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, NOVEMBER 29, 2026 10:30 A.M.
Advent 1: Hope ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~
Seasonal Colour: Purple

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

Opening

Prelude:

Carol Sing: *I heard the bells on Christmas Day; Once in Royal David's City; What Child is this?*

Approach to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Liturgy: (See PWS&D insert)

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope.
The banner has been raised to remind us
that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for His return.

Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us.
As we worship You this morning, come to us,
be with us, and as we gather to know You together,
help us to prepare our hearts for Your Son's coming –
the gift of hope. Amen.

* Hymn: *All the earth is waiting* 109 v 1

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Prayer

* Hymn: *Comfort, comfort you my people* *113*

(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

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.

1st Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 (See below)

2nd Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 (See below)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (See below)

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

Sermon *The Son of Man is Coming. Who?* Rev. Byron Kappes

* Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* 542 v 1-2

Holy Communion

* Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* 542 v 3-4

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

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

Offertory:

* 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: *Go, tell it on the mountain* 133

Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude:

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: Ruth Kelly-Boxe
Scripture Reader: Lily Rhind
Sound & Visuals: Peter Shepherd
Duty Elder: Henry Peyer
Coffee Fellowship: Wilma and 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, December 6, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Sunday School Pageant ~Sermon: Waiting

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Readings for Sunday, November 29, 2026:

First Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

2nd Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

R: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

C: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

R: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

C: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

R: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

R: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved

C: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

R: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: *Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*



First Sunday in Advent

Hope

L: We are waiting, O God!
In all times and all places we are looking for a sign
that your redemption is drawing near.

P: Christ is coming soon.

L: We are keeping vigil on earth, knowing you will fulfill your promise
to bring justice, righteousness and peace.

P: Christ is coming soon.

L: We are open to newness, and we are listening and ready to respond,
willing to repent, to change, to be healed and transformed.

P: Christ is coming soon.

L: As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we put our trust in God.
We look to Jesus for encouragement to remain steadfast in faith.
And we seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit that the hope in our
hearts will move us to live out your calling.

P: Christ is the hope of the world!

L: We light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope. Let us pray.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! In you we place our trust. Make known your ways to us so that we may proclaim your good news and be good news to others. Amen.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

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From Setback to State Rank: Dipmala's Story



As a teenager, Dipmala Kumari from Bihar, India, was forced to put her dreams on hold. Although she wanted to continue studying, her family could not afford further education and social expectations were pushing her to get married.

Her future felt uncertain until the Karuna Project, supported by PWS&D, recognized her potential and encouraged her to return to school.

With project support, Dipmala enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program, received coaching for competitive exams and completed computer training. When Bihar Police recruitment opened, Karuna helped her apply and prepare. Through determination and hard work, she achieved the 14th highest rank in the state.

Now 20-years-old, Dipmala is in police training and will soon serve as Security In-Charge during local elections, guarding elected leaders.

Her parents are proud, saying Karuna made her success possible. Her father calls her "a treasure" who now supports the family.

Dipmala is also committed to giving back. Inspired by the support she received, she plans to help support the education of two girls.

This Advent season, respond with PWS&D to ensure communities understand the importance of educating girls.

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Hymns for Sunday, November 29, 2026:

Advent

109 All earth is waiting

TAULE 11 12 12 11

1. All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One,
2. Thus says the proph-et to those of Is-ra-el:
3. Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;
4. In low-ly sta-ble the Prom-ised One ap-peared;

and o-pen fur-rows a-wait the seed of God. All the
"A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el," one whose
o-pen new high-ways, new high-ways for the Lord. He is
yet feel his pres-ence through-out the earth to-day, for he

world, bound and strug-gling, seeks true lib-er-ty; it
name is "God-with-us" our Sav-iour shall be; with
now com-ing clos-er, so come all and see, and
lives in all Chris-tians and is with us now; a-

cries out for jus-tice and search-es for the truth.
him hope will blos-som once more with-in our hearts.
o-pen the door-ways as wide as wide can be.;
gain, with his com-ing he brings us lib-er-ty.

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Advent

113 Comfort, comfort you my people

GENEVAN 42 87877788

1. Com-fort, com-fort you my peo-ple; tell of peace,thus says our God;
2. For the her-ald's voice is call-ing in the des-ert far and near,
3. Make you straight what long was crook-ed; make the rough-er plac-es plain;

com-fort those who sit in dark-ness bowed be-neath op-pres-sion's load.
bid-ding us to make re-pent-ance since the king-dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-fits God's ho-ly reign,

Speak you to Je-ru-sa-lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
for the glo-ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a-broad,

tell them that their sins I cov-er, and their war-fare now is o-ver.
let the val-leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
and all flesh shall see the to-ken that God's word is nev-er bro-ken.

