



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.*

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Anniversary and Band Sunday ~

Seasonal Colour: Green

(* Those who are able are invited to stand. Responsive text is in bold.)

Opening

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

arr. A. Clark

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Creating God, we gather in your name to
worship you

People: **We give thanks that we are fearfully and
wonderfully made**

Leader: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to
worship you

People: **We celebrate the loving presence of God in our
lives**

Leader: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to
worship you

People: **We rejoice that God teaches us to live in joy**

All: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Amen.*

* Hymn: *We are one in the Spirit*

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See & Hear: *If these walls could talk*

(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

Choir Anthem: *Lift High the Name of Jesus* arr. M. McDonald

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: Philippians 1:1-11

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139:1-18 (See responses below)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *Partners in the Gospel* Rev. Emma Duncan

* Hymn: *How firm a foundation* 685

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

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Offertory: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. A. Clark

* 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: *Joyful, joyful, we adore you* 410

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Kum-Ba-Yah* arr. P. Clark

*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

Guest Minister: Rev. Emma Duncan

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

Senior Choir ~ Leap of Faith Band

Scripture Reader: Colin Young

Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd

Duty Elder: Jean Bradshaw

Coffee Fellowship: Wilma & Barend Zinkweg

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, October 25, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service of Gratitude – Sermon: *The Greatest Commandments*

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, October 18, 2026:

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We are one in the Spirit

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT Irregular with refrain

Fm Cm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fath - er, from

Cm Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, we are one in the
walk hand in hand, we will walk with each
work side by side, we will work with each
whom all things come, and all praise to Christ

Fm Cm Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
Je - sus, who is God's on - ly Son, and all

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Bbm Cm Fm Cm7

pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

Fm Fm7 Db Cm

stored, and they'll know we are Chris-tians by our
land, pride, one,.

Fm /Eb Db Fm Fm

love, by our love, and they'll know we are

Bbm Cm Fm

Chris - tians by our love.

How firm a foundation

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G C Am D Em G/D D 7 G

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dis - mayed!
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

C Am D Em G/D D 7 G

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not— I will not— de - sert to his foes;

D/F# G (/B) G Em G/B D

What more can God say than to you hath been said,
 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flames shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,

Alternate tune: Foundation

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B Em Am D Em G/D D 7 G

to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right-eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er— no, nev - er— no, nev - er for - sake!"



**ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE
WELCOME!!**

We are thrilled to welcome babies and toddlers to our nursery each week – their giggles and energy bring so much life to our Sundays. We are looking for volunteers who feel called to help care for our littlest ones, if you feel called to assist in the nursery please speak to Kim Shepherd.

Want to be part of the fun? We'd love to have you join this amazing ministry! Please speak with Kim Shepherd, our Sunday School Superintendent, to learn how you can help.

Joyful, joyful we adore you

HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D

G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you,
 3. You are giv - ing and for - round you;
 4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - ing, rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7

God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like
 earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels
 ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the
 mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4) 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D

flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the
 sing a - round you, cen - tre of un -
 joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Readings for Sunday, October 18, 2026:

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139:1-18

- R: O Lord, you have searched me and known me
- C: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- R: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

- C: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**
- R: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- R: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- C: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
- R: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- C: **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
- R: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"
- C: **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**
- R: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- C: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**
- R: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- C: **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**
- R: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- All: I try to count them – they are more than the sand;
I come to the end – I am still with you.*

*** 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**

The Week of Sunday, October 18h at St. Andrew's

All submissions are due at the office no later than 9:30 am Thursdays
and can be sent to: office@standrewsbrampton.ca

Sunday, Oct.	18th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Anniversary Sunday			
Rev. Emma Duncan		<i>Sermon: Partners in the Gospel</i>	
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship
Monday	19th	Committee Budgets are Due!!	
Tuesday	20th		
Wednesday	21st	12:00 p.m.	Food Cupboard
Thursday	22nd	1:00 p.m.	Envelope Secretaries
		7:00 p.m.	New Hope (NA)
		7:00 p.m.	Leap of Faith
		7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting (Virtual)
		8:00 p.m.	Sr. Choir
Friday	23th	6:30 p.m.	
Saturday	24th	9:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist
		9:00 a.m.	Ties That Bind
		7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Progress Group
Sunday	25th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Service of Gratitude		<i>Sermon: The Greatest Commandments</i>	
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship

Stewardship Moment

“Thus human freedom is freedom to respond with thanksgiving.”
— **Karl Barth**, *The Humanity of God*

2027 Mystery Dinners

The Special Events Team is getting ready to plan the 2027 Mystery Dinners, and we'd love to hear from you! With some past participants having relocated, we're eager to discover who would like to join the fun in 2027. Please let us know if you're interested in taking part in an evening of good food, friendly conversation, and a little mystery! Please reach out to office@standrewsbrampton.ca and let us know.

Presbytery Survey

A survey from General Presbyter Rev. Emma Duncan has been made available to members of all churches in the Brampton Presbytery. The purpose of this survey is to gain a 'snapshot' of the current state of the Presbytery of Brampton. Anyone who worships in one of our Congregations is invited to answer the questions prayerfully and honestly. This survey is not designed to evaluate any individual Minister or Congregation. It is 100% anonymous and the results will help the Presbytery discern how to support our Congregations in the future.

The survey will be open for submissions for the month of October. Please speak to lead minister Rev. Byron Kappes if you would like a paper copy of the survey, or a digital copy to submit.

From the Music Director:

Please respect all musical instruments in the sanctuary. Please do not place objects on piano or organ, and keep piano, organ and choir areas clear of obstruction.

Announcements for Sunday, October 18, 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.

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 905-451-1723, Ext. 201 or rev.byronkappes@standrewsbrampton.ca. **Please give lead minister a window of 24 hours to respond to a call or email.**

Condolences

The congregation extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the Rev. Philip Rodgers, who passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Please keep Joy and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

Anniversary Offering

This year's Anniversary offering will help support the drain repair and major patchwork needed in the church parking lot. Special Anniversary offering envelopes are available at all doors for anyone who would like to contribute.

Attention All Committees

A gentle reminder that all Chairs should have submitted their 2027 Budgets to the Treasurer no later than Monday October 19, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Anna-Marie Dewar, our Treasurer, by email at: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca, and she will assist you.

2026 Elder Elections

The 2026 Elder Elections begin today, Sunday, October 18, 2026, and will close on Sunday, November 15, 2026, immediately following the annual Budget Meeting. All members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to participate, as every vote is important. Please refer to the information insert for instructions on nominating and electing an Elder.

If you have any questions, please speak with Debbie Warwick, Clerk of Session, during Coffee Fellowship, or contact her by email at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Coffee Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who has helped with coffee fellowship in the past — your time and hospitality have made such a difference! We're always happy to welcome additional volunteers, even if you can only help for one Sunday.

Coffee fellowship is a fun and friendly way to meet more people at St. Andrew's and help create the warm welcome our church is known for, we would be very grateful.

Ready to lend a helping hand? Please sign up in the Great Hall — we'd love to have you join the coffee fellowship team!



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Service of Gratitude

The quality of being thankful:

Gratitude: readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

With this in mind: the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Brampton, invites members of the Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, Peel Paramedics and Peel Regional Police, to a service of gratitude on **Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.**

St. Andrew's is located at 44 Church Street East (corner of Church St. & Union St.)

We realize that not all will be able to attend, so for those who cannot attend in person, our service is broadcast live on YouTube.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, for you.



Thank you to all our First Responders!

2026 Elder Elections

The election will be conducted from Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026 to Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026 at 12:00 noon.

All members of St. Andrew's including supporting elders are eligible for election. Those ineligible for nomination are those currently serving as Session Elders, and those whose terms expire in 2026. These individuals are listed in a separate box on the members' list.

Your Elder Election Package will contain: one ballot with election guidelines; one ballot envelope; one self-addressed, stamped return envelope; and one members list to choose your nominees from.

Session has formed a Nomination Team to oversee the election. They will validate the names on the ballot envelopes, discard those envelopes and count the ballots and report to Session for approval of candidates to approach. When God has provided us with six who will serve, we will announce details of the ordination and induction.

Lastly, to help you in your discernment, we encourage you to prayerfully read the below article:

How to Choose an Elder

Need help choosing who to vote for? Here are some tips.

First, look at the list of members. Now, ask yourself; "of those people that you know, who has many of the needed gifts?"

An elder is a person who:

- Is of good character and is an example to others through their *"speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."*
- Is available and willing to attend meetings regularly.
- Is able to see the "big picture" of life in the church. This person can look beyond the details of individual programs and issues

and see an overview of the congregation. This person can answer, "What is best for the whole congregation?"

- Has concern for the property and facilities that the church owns or in which people gather for worship.
- Is good at discerning the character of other people, who understands systems and how they work, who has a good knowledge of leadership styles and when they are needed for specific tasks.
- Enjoys administration because it helps in the smooth operation of a congregation.
- Is comfortable and natural in sharing his/her faith.
- Is grounded in and respectful of the Reformed faith, tradition and government, even though he/she may not have grown up in that tradition.
- Has gifts for teaching others about the Christian faith and the Presbyterian tradition.
- Appreciates, understands and enjoys the sacraments—baptism and communion—and is willing to take part in the rituals of the church.
- Is trustworthy and can hold confidences.
- Relates well to people of all ages, is a good listener, can ask clarifying questions, and offer support.
- Is open to God's Spirit leading the church in new ways and new directions.
- Is skilled or gifted at personnel matters and in building good teams.
- Cares for the beauty and order of worship.
- Has knowledge about and is engaged in activity in the local community.
- Has a strong sense of financial stewardship and deep commitment to responsible financial management.
- And, has a strong sense of the global mission of the Christian church

(based on article by Dorothy Henderson, PC Pak, May 2003)