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, OCTOBER 11, 2026 10:30 A.M.
Thanksgiving/Harvest Sunday ~
Seasonal Colour: Green

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

Opening

Prelude: *Thank You* *M. Schneider*

Welcome & Announcements

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *Come, ye thankful people, come* 803

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: *Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord* *J. Althouse*

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 22:1-14

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 (See responses below)

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

Sermon: *I Cannot Come to the Banque* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: *For the fruits of all creation* 802

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

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Offertory: *Now Thank We All Our God* *arr. R. Hughes*

* 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: *We plough the fields and scatter* 807

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Jubilation* *J. Denton*

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

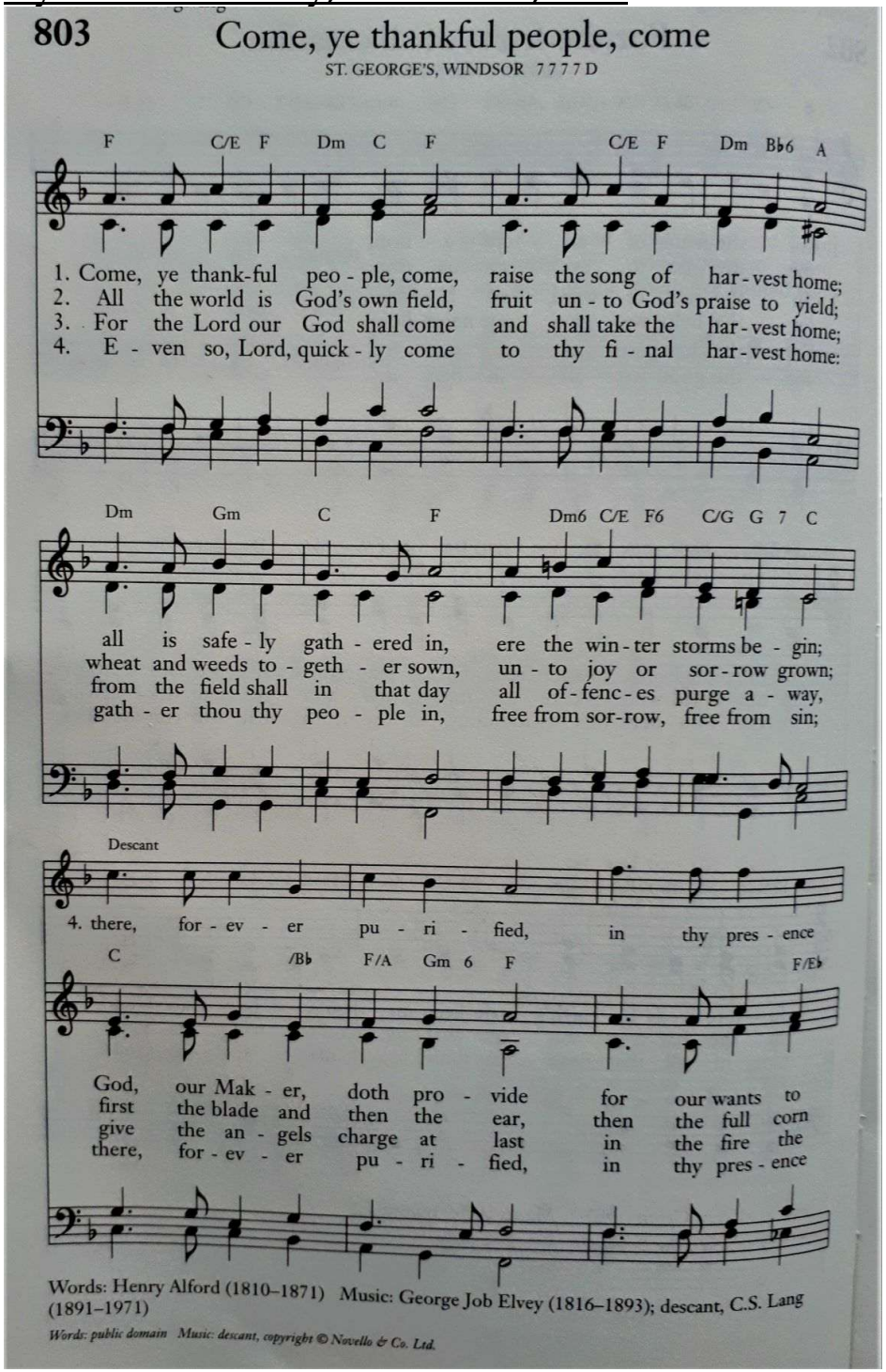
Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes
Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman
Senior Choir
Scripture Reader: Molly Harvey
Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd
Duty Elder: Kim Shepherd
Coffee Fellowship: Graham McWatt, Joel Dennison