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542 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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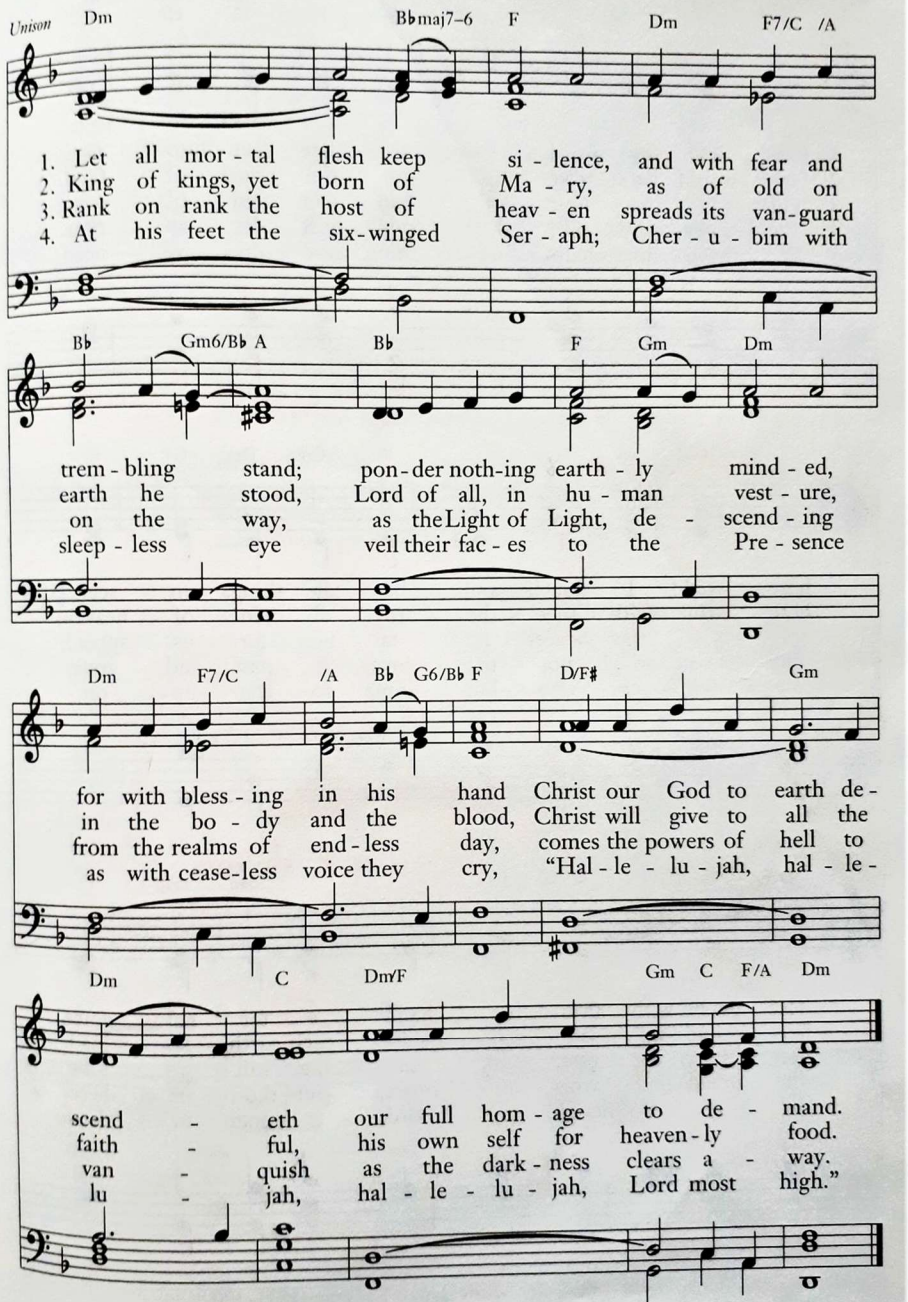

