruler from Bethlehem*

Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the LORD will choose one of your people to rule the nation – someone whose family goes back to ancient times. The LORD will abandon Israel only until this ruler is born, and the rest of his family returns to Israel. Like a shepherd taking care of his sheep, this ruler will lead and care for his people by the power and glorious name of the LORD his God. His people will live securely, and the whole earth will know his true greatness, because he will bring peace.

Reading: Luke 1:26-38 *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative

Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 *The Birth of Jesus*

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.



WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS.



The Christ Candle

- One:** We gather to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.
- All:** With each candle we light, we commit ourselves to seeking hope, peace, joy and love.
- One:** We light the Christ candle to shine into the world, reminding us of the new life promised through Jesus' birth.

(Light the Christ candle)

- One:** May the warmth and light of Christ comfort all people, bringing courage to the weary and strength to the oppressed.
- All:** Holy One, by the power of your Spirit, help us to shine your light brightly to the world. Affirm within us the conviction to show hope, peace, joy and love throughout our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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Christ is Born!



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The church, through PWS&D, heeds God's call to aid those in need. Together, we are actively shaping a brighter future for our global community, offering assistance in disaster-stricken areas, whether due to conflict or climate extremes, and fostering sustainable pathways out of poverty.

Guided by God's promise of abundant life, we address issues of hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster with compassion. Through our collaborative efforts, we aim to restore human dignity, alleviate suffering and promote community cooperation.

As a reflection of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are striving toward a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember our neighbours near and far. Your support is crucial to the success of this transformative work.

This Christmas, help bring hope, peace, joy and love around the world by supporting PWS&D.



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