25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026



Today's Readings

Judges 4:1-7 ✟ Psalm 123 ✟ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ✟ Matthew 25:14-30

Please feel free to use the Bibles located in the pews, your own Bible and/or your personal device to follow along with the scripture readings

Upcoming at Christ Church

- ✠ Monday, November 16, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom *(see notice)*
  - 2nd Brampton Scouting @ 7:00 – 8:30 pm Parish Hall
- ✠ Tuesday, November 17, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom *(see notice)*
- ✠ Wednesday, November 18, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom *(see notice)*
  - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm
- ✠ Thursday, November 19, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom *(see notice)*
  - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm
- ✠ Friday, November 20, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom *(see notice)*
- ✠ Saturday, November 21, 2026
  - Anniversary Luncheon Set-Up @ 10:00 am
- ✠ Sunday, November 22, 2026 | The Reign of Christ
  - In-Person @ 10:00 am with 175th Anniversary Luncheon following
  - Online@ 4:00 pm
  - Evening Prayer @ 6:00 pm on Zoom
  - NA Group @ 7:00 pm - Auditorium

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Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 64:1-9 ✟ Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 ✟ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ✟ Mark 13:24-37

Liturgy & Worship

Welcome to Christ Church. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning. Our service projected on the screen. In most cases, the clergy/leaders' portions are in green text, and the congregation is encouraged to join in on the black text portions.

At Christ Church, we offer on a regular basis:

† A Word about Intercessions | Weekly

The term intercession is used for a selection of prayers which remember the needs of and intercede for others. Often these prayers are for people who are ill, grieving or for people for have died. Intercessions can also include thanksgiving for prayers answered such recovered health, restoration of relationships or the birth of a new child.

Before entering the church (in the Narthex), you will see a binder, where you can add names that will be used in the weekly intercessions. You can ask for prayers for thanksgiving, for those who are sick and for those that have died. Please use first names only.

† Communion | Weekly

All baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The sacrament of Christ's body and blood is offered in both bread and wine. You are welcome to receive both or either. Please, however, do not intinct (dip) the host (bread). Gluten-free bread is available; simply indicate your desire to the priest.

Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Our greeters will be on hand to guide you forward to the bottom of the steps for either communion or a blessing.

† A Word about Anointing with Oil
1st Sunday of the Month

The gospels reveal to us that Jesus' ministry was a ministry of healing. Nearly 1/5 of the gospels are devoted to acts of healing, with more than 40 recorded instances of physical and mental healing. Christian ministry, by its nature, involves ministries of healing that strive for the well-being of the mind, body and spirit. Anointing with oil is a healing ministry intended to happen within the life and worship of a parish or faith community. It's not a private or individual ministry, but a ministry of the whole Church.

During the communion, anointing will be provided in the side chapel.

Outreach | Special Offering
(Today following Communion)

REGENERATION OUTREACH COMMUNITY

30 years Faith WORKS

Earlier this year our long-time local ministry partner, Regeneration Outreach Community, became a ministry partner of FaithWorks and was awarded an initial grant of $20,000. This is exciting news for both Regen and Christ Church. Christ Church parishioners can now donate to Regen via FaithWorks. To celebrate this achievement and FaithWorks 30th Anniversary, **this morning we welcome Ted Brown, CEO of Regen as guest preacher**. A special offering opportunity will be provided following the Communion. Donations will be receipted by Christ Church *(cheques payable to Christ Church Brampton)* and designated as FaithWorks – Regeneration.

Several of our parishioners have been and continue to volunteer at Regen and this is a terrific way to honour them too!

About FaithWorks

FaithWorks is a charitable programme of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. We offer support to our Ministry Partners as they serve the needs of people who are Indigenous, homeless, hungry, at-risk women, children or youth, immigrants or refugees, or struggling with HIV/AIDS. We help them build communities of compassion and hope. As followers of Jesus, we offer new life.