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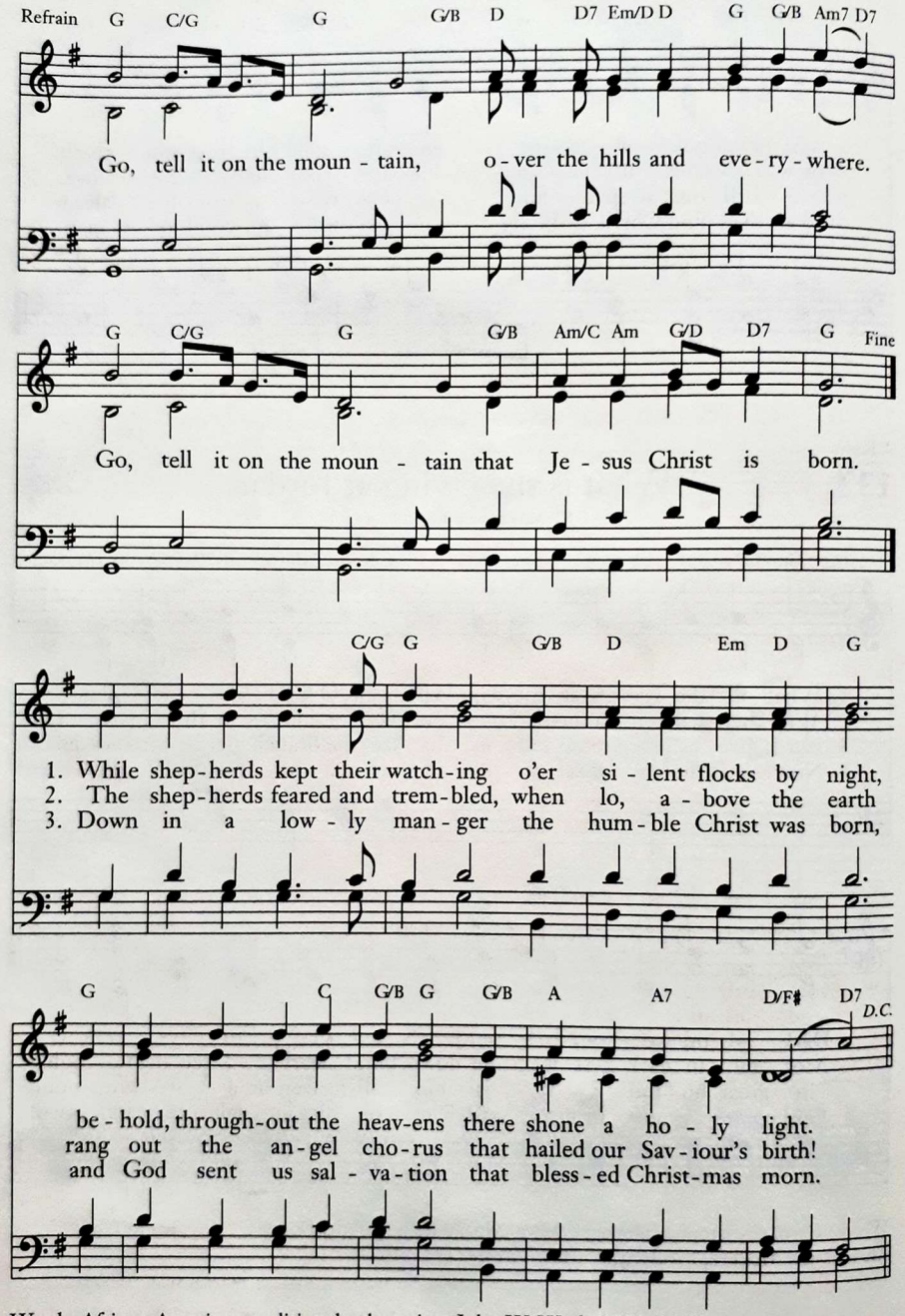
133 Go, tell it on the mountain

GO, TELL IT 7 6 7 6 with refrain



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The Week of Sunday, November 29th 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, Nov.	29th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
First Sunday of Advent ~ Sacrament of Holy Communion			
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship
Monday	30th		
Tuesday, Dec.	1st	12:00 p.m.	WMS Potluck Lunch
Wednesday	2nd	12:00 p.m.	Food Cupboard
Thursday	3rd	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	4th	6:30 p.m.	Messy Church
Saturday	5th	9:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist
		9:00 a.m.	Ties That Bind
		7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Progress Group
Sunday	6th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Advent 2: Peace, Sunday School Pageant			
Sermon: Waiting			
		1:00 p.m.	Southeast Asian Worship

Stewardship Moment

"That for which I can thank God is good."
— **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, *On Gratitude among Christians*

* **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

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.

We currently have 18 participants. 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 December 4th, 2026 to let us know you're interested: Office@standrewsbrampton.ca. We hope you'll join us!



Join us on **Friday, December 4** for an exciting evening at St. Andrew's as we host our **Messy Church Advent event**! Bring your appetite and your creativity as we gather to celebrate the Season of Advent together.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and activities begin at 6:45pm with dinner, followed by crafts and fun. We'll finish the night with some festive Christmas Karaoke, so start warming up those pipes!

A goodwill offering will be received. We hope to see you there!

Announcements for Sunday, November 29, 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.**

WMS Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, December 1st, 2026 at 12:00 noon

Join us for a warm time of fellowship as we celebrate the Advent season with a potluck lunch in the parlour. All are welcome, and we would love to see you there!

Council of Elders

Sunday, December 13th 2026 ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

The Council of Elders is warmly invited to a Christmas Meet & Greet on Sunday, December 13th, 2026, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Join us to welcome our newly ordained Elders and to celebrate the Advent season together over some appetizers. We will gather in the Education Wing (lower level) in the Nursery, Room 109, with overflow space in the Parlour. Please let Debbie Warwick, Clerk of Session, know if you will be attending. We hope to see you there!

Bruce the Cookie Man is Back!

Make holiday gift-giving and entertaining a little sweeter with delicious baked treats from Bruce the Cookie Man! Place your order online and enjoy festive goodies while supporting our church food bank. Order soon, and share the joy of the season! Any questions, please speak to Bruce Cornish!

Coffee Fellowship

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has helped with Coffee Fellowship—We still have a two opportunities to serve on the following dates: **Dec. 20 & 27**

If you can help on one of these dates, please add your name to the sign-up sheet just outside the kitchen door.

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming time of fellowship for everyone!

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Get ready for a joyful celebration! This year's Sunday School Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 6th. To help bring the story to life, we are looking to borrow toy cameras and business suit jackets for the day. If you have any of these items to share, please speak with Kim Shepherd.

The fun will continue after worship, when the Sunday School hosts Coffee Fellowship! Come enjoy some refreshments, share in the excitement, and say hello to our amazing children and youth. We would love to see you there!

Ontario Correctional Institute ~ Christmas Project 2026

We will once again be putting together 10 bags for men being reintegrated into the public. We request the following:

10 full size body wash
shampoo
toothpaste & toothbrushes
deodorant
combs
shaving cream and razors.

There will be a container marked OCI located on the table in the great hall. We would like all donations by **December 13th**.

Thank you for your continued support

Armagh Christmas Project

Located in South Mississauga, Armagh provides long-term housing and support services for women, with or without children, as they rebuild their lives after experiencing abuse.

As Armagh is the only second stage supportive housing program for women leaving abusive relationships in the Region of Peel, the need for the services offered is overwhelming. In recent years, Armagh has completed a major expansion of their Mississauga facilities, while also opening a satellite site in Brampton.

For 25 years, the congregation of Erindale Presbyterian Church has generously supported this outreach project, making Christmas a little brighter for the women and children spending the holiday at Armagh.

Armagh has now expanded into Brampton and Erindale has asked for our help. We have been asked to provide new slippers and PJ's to the women and children at Armagh. This year we have **12 moms and 23 children**.
If you wish to do your own shopping, the sign-up sheets will be available after church.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution, we will do the shopping for you.
Please make sure that your contribution is clearly labeled "**Armagh Christmas**".

All items **must** be at the church by **Sunday December 13**. Thank you.

For more information see Colin Young

Blue Christmas

Service of Reflection, Remembrance and Hope

Wednesday, December 16, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Christmas is often sold to us as a time of universal joy and celebration. The birth of our Lord and Saviour should be a happy time for everyone, after all! For many, however, the Christmas season can be just as painful as it is cheerful. During a time when family, friends and "togetherness" are so heavily stressed, many of us nonetheless experience the wounds of loss, loneliness and grief all the more keenly.

Understanding that Christmas festivities can often drown out our cries for solace and help, even in the context of the church, St. Andrew's is offering an evening of quiet calm in which to worship and experience our sadness without shame – a space and a time to acknowledge it and to know that we are not alone. During this service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those whom we miss.

Our Blue Christmas service is open to all who seek encouragement and hope. Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to the Sanctuary on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. You will be warmly welcomed.

This service is in-person only and will not be lives