



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, MARCH 15, 2026 10:30 AM
4th Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude: *When Jesus the Healer*

P. Smith

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Lenten Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

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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:

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: *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

C. Collins

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (All Readings NRSV; see below)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us in the Truth of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you, and live in your love. Amen.

- Mary J. Scifres (<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/author/mary-j-scifres>)

1st Scripture Lesson: John 9:1-41

2nd Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Responsive Psalm 23 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Lent 4: Wisdom and Vision* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *The Lord's my shepherd* 11

* 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: *Frottola* fr. *Frottole Intabulate* (1517)

* 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: *Amazing grace*

670 v 1-3, 6

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Verso in F Major*

D. Zipoli

*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

Senior Choir

Lenten & Scripture Reader: Colleen Peyer

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, March 22, 2026 10:30 am

5th Sunday in Lent

"Lent 5: The Neverending Story"

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes



Fourth Sunday in Lent

One: How often, like those who wander in the wilderness, have we failed to trust God's covenant!

All: **We have let God down and hurt one another.**

One: But Jesus came into the world and was lifted up in order that love might be reborn.

All: **Let us be glad, for we are not condemned, but held in the covenant of grace.**

Assurance:

One: May God provide for our every need as we wander through our own wilderness.

All: **May Christ our Saviour never condemn us, but deliver us to salvation.**

One: May the Holy Bond of Love keep us in eternal care.

All: **May we be empowered by embracing God's covenant and accepting God's changes.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA



Without Water, There is No Life

Felicita Tomás Velásquez used to have to fetch water from a source 30 minutes away because her home in Tuilelén, Guatemala, lacked piped water. Installing pipelines was too expensive for her family.

After years of effort, Felicita, who is now married with 11 children, finally obtained water access from the nearby community of La Libertad.

Since then, both Tuilelén and La Libertad have placed restrictions on new users, because water flow has decreased. That means Felicita's adult children and their families often rely on wells or neighbours for enough water.

To help address this problem, PWS&D and local partner, Maya-Mam Association for Research and Development, have installed water tanks.

Now Felicita's family and others in the community will have access to enough water.

"I am deeply grateful to the donors for providing water tanks. I recommend that the institution continue to supply other families with this type of support, since, without water, there is no life," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help communities access clean, safe drinking water and appropriate sanitation and hygiene facilities.



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Hymns for Sunday, March 15, 2026:

God in Christ
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Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

RICHMOND 8 6 8 6 CM

G D/F# D C/E G C D7 G Em6 D/F# G6 D/A A7 D /C

1. Oh for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, the
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, and bids our sor - rows cease—'tis
 3. He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new life the dead re - ceive; the
 4. Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your tongues a - gain em - ploy; you
 5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, and

G/B Em Am D/C G7/B G7 C G/B C/B D7/A G C G/DD G

glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.
 mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 blind, be - hold your Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy.
 spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ours of thy name.

Instrumental Descant

Alternate tune: Azmon See also: Richmond 118

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 arrangement, Samuel Webbe, the younger (1770–1843); descant, C.S. Lang (1891–1971)

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The Lord's my shepherd

CRIMOND 8 6 8 6 CM

C F C/G F/A Gm F/C C F

1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want. He
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

C/E C G G7 C F C7/E F C F/A

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 will I fear none ill, for thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me and in God's house for -

Gm7 C C7/E F F/A Gm/Bb Gm F/C C F

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness even for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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 harmony, Thomas C.I. Pritchard (1885–1960)

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F /C C7 Dm Bb F

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares,
 1. Grâce in - fi - nie de no - tre Dieu
 2. Ma vie fut com - plète - ment chan - gée

C7 F C7 F C7 F F/A

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought
 qui un jour m'a sau - vé. J'é - tais per - du,
 du mo - ment où j'ai cru. De - puis ce jour

Bb F Dm F/C C7 F

but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 er - rant de lieu en lieu quand il m'a re - trou - vé.
 de tous les dan - gers, sa grâ - ce m'a se - cou - ru.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807); v.5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads 1790; v.6, William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: anonymous

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4. The Lord has promised good to me:
 this word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be,
 as long as life endures.

3. Dans mes épreuves et mes labeurs
 suffisante est sa grâce.
 Je peux toujours compter sa faveur
 à chaque heure qui passe.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love—
 a boundless, endless store—
 shall echo through the realms above
 when time shall be no more.

4. Quand nous aurons pendant mille ans
 célébré ses louanges,
 nous pourrons comme au commencement,
 lui offrir nos hommages.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than
 when we'd first begun.

Chinese (Mandarin)

1. Qí yì èn diǎn! Hé déng gān tián!
 Wò zuì yě dé shè miǎn!
 Qián wǒ shì sàng, jīn bèi xún huí;
 Xià yān jīn dè kàn jiàn.

Cree

1. Mamaskach sakihiwewin
 Kapimachihwet
 Pikwataw nikiwaihon
 Anoch maka niwap

Mohawk

1. Ioh ne ra a kwat ra o ten raht
 ne se wa ah tsia tah kwen
 wa ka a tsia a tah ton ha tie es kwe
 ses ha tsia a tah tsen rion.

Ojibway

1. Kihcishawencikewin
 kaapimaaci' ikoyaan
 Ninkakippiinkwenaapan hsa
 Nookom itahsh niwaap

Readings for Sunday, March 15, 2026:

1st Scripture Lesson: John 9:1-41 *The man born blind*

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who

had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he

worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

2nd Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 *Live as children of light*
For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 *My head anointed with oil*

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

C: **He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

* **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

"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own."

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh, aviator and writer

Announcements for Sunday, March 15, 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.

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.

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.

Calling All Chili Chefs!

We will be having a **Chili Lunch** on **Sunday, March 29** after the worship service. Everyone is invited! We will need help with the following:

- Set up and/or take down tables & chairs in the Great Hall
- People to make chili
- Servers
- Clean up in the kitchen after the lunch

Please indicate on the signup sheet on the Great Hall bulletin board where you can help.



Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship service. The Worship Committee invites you to give cut flowers in memory of a loved one this Easter.

Please give \$20 to cover the cost of the flowers. All names and payments must be received by Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.

TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of THESE WAYS:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked **“Easter Flowers”** on the offering plate during in-person worship. Please include donor information (see #2 below) in the envelope. **OR**
- Pay online using your bank's website or app: *Select Interac e-Transfer, use treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. **In the message area, indicate your name and “Easter Flowers”.** OR You can pay via our website at <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. **Be sure to mark your payment “Easter Flowers”.** For both methods, please email standrewsoffice@rogers.com with your donor information (see #2 below) after making your payment.*

2. SUBMIT the FOLLOWING to the CHURCH OFFICE by MARCH 29:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: *(Name of loved one[s], for the bulletin)*

FROM: *(Name of donor[s], for the bulletin)*

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

... Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ...