



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 22, 2026 10:30 AM
5th Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude: *Drop, Drop Slow Tears*

O. Gibbons

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Lenten Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *O Lord my God! / How great thou art*

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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: *Jesus, Draw Me Close*

arr. J. Holstein

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>)

Scripture Lesson: John 11:1-45

Responsive Psalm 130 (See below for responses)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Lent 5: The Neverending Story* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Come, let us sing* 706

* 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: *There Is Room For All* B. Harding

* 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: *Be thou my vision*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Kyrie*

G. Cavazzoni

*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: Savo Persaud

Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd

Worship Next Week

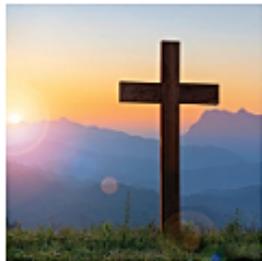
If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us
for our livestreamed services: [St. Andrew's YouTube Channel](#)

Sunday, March 29, 2026 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

"Eye of the Tiger"

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes



Fifth Sunday in Lent

One: God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God.

All: **Often, when we are confused and closed and worn, we wonder if that day will ever come.**

One: God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. God will always be our God and we will always be God's people.

All: **Let us be glad, for God remembers our sin no more.**

Assurance:

One: May the God of healing grace restore our weary souls.

All: **May the Christ of glory teach us that it is through service that we gain honour.**

One: May the Holy Spirit grant us a new sense of purpose and direction.

All: **May we anticipate with eagerness God's coming covenant and the changes it will bring.**



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In Ghana, 40-year-old Kolan Lamisi participates in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana's Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program.

"I was involved in an accident which resulted in a permanent disability. My husband, after expending so many resources to get me medical attention, got fed up and abandoned me to my fate.

I was always indoors and had no source of livelihood. Life was very challenging. The CBR, in partnership with PWS&D, came into my life, and things have never been the same.

My life has changed positively.

I received mobility devices, including a wheelchair and a tricycle. I was trained and supported to run a shop to generate money. Currently, I earn enough through my business so that I can pay for my basic needs and live happily."

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Hymns for Sunday, March 22, 2026:

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O Lord my God! / How great thou art

O STORE GUD 11 10 11 10 with refrain (10 8 10 8)

Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb Em7b5 Edim

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

Bb/F F6 F7 Bb

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

F7/C Bb/DEb Em7b5 Edim Bb/F F6 F7

hear the roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou

Bb Bb7/D Eb Ebdim Eb Bb

played,
 breeze, then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee,
 sin,
 art!

F F7 F F7 Bb Bb7/D

How great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Eb Ebdim Eb Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb6 G/D Cm F7 Bb

Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art!

Words: Carl Gustav Boberg; translation, Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989); Korean, Myung Ja Yue; Ojibway, Stanley Williams (1918-); Mohawk, Josephine S. (Konwenne) Day (1905-) Music: Swedish folk melody; harmony, Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)
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Come, let us sing

WONDERFUL LOVE 10 8 10 7 8 10

Chords: Eb Ab/Eb Eb F7 Bb7

1. Come, let us sing of a won-der-ful love, ten-der and true,
 2. Je - sus the Sav-iour this gos-pel to tell joy - ful - ly came,
 3. Je - sus is seek-ing the wan-der-ers yet; why do they roam?
 4. Come to my heart, O thou won-der-ful love; come and a - bide,

Chords: Bb(13) /D Eb

ten - der and true; out of the heart of the
 joy - ful - ly came, came with the help - less and
 why do they roam? Love on - ly waits to for -
 come and a - bide, lift - ing my life till it

Chords: Ab/Eb Eb F7

Fath - er a - bove, stream - ing to me and to
 hope - less to dwell, shar - ing their sor - row and
 give and for - get; home, wea - ry wan - der - ers,
 ris - es a - bove en - vy and false - hood and

Chords: Bb /Ab Eb/G Ab Eb/G Bb7/F Bb /F Eb

you: won - der - ful love, won - der - ful love
 shame: seek - ing the lost, seek - ing the lost,
 home: won - der - ful love, won - der - ful love
 pride: seek - ing to be, seek - ing to be

Chords: Eb (Bb7/F Eb/G) Ab (Bb7/F Cm) Eb/Bb Bb(13) 7 Eb

dwells in the heart of the Fath - er a - bove.
 sav - ing, re - deem - ing at meas - ure - less cost.
 dwells in the heart of the Fath - er a - bove.
 low - ly and hum - ble, a learn - er of thee.

Be thou my vision

SLANE 10 10 10 10

Descant

5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

Unison Eb /G Ab Bb /Ab Eb/G Ab Fm6 Eb

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom; be thou my true word;
 3. Be thou my breast - plate, my sword for the fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain earth - ly praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;

Bb Fm (/Eb) Bb/D Eb /G Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb /Ab Eb/G

naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my ar - and be thou my might;
 thou my in - her - it - ance, through all my days;
 grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;

heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Ab Ab/Eb Eb Bb/D Cm Gm7 Ab (maj7) Bb/Ab

thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 thou my great Fath - er, thine own may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter and thou my high tower,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Eb/G Eb (/D) Cm Eb/G Ab6 /C Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art!
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

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Readings for Sunday, March 22, 2026:

Scripture Lesson: John 11:1-45 *The raising of Lazarus*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you

had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear

me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 130 *Mercy and redemption*

R: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

C: **If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

R: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!

*All: For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.*

* **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 do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

- *Hebrews 13:16*

Announcements for Sunday, March 22, 2026

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! 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. He can be reached at 226-998-5606 or rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Fri. March 27 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm Messy Lent Event
Egg painting, palm cross making & other fun activities, Communion, soups and cookies. All ages are welcome!

Sun. March 29 11:45 am Chili Lunch

Everyone is invited to lunch after worship. If you can help set up, take down, make or serve chili or clean up, please sign the sheet on the Great Hall bulletin board.

A Note from Your Music Director

Thank you so much to my St. Andrew's family for the lovely surprise tribute last Sunday to my 30 years here with you! Contractually, I did start March 15, 1996 – 30 years to the day – but I came in a day earlier so we'd have a choir practice before our first Sunday together. That first Sunday, Rev. Graeme Duncan chose *Amazing Grace* and *The Lord's My Shepherd* as hymns; that fact was nowhere on my radar when Byron and I planned last week's hymns back in January. How wild that we had two of the same hymns! So many thanks to the choir, Rev. Byron and the congregation for the lovely card, flowers, ovation and certificate of appreciation, and especially a huge thank you to Kennedy Jackson for the amazing photo display. Now to find room on my wall! Thank you all for your support over the years.

- Shelagh Tyreman



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 ...