



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 28, 2025 10:30 AM
1st Sunday after Christmas • Seasonal Colour: White/Gold

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

Opening

Prelude: *O Bethlehem*

carol from Biscaya

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *See amid the winter's snow*

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See & Hear

(The Children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes.)

The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not always loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not always loved our neighbour as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and graciousness, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has worked your holy will in us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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: Hebrews 2:10-18

Responsive Psalm 148 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *The Pioneer* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *In the bleak mid-winter* 145

* 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: *Bells Over Bethlehem* trad. Andalusian carol

* 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 from the realms of glory* 146

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *The Icy December* trad. Catalanian 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

Scripture Reader: Debbie Warwick

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, January 4, 2026 10:30 am

Epiphany Sunday

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, December 28, 2025:

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See amid the winter's snow

HUMILITY 7 7 7 7 with refrain

Unison

G Am7 Bm C (D/C) G (sus) D/F# C/E G G/D A7 D /C

1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low;
 2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
 3. Say, now ho - ly shep - herds, say, tell your joy - ful news to - day;
 4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous sight,
 5. Sa - cred in - fant, all div - ine, of God's ten - der love the sign,

see, the Lamb of God ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 and who, throned in height sub - lime, sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 tell us why you left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep.
 an - gels, sing - ing peace on earth, told us of the Sav - iour's birth."
 for you came from high - est bliss, down to such a world as this!

Harmony

G C/G G D7/F# G D G/B C G Am G/B/C D

Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

Em A7 Bm G6 A 7 D /C G/B C Am7 D6 7 G

Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

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In the bleak mid-winter

CRANHAM Irregular

F (/G /A) Dmsus4-3 Gm7/Bb Dm7/A Gm7 C7

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, fro - ty wind made moan;
 2. Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall wel - come him when he comes to reign;
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Bb/D F Bb/D Cm6 Bb Dm F/A (Am) Bb6 maj7 C F

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

F (/G /A) Dmsus4-3 Bb6 C7 F

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shipped the Be - lov - ed a kiss.
 what can I give him - give my heart.

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Angels from the realms of glory

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Bb Bb/F Bb Bb/F F/Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Gm F/A F7 Bb

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vis - ions beam a - far;
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,
 5. Though an in - fant now we view him, he shall fill his Fa - ther's throne,

Bb /F /D Bb Cm Gm/D D Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 God with us is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star.
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 ga - ther all the na - tions to him; eve - ry knee shall then bow down.

Bb 7 Eb Cm Dm Eb6 Gm Fsus4-3 Bb

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.

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Readings for Sunday, December 28, 2025:

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18 *Christ frees humankind*

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148

God's splendour is over earth and heaven

R: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!

C: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

R: Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!

C: **Praise him, you highest heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens!**

R: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

C: **He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

R: Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

C: **Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

R: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

C: **Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

R: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

C: **Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

R: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the LORD!

* **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

“And now, our God, we give thanks to you, and praise your
glorious name.” - 1 Chronicles 29:13

Announcements for Sunday, December 28, 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.

During fellowship time after the worship service, we will be treated to *Oliebollen*, delicious Dutch donuts baked by Michelle Tedder. Many thanks, Michelle! Thank you also to John Bakkeren, who will share some history about the traditional treat during this morning's announcements.

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.



MYSTERY DINNERS ARE BACK!

**January 10, February 7,
March 7 & April 11, 2026**

Guess who's coming to dinner! (Sssh, it's a secret!) In January, February and March 2026, enjoy good food and great company at participants' homes. In April, there is a themed potluck dinner at the church. These events are for everyone, whether longtime members or newcomers. Sign up, come out, have fun and get to know each other better!

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).

There is no cost to register; hosts pay the costs for dinner at their house. There is usually a small charge for the potluck at the church.

Those who register will dine with 12 different people in 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 ends, and the fun begins!

Hosts may serve whatever they wish. No host gifts, please.

Registration Deadline is TODAY - Sunday, December 28.

Email kimbers1269@gmail.com to register.

Please state any food allergies when registering.

Co-ordinators: Pam Loree • Jessica Rhind • Kim Shepherd