FaithWorks allows us to share our blessings with others who are vulnerable and marginalized right here in our community and around the world.

FaithWorks has provided more than $35 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries over the last 25 years.

https://faithworks.ca/what-is-faithworks/

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Clothing donations to Regeneration are currently on pause.

Prayer on Zoom

Evening Prayer (Sunday)	† Sunday Evenings † 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm † Zoom link is on our homepage Phone Number: 1 647-558-0588 Meeting ID: 827 5605 4958 Passcode: 010017
Morning Prayer (Monday – Friday) 	† Monday to Friday † 7:15 am to 7:45 am † Zoom link is on our homepage Phone Number: 1 647-374-4685 Meeting ID: 875 3545 1504 Passcode: 745054 *Georgie-boy waits patiently for his morning walk while "his human" takes in Morning Prayer.*

Celebrating our 175th Anniversary

Generation to Generation
1851~2026

Rededication Sunday: We will conclude our formal celebrations with a Rededication of Christ Church on Sunday, November 22, The Reign of Christ with **The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, presiding**.

Worship will be followed by a Parish Luncheon. While lunch will be provided, **we are asking for donations to create a "Dessert Bar."** There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office.

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required

1st Sunday of Advent (November 29)

Mark your calendars now for two very special services that you will want to attend:

- As it is our regular practice on the 5th Sundays of the month, our Youth will be taking the lead. By greeting, praying, preaching, this is how we raise them up. What a joy and privilege that is!
- Later in the afternoon, we welcome Bp. Kevin Robertson for the Ordination of The Rev. Dr. Michael Brain.



Please keep our Youth, Michael and his wife, Bridget, in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful day.

2027 Confirmation Preparation Starts Sunday, December 6

We are pleased to be offering confirmation preparation starting Sunday, December 6th. Several of our young people (at last count 10!) indicated interest and with a couple of "field trips" in the works, we couldn't be more excited! While the full schedule will be available in the weeks to come, please note that most classes will be Sunday mornings following the 10:00 service from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Confirmation will take place at Christ Church on Pentecost (Sunday, May 16) at Christ Church with Bishop Peter Fenty (ret.) presiding. This program is ideally suited for young persons who are in Grade 7+ and is also open to those who wish to reaffirm their faith.

Confirmant families are invited to prayerfully consider making an offering of $100 towards the Confirmation Program. To register or for more information, candidates and/or their parents/guardians should contact Shumaila Desrochers at:

cyf.christchurchbrampton@gmail.com

Saints in the Next Pew

An excerpt from the November edition of the NB Anglican by Shawn C. Branch, Director of Mission and Ministry.

When we hear the word *saint*, we may imagine someone in stained glass. A heroic figure from another century, glowing with holiness and untouched by the frustrations of life. The saints we have heard about are rarely so polished. They lose their patience. They forget things. They occasionally say the wrong thing. They live with doubts, disappointments, and unfinished struggles…

November begins with All Saints' Day, when the Church remembers the faithful witnesses who have gone before us: apostles, martyrs, teachers, reformers, and servants whose courage helped carry the gospel across generations. But the communion of saints is larger than the list of famous names. It includes the people who taught us to pray, sometimes without realizing they were teaching us anything. It includes those who quietly kept promises, offered kindness, endured hardship, and returned week after week to worship God alongside people they did not always understand.

The Letter to the Hebrews describes us as "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." (Heb 12:1) ….They were not all successful by ordinary measures. They were faithful. That 'cloud of witnesses' reminds us that we do not travel the road of faith alone. Every generation receives the faith from others, lives it imperfectly, and passes it on. Some of those witnesses may have sat in the pew beside us.

- † Perhaps it was the person who arrived early every Sunday to unlock the church and turn on the heat. Few people notice this job unless it is forgotten.
- † Perhaps it was the woman who remembered every birthday and quietly sent cards to people who had stopped attending years before.
- † Perhaps it was the man who could not say much about theology but knew exