



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 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 high* 147

Reading #3 from Luke 2:15-20 *The Shepherds and the Angels*

* Hymn *'Twas in the moon of wintertime* 144

Closing of the Christmas Story

Solo: *Remember Me* Rory Feek

* Apostles' Creed (*unison*) (See below)

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* 154
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!



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA



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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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 (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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Christmas

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Away in a manger

CRADLE SONG 11 11 11 11

F C7 F Dm F/A F6 Gm /A (/Bb) /F C/E

1. A-way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit-tle Lord
2. The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes, but lit-tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je-sus, I ask you to stay close by me for -

F /A Gm/Bb Dm C /Bb F/A Dm C7 F Bb F

Je-sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
Je-sus no cry-ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je-sus! Look
ev-er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil-dren in

C/E Dm Gm /F C7/Eb/DC/E F /A Bb6 Gm C7 F

down where he lay, the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, and stay by my side un-til morn-ing is nigh.
your ten-der care, and fit us for hea-ven to live with you there.

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O little town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN 8 6 8 6 D CMD

D/F# G C G/B Am 6 G Em D Em Am G/B C6 D 7 G

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

D/F# G C G/B Am 6 G Em D Em Am G/B C6 D 7 G

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings born of heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Em Bm (C) D G Em D /C G/B G C6 Em D

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

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G C G/B Am 6 G Em D Em Am G/B Dsus4 D 7 G

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord, Em - man - u - el.

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

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

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

JESOUS AHATONHIA 868688647

1. 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had fled,
 2. With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der Babe was found;
 3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair
 4. O chil - dren of the for - est free, the kin of Man - i - tou,

Gm Cm7/G Gm7 Cm7/G Gm Cm6/G Gm

that might-y Git-chi Man - i - tou sent an - gel choirs in - stead;
 a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round,
 as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.
 the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is born to - day for you.

Gm Cm7/G Gm7 Cm/G Gm Cm6/G Gm

be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - dering hunt - ers
 but, as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang
 The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and
 Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty,

Dm7/F Dm Cm Cm6/Eb Gm7/D Eb/D

Refrain

heard the hymn:
 loud and high: Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is
 bea - ver pelt.
 peace and joy.

Dm7 Dmsus4-3

born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

Cm/Eb Gm7/D /Bb Dm Gm

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It came upon the midnight clear

CAROL 8 6 8 6 D CMD

B \flat (aug) G \flat /B \flat (F 9 /B \flat) B \flat (F 9 /A) B \flat

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with
 3. But with the woes of sin and strife, the
 4. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose
 5. For lo! the days are has - tening on, by

E \flat C 7 /G (C 9) F 7 B \flat (aug) G \flat /B \flat (F 9 /B \flat)

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the an - gel
 forms are bend - ing low, who toil a - long the
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

B \flat (F 9 /A) B \flat /D E \flat (C m) F 7 B \flat

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 strain have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong,
 climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

Alternate tune: Noel

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D /C G \flat /B \flat D G \flat (/B \flat)

"To all the earth good - will and peace, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 but we, through din of war, hear not the
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth God's

F/E \flat (/C) C 7 F 7 B \flat (aug) G \flat /B \flat

heaven's all - gra - cious King"; the world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 love - song which they bring. Oh hush the noise, Oh
 swift - ly on the wing. Oh rest be - side the
 pro - mised splen - dours fling, and all the world take

B \flat F 9 B \flat E \flat F F 7 B \flat

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 still the strife and hear the an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 up the song, which now the an - gels sing.

Silent night

STILLE NACHT Irregular

B \flat F7

1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God,
 1. Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,

B \flat E \flat B \flat

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child,
 at the sight: glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
 ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.

E \flat B \flat F7

ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing "Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ, the Sav - iour is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - lisch - er

B \flat F6 7 B \flat

peace; sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - iour is born!"
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Ruh', schlaf in himm - lisch - er Ruh'.

Hungarian

1. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Mindenek nyugta mély;
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,
 Drága kisednük álmainál.
 Szent Fiú aludjál,
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
2. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!
 Angyalok hangja kél;
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,
 Szerke zengi e drága szavát:
 Krisztus megszabadít,
 Krisztus megszabadít!

3. Csendes éj, Szentséges éj!
 Szív örülj, higgy, remélj
 Isten szent Fia hinti reád
 Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát!
 Krisztus megszületett,
 Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng ān yè! Shèng shàn yè!
 Zhēn níng jìng, zhēn guāng míng,
 Guāng huī huán zhào shèng mǔ shèng yīng,
 Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhēn kě ài,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān mián,
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cì ān 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.**
