



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 25, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Service of Gratitude Sunday ~

Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Opening

Prelude: *We Give You Thanks*

D. Nixon

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *A mighty fortress is our God*

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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

Choir Anthem: *Gather With the Saints*

arr. L. Shackley

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: Matthew 22:34-46

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19 (See responses below)
(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: *The Greatest Commandments* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *Great is thy faithfulness* 324

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

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Offertory: *March* C. Widor

* 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: *Will your anchor hold*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Gavotte*

H. Purcell

*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

Scripture Reader: Savo Persaud

Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd

Duty Elder: Robyn Kirkpatrick

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, November 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service of Gratitude – Sermon: *You are Blessed*

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, October 25, 2026:

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C /E F G Am D G Am Em F G Am/C

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a ref-uge nev-er
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be
3. And though this world, with e-vil filled, should threat-en to un-
4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly powers—no thanks to them!—a-

Dm G7 C /E F G Am D G Am Em F

fail-ing, our help-er sure a-mid the flood of mor-tal
los-ing, were not a Sav-iour on our side, the One of
do us, we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to
bid-ing, en-sures that all God's gifts are ours, through Christ in

G Am Dm G7 C Em D G/B D G C/E

ills pre-vail-ing. For still our an-cient foe yet
God's own choos-ing. Who is this Sav-iour, who? Christ
tri-umph through us: the powers of death and hell our
us re-sid-ing, whose sum-mons rings a-bove all

See also: Ein' Feste Burg 316

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C /E F Dm6 C Em Am 6 G/B Am/C D G F

seeks to work us woe with craft and pow-er great and,
Je-sus, liv-ing, true. Lord Sab-ba-oth by name, from
God will sure-ly quell: their rage we can en-dure, for
goods, all earth-ly love. Earth's pow-ers waste a-way; God's

F C A/C# Dm A Am Em F C Am Dm G7 C

armed with cru-el hate, on earth has not an e-qual.
age to age the same, al-read-y wins the bat-tle.
look! their doom is sure: one lit-tle word will fell them.
word en-dures al-way, whose reign will last for-ev-er.

Great is thy faithfulness

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Eb aug Abmaj7 Ab6 Bb7 Eb/Ab Eb
 1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fath - er;
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest;
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

Ab Eb/G (B7/F)Eb F/C C7 F7 Bb
 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove;
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Abmaj7 Ab6
 thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 join with all na - ture in el - o - quent wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

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Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb
 as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain Bb Ab/Eb Eb C7 Fmsus4-3
 Great is thy faith - ful-ness; great is thy faith - ful-ness;

Bb7 Eb Ebm6 Bb Eb/F F7 Bb
 morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

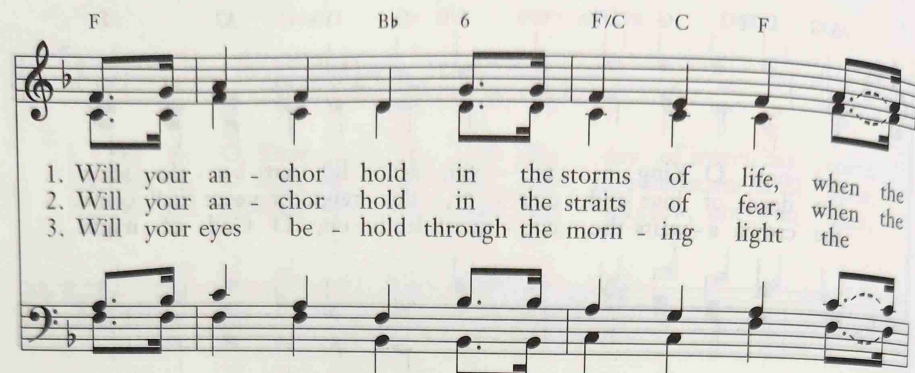
Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Abmaj7 Ab6
 all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb
 great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Will your anchor hold

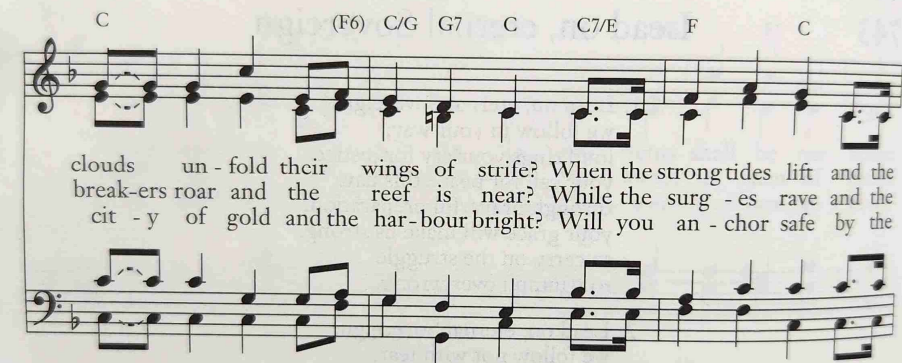
WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD 10 9 10 9 with refrain

F Bb 6 F/C C F



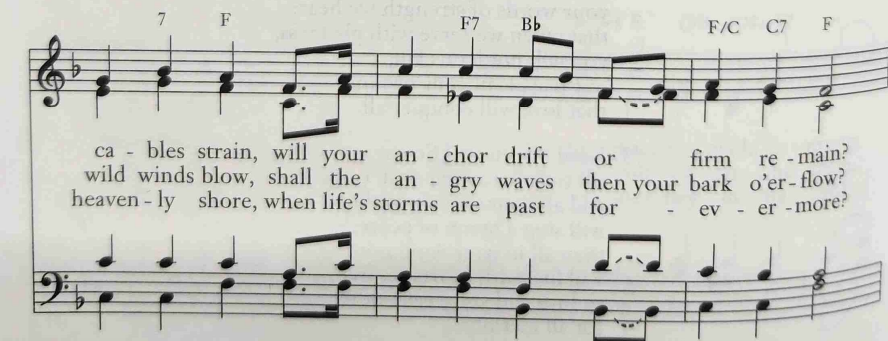
1. Will your an - chor hold in the storms of life, when the
2. Will your an - chor hold in the straits of fear, when the
3. Will your eyes be - hold through the morn - ing light the

C (F6) C/G G7 C C7/E F C



clouds un - fold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift and the
break-ers roar and the reef is near? While the surg - es rave and the
cit - y of gold and the har - bour bright? Will you an - chor safe by the

7 F F7 Bb F/C C7 F

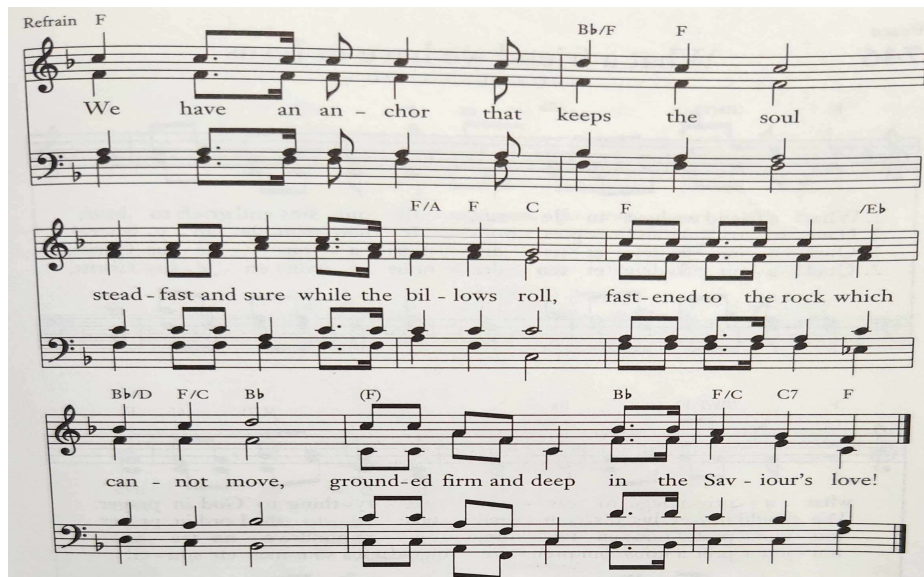


ca - bles strain, will your an - chor drift or firm re - main?
wild winds blow, shall the an - gry waves then your bark o'er - flow?
heaven - ly shore, when life's storms are past for - ev - er - more?

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Refrain F Bb/F F F/A F C F /Eb



We have an an - chor that keeps the soul
stead - fast and sure while the bil - lows roll, fast - ened to the rock which
can - not move, ground - ed firm and deep in the Sav - iour's love!

* 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**

Readings for Sunday, October 25, 2026:

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19

- R: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- C: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
- R: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- C: **yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

- R: which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- C: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- R: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- C: **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- R: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- C: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- R: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- C: **But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
- R: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
- All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

The Week of Sunday, October 25th 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.	25th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Service of Gratitude		<i>Sermon: The Greatest Commandments</i>	
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship
Monday	26th		
Tuesday	27th		
Wednesday	28th	12:00 p.m.	Food Cupboard
Thursday	29th	1:00 p.m.	Envelope Secretaries
		7:00 p.m.	New Hope (NA)
		7:00 p.m.	Leap of Faith
		8:00 p.m.	Sr. Choir
Friday	30th	6:30 p.m.	
Saturday	31st	9:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist
		9:00 a.m.	Ties That Bind
		7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Progress Group
Sunday, Nov.	1st	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
<i>Sermon: You are Blessed</i>		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship

Stewardship Moment

“The more full the creature is with gifts the more the creature should look in gratitude to the fullness of the gift-giver. The fuller the giver the greater the bounty to others.”

— **Kathryn Tanner**, *Jesus, Humanity and the Trinity*

Do you love a Mystery?

Looking for something fun to brighten the winter months? Join the St. Andrews Mystery Dinners! On the first Saturday of January, February, and March, participants will either host or attend a dinner – with one delightful surprise: you won’t know who is coming until the evening unfolds. Then, in April, everyone will gather at the church for a potluck celebration. The program works best with at least 24 participants, so invite a friend and join the fun!

Are you ready for a little mystery and a lot of good food and fellowship? We would love to organize the program again this winter if there is enough interest.

Please email the church office by November 28 to let us know you’re interested: Office@standrewsbrampton.ca. We hope you’ll join us!

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.



ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE WELCOME!!

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.

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.

Youth Class (Highschool)

The young people in Youth class are in the Worship service for the next 4 weeks.

We just completed a 5 week study on Psalm 23.

Youth Class will resume in the Parlour on Sunday, November 15, and our next 4 week study will begin with a discussion on the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the spirit.

News from the Pews

Do you have news to share? There is still time to contribute to our November newsletter! Please send your article for *News from the Pews* to Doreen Scott-Dunne at rose.scott.dunne@gmail.com by **Monday, October 26**. We would be delighted to hear from you – thank you!

Announcements for Sunday, October 25, 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.**

Offering Envelopes or PAR Registration

As 2027 approaches, we invite you to choose the giving option that is easiest and most convenient for you. If you would like offering envelopes, or if you would like to register for PAR, please speak with our Envelope Secretaries. They would be happy to help make your church offering simple and easy.

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Budget Meeting will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, November 15, 2026. All members are warmly encouraged to attend.

Thank-you to our Committee Chairs for submitting their budgets to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

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.

2026 Elder Elections

The 2026 Elder Elections are underway 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!

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)