



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, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 10:30 AM
1st Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude: *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us, We Are Called to Follow Jesus* J. Strathdee

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Lenten Liturgy (See PWS&D insert below)

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us* 647

See & Hear

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

The Rite of Reconciliation

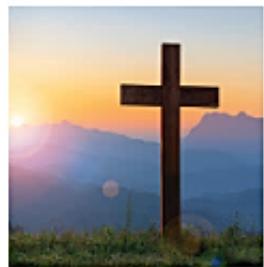
Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing and life. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

- Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.
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Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* arr. L. Everson



First Sunday in Lent

One: God holds us in a covenant of grace. The promise to Noah is our promise too: God will never destroy the whole world in order to make things new.

All: Rather, God will work through us to make things new.

One: We need change that turns us inside out, focusing us on the needs of those around us.

All: May we embrace the changes that will leave fear behind and open up a whole new world ahead.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the rainbow assure us that the world is in good hands.

All: May Christ, who shared our humanity, open our hearts to the pain of all who suffer.

One: May the Holy Spirit give us courage and conviction to stand up to oppression.

All: May we be faithful to the God of covenant and change.



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Zahra's Story



In Afghanistan, Zahra, a 58-year-old widow, became the sole guardian and provider for her children last winter. Zahra's husband died due to severe bone rheumatism exacerbated by the region's bitter cold and the family's inability to afford medical treatment. Their eldest daughter, Masuma, lives with a disability affecting her hand, while their 16-year-old is also in need of medical support after an accident.

Zahra's family struggles to earn an income. Her 12-year-old daughter, Zohra, earns less than \$30 a month as a tailoring apprentice. Given their need, Zahra and her children were selected to participate in a food assistance project supported by PWS&D, which provided cash over a five-month period to enable marginalized households to buy food.

With her daughter's monthly income and the cash assistance provided through the project, Zahra and her family's most urgent food-related challenges were eased significantly. "This assistance saved us this winter from hunger, malnutrition and even death. The aid we received was used to buy food and fuel, allowing us to care for our family without borrowing money. For this, we are truly grateful."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help nourish families by providing emergency food to families facing poverty.

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Hymns for Sunday, February 22, 2026:

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Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

MANNHEIM 8 7 8 7 8 7

1. Lead us, heavenly Fath-er, lead us o'er the world's tem - pest-uous sea;
 2. Sav-iour, breathe for - give-ness o'er us, all our weak-ness thou dost know;
 3. Spir - it of our God de-scend-ing, fill our hearts with heaven-ly joy,

guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
 thou didst tread this earth be - fore us, thou didst feel its keen - est woe;
 love with eve - ry pas-sion blend-ing, pleas-ure that can nev - er cloy;

yet pos-sess-ing eve - ry bless - ing if our God our guide shall be.
 lone and drea-ry, faint and wea - ry through the des - er - t thou didst go.
 thus pro-vid - ed, par-doned, guid - ed noth - ing can our peace de-stroy.

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Man of sorrows, wondrous name

MAN OF SORROWS 7 7 7 8

1. Man of sor - rows, won - drous name for the
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my
 3. Guilt - y, help - less, lost were we; spot - less
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die; "It
 5. When Christ comes, our glo - rious King, all is the

Son of God who came ruined sin - ners

place con - demned he stood, sealed my par - don

Lamb of God was his he; full a - tone - ment -

fin - ished" ran - somed home to cry, now in heaven ex -

ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this

to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - - jah! Gra - cious Sav - - iour!
 with his blood: Hal - le - lu - - jah! Lov - ing Sav - - iour!
 can it be? Hal - le - lu - - jah! Bles - sed Sav - - iour!
 alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - - jah! Might - y Sav - - iour!
 song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - - jah! Won - drous Sav - - iour!"

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One more step along the world I go

SOUTHCOTE 9 9 9 7 9 with refrain (11 9)

Unison G /F# Em /D Am/G Am7 D /E D7/F# D7 G C G/B

1. One more step a-long the world I go. One more step a-long the world I go.
2. Round the cor-ners of the world I turn. More and more a-bout the world I learn.
3. As I trav-el through the bad and good keep me trav-el-ing the way I should.

G C /E G /F# Em C D 7 G C G/B

From the old things to the new keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.
 All the new things that I see you'll be look-ing at a-long with me.
 Where I see no way to go, you'll be tell-ing me the way, I know.

Refrain Bm C D /C G/B C D 7 G C G

And it's from the old I trav-el to the new. Keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough.
 Keep me loving though the world is tough.
 Leap and sing in all I do.

Keep me traveling along with you.
 Refrain:

5. You are older than the world can be.
 You are younger than the life in me.
 Ever old and ever new,
 keep me traveling along with you.
 Refrain:

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Readings for Sunday, February 22, 2026:

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, 16-24

Eating of the tree of knowledge

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.' And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'—therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

2nd Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 *Mercy embraces us*

R: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

R: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

R: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

R: You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

C: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

R: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

All: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Once again we would like to remind the congregation that during certain public events such as weddings and funerals, the church parking lot may be cordoned off and reserved for priority use of family members and those with mobility difficulties. When attending such events at St. Andrew's, please feel free to call ahead, or pay attention to whether or not the lot is reserved. If the parking lot is reserved for priority patrons, there will always be traffic cones cordoning the lot and parking spaces, as well as a parking lot attendant that you can speak to for more information. Additional parking can be found on Union Street, at Rosalea Park on Church St., or at Central Public School on Union St. We appreciate your care and attention.

Announcements for Sunday, February 22, 2026

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. Please pick up your copy of the **Lent & Easter congregational letter** in the Great Hall today.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

To make an appointment to meet with Rev. Byron Kappes, please contact him at 226-998-5606 or rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.

2025 Income Tax Receipts

The 2025 Income Tax Receipts will be available for pickup on **Sunday, February 22**, with any remaining receipts mailed out on Monday, February 23. Please note that two Income Tax Receipts were issued for 2025:

- Receipt #1 covers contributions made in January and February 2025. These were issued in 2025 and you received these receipts last February because the government permitted January and February contributions to be applied to 2024 income taxes due to the mail strike at the end of 2024 or kept for your 2025 tax returns.
- Receipt #2 covers contributions made from March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

We hope this information helps clarify your 2025 Income Tax Receipts.

Messy Church – Friday, March 27, 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm

Back by popular demand! All are welcome to our **Messy Lent** event on March 27, the Friday before Holy Week. There will be egg painting, palm cross making and other fantastic activities. We will also be celebrating a "Messy Communion", and eating gourmet soups and cookies! Doors open at 6:45 pm. For more details, please talk to Kim Shepherd or Rev. Byron Kappes.



World Day of Prayer 2026

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee.

I Will Give You Rest: Come

Service location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
44 Church Street E., Brampton, ON

Date/Time: Friday, March 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm

More information is available from:

This service is organized by: Downtown churches of Brampton – Ecumenical Service



The World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

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