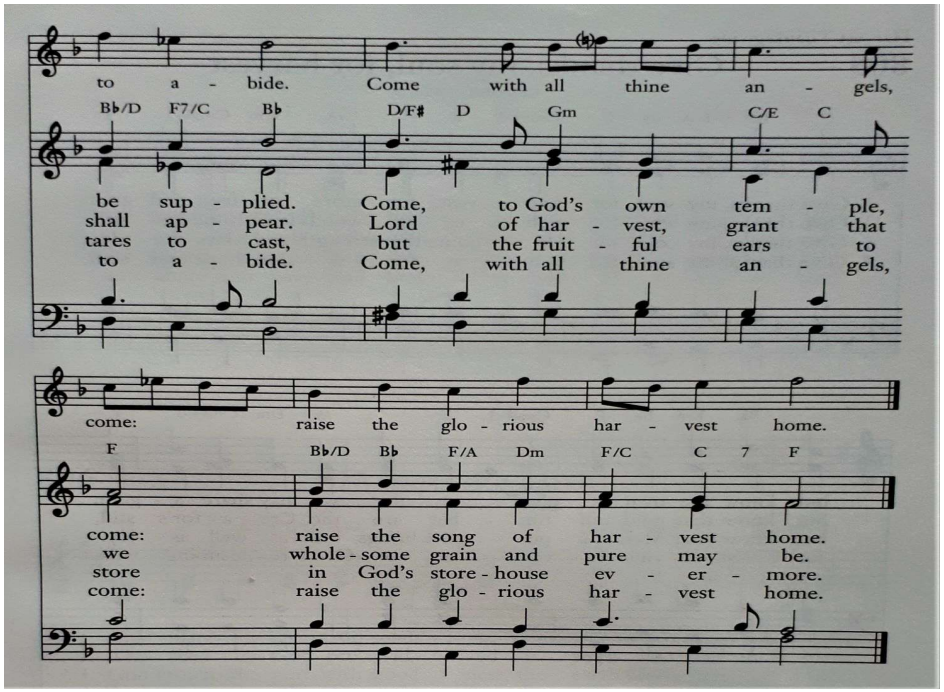
Worship Next Week

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026 10:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving – Sermon: Partners in the Gospel
Guest Minister: Rev. Emma Duncan

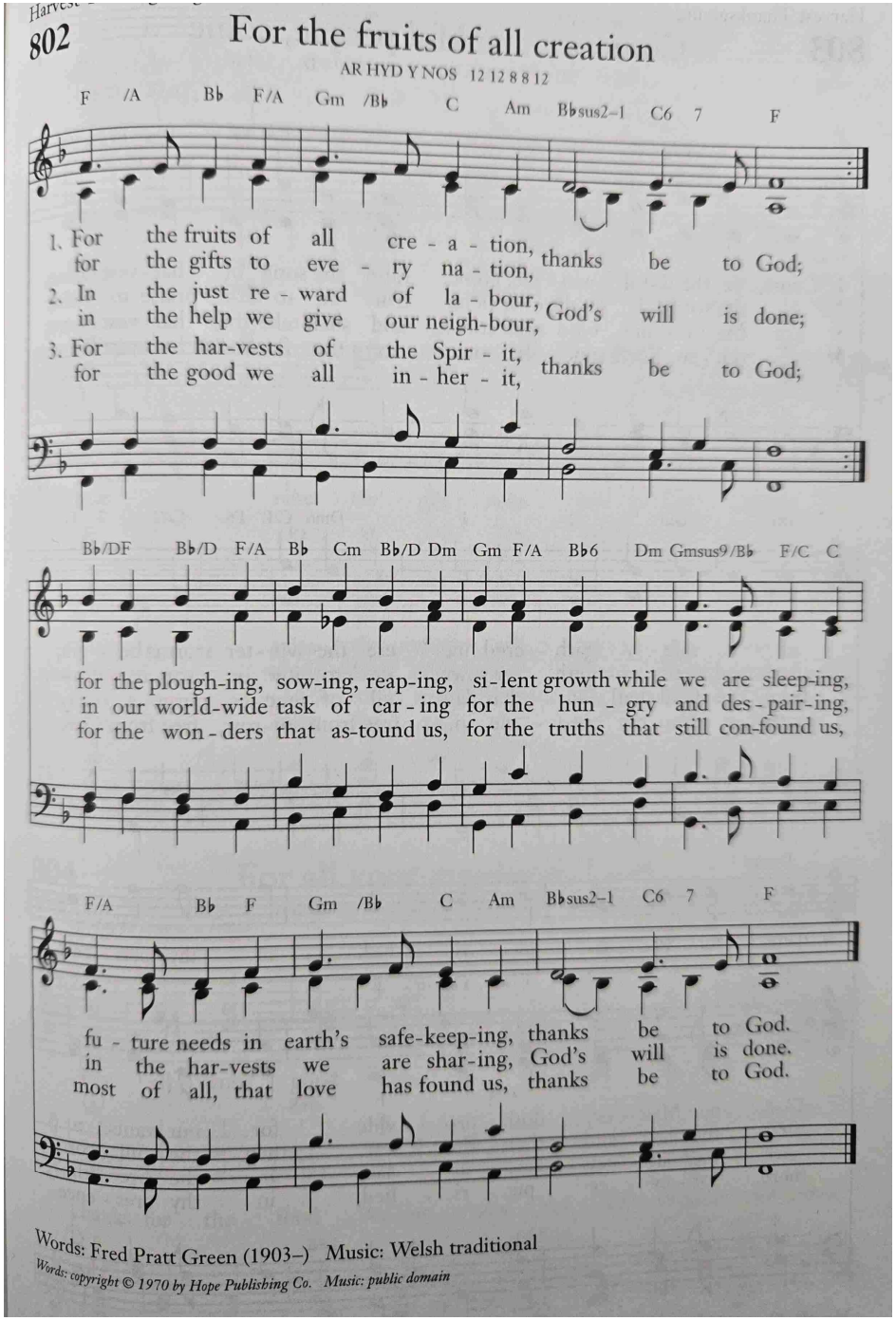
Hymns for Sunday, October 11, 2026:

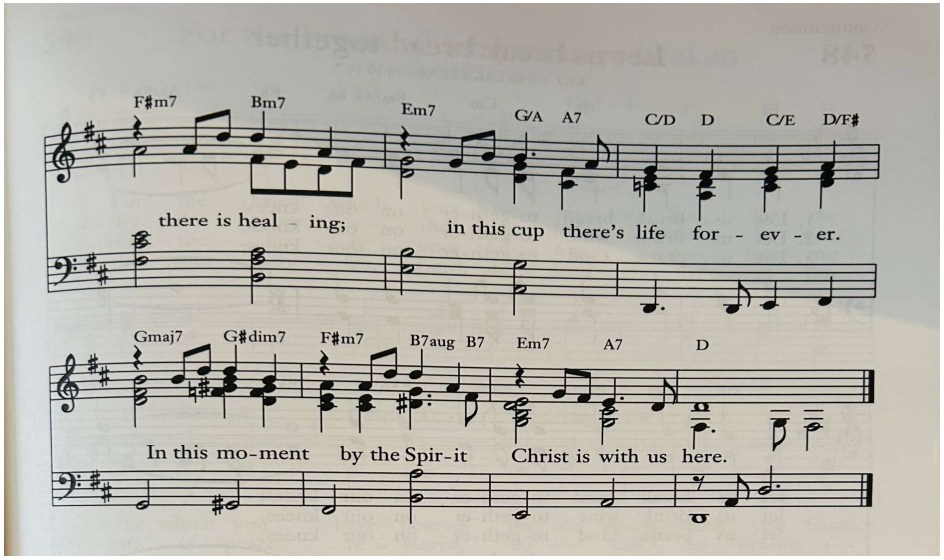




An Evening of Light
Friday Oct. 16, 2026 ~ 6:30 pm

Grief touches each of us in different ways, and saying goodbye to the people, pets, and cherished parts of our lives is never easy. We warmly invite you into a safe and caring space where we can share the weight of grief, honour those we miss, and celebrate the love and memories that continue to shine in our hearts. If you are unable to attend our Wave of Light but would like your loved one's name added to a lantern, please let me know. You are always welcome here.





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Service of Gratitude

Gratitude: The quality of being thankful: 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 inperson, 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 ourFirst Responders!

807 We plough the fields and scatter

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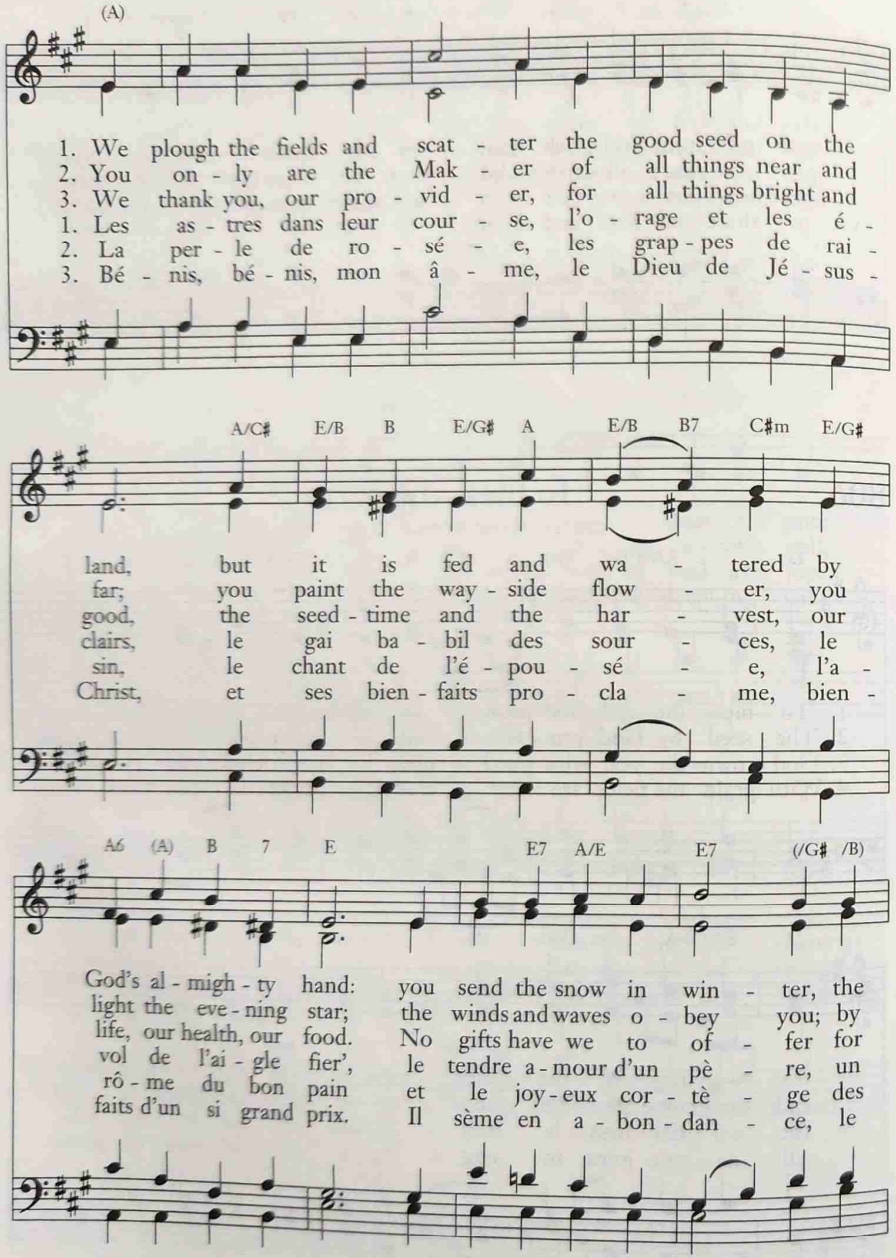

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Readings for Sunday, October 11, 2026:

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
R: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
C: 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

Office Administrator:

The session and moderator of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church would like to inform the congregation that Valerie Barret is no longer acting office administrator. Kim Shepherd is temporarily filling the role. We will be hiring a new permanent office administrator in the new year**.**

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.

POSTPONED - Celebrating our 179th Anniversary Luncheon ~ Sunday October 18, 2026

Session has decided to postpone the Anniversary Luncheon because of safety concerns in the Great Hall. A new date has not yet been set; we will share updates as they become available.

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 11, 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.**

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 received their 2026 Budgets to review and update for 2027 from our Treasurer. All Budgets are to be received by 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.

Offering Envelopes

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

2026 Elder Elections

St. Andrew's will elect six new Elders to serve on Session starting January 2027. The election period will open on Sunday, October 18, 2026, and close on Sunday, November 15, 2026, following the annual Budget Meeting. All members of the congregation are encouraged to participate, as every vote is important. Please refer to the enclosed information insert for instructions on how to nominate and elect an Elder.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Warwick, our Clerk of Session during coffee fellowship or you can reach out to her via email: 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. Volunteers arrive about 30 minutes before church starts to set up and stay about 30 minutes afterward to clean up. If you can lend a helping hand on the regular rotation (about once every 3–4 weeks, 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!

The Week of Sunday, October 11th 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.	11th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Thanksgiving Sunday – *Sermon: I Cannot Come to the Banquet*			
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship
Monday	12th		
Tuesday (virtual)	13th	7:30 pm	Committee Meetings
Wednesday	14th	12:00 p.m.	Food Cupboard
Thursday	15th	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	16th	6:30 p.m.	An Evening of Light
Saturday	17th	9:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist
		9:00 a.m.	Ties That Bind
		7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Progress Group
Sunday	18th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Anniversary Sunday			
Sermon: Partners in the Gospel – Rev. Emma Duncan			
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship

Stewardship Moment

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything."

— **Thomas Merton**, *Thoughts in Solitude*

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)