

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 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service • Seasonal Colour: Purple

(* Please stand if able. Masks are not mandatory but recommended.)	
Prelude: Susani	14th century German carol
Call to Worship	
Christ Candle Liturgy	(See PWS&D insert below)
Lighting of the Christ Candle	
* Hymn: Hope is a star	119 v 4
Prayer of Adoration & Confession	
Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace	
Responsive Psalm 97 The Glory of	God's Reign (See below)
Reading: Titus 3:4-7 Maintain good	d deeds (See below)
The Christmas Story (Introduction)	
* Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem	164
Reading #1 from Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus	
* Hymn: Away in a manger	149
Reading #2 Luke 2:8-14 The Shepherds and the Angels	
* Hymn: Angels we have heard on hig	gh 147
Reading #3 from Luke 2:15-20 The Shepherds and the Angels	
* Hymn 'Twas in the moon of wintert	time 144

Closing of the Christmas Story

Solo: Remember Me

* Apostles' Creed (unison)

Offering Invitation: For more on giving to St Andrew's, please visit: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/

Offertory: Still, Still, Still

Salzburg carol

- * Presentation of Offering
- * Offering Response: (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 the People and The 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: *It came upon the midnight clear*

148 v 1, 5

Benediction

* Choral Amen: Silent Night

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Postlude: Silent Night

F. Gruber

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 This Evening

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes
Music Director & Piano: Shelagh Tyreman
Soloist & Guitar Accompaniment: Michelle Tedder
Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd

Upcoming Worship Sunday, December 28, 2025

If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us for our livestreamed services: St. Andrew's YouTube Channel

1st Sunday after Christmas

"The Pioneer"
Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes



WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The Christ Candle

Voice 1: In a land ruled by an empire, under the weight of oppression, a young couple search for a place for Mary to give birth, but there was no room at the inn.

Voice 2: In the humblest of places, the promised child is born!

Voice 1: In lowly circumstances, God fulfills the promise to all people. This is the meeting of heaven and earth!

Voice 2: The glorious light of that stable burst into the night, announcing a birth that has changed the world.
On this night, we light the Christ candle.

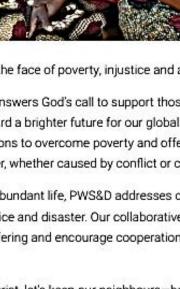
The Christ candle is lit.

Let us pray together:

Living God, may the light of Christ find a home in our hearts, in our congregations and in our world.

Hallelujah! Christ is born!





Christ is Born!



Hope stands resilient, even in the face of poverty, injustice and adversity.

Through PWS&D, the church answers God's call to support those in need.

Together, we are working toward a brighter future for our global community by fostering sustainable solutions to overcome poverty and offering support in regions impacted by disaster, whether caused by conflict or climate change.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D addresses challenges such as hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster. Our collaborative efforts aim to restore dignity, alleviate suffering and encourage cooperation within communities.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let's keep our neighbours—both near and far—in our hearts. Your support plays a vital role in the success of this transformative mission.

This Christmas, help spread hope, peace, joy and love across the globe by supporting PWS&D.

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Hymns for Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 7:30 pm:



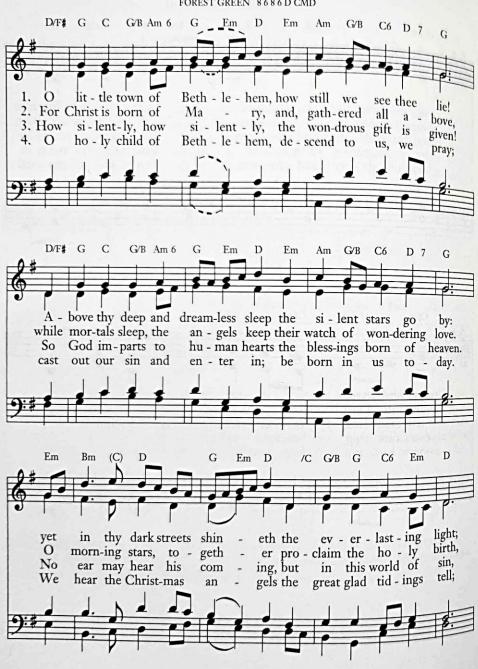


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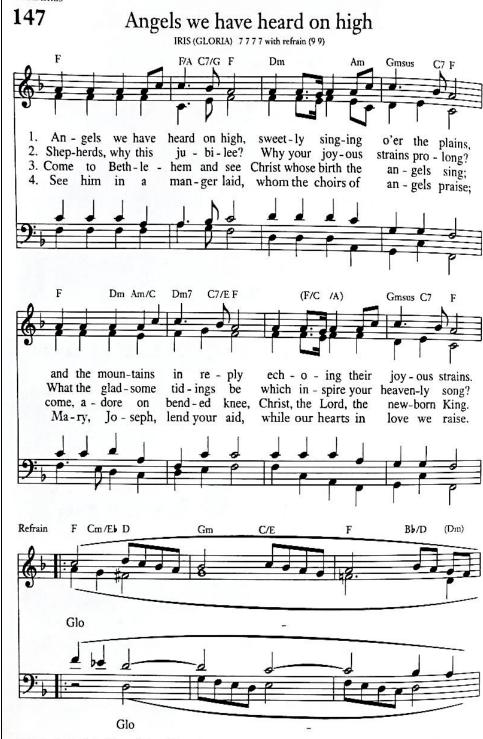
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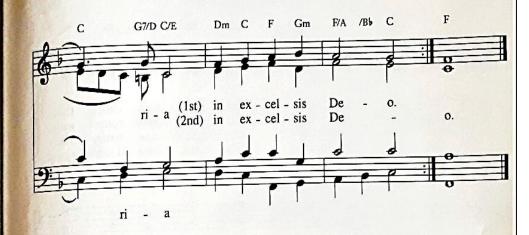
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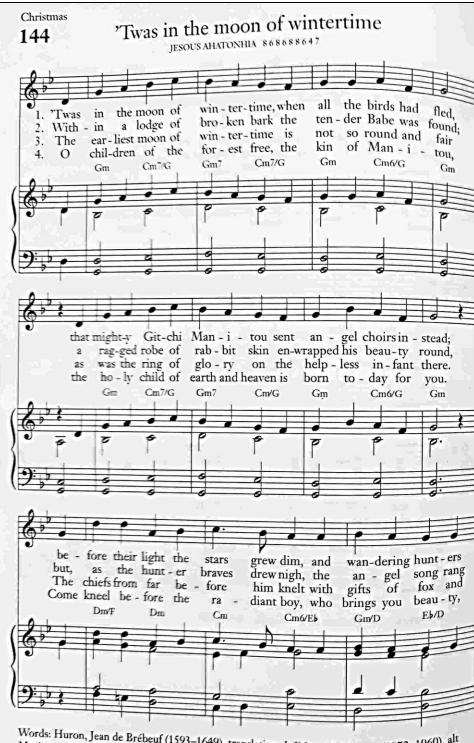


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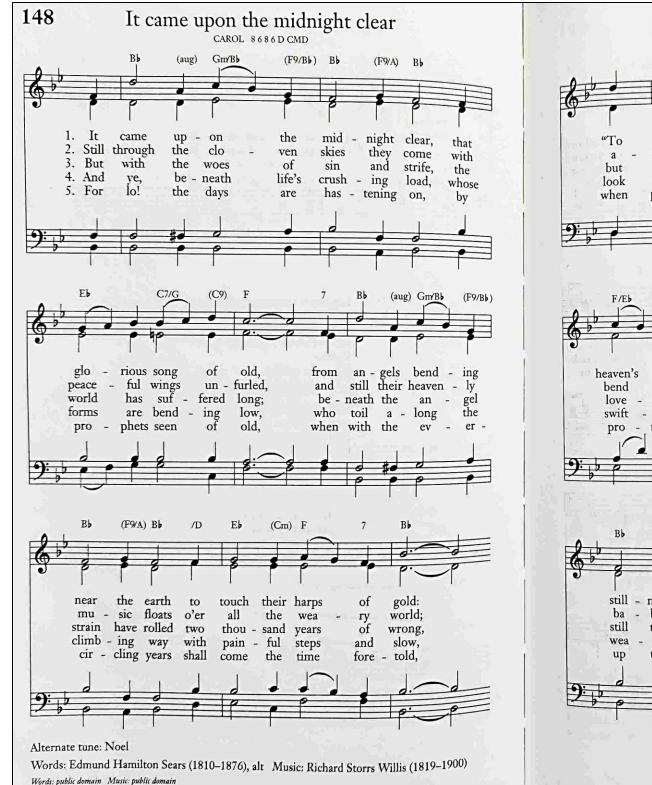
- Les anges dans nos campagnes ont entonné l'hymne des cieux, et l'écho de nos montagnes redit ce chant mélodieux. Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
- 2. Bergers, pour qui cette fête? quei est l'objet de tous ces chants? quel vainqueur ou quel prophète méritent ces choeurs triomphants?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



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Silent night



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Hungarian

- Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Mindenek nyugta mély;
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,
 Drága kisdednük álmainál.
 Szent Fiú aludjál,
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
- Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerte zengi e drága szavát:
 Krisztus megszabadít,
 Krisztus megszabadít!
- Csendes éj, Szentséges éj! Szív örülj, higyj, remélj Isten szent Fia hinti reád Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát! Krisztus megszületett, Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng an yè! Shèng shàn yè!
Zhen níng jìng, zhen guang míng,
Guang hui huán zhào shèng mǔ shèng yīng,
Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhen kě ài,
Jìng xiảng tian cì an mián,
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Readings for Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 7:30 pm:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 97 The Glory of God's Reign

- R: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
- C: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- R: Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- C: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- R: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
- C: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.
- R: All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.
- C: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.
- R: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- C: The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- R: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Reading: Titus 3:4-7 *Maintain good deeds*

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

* 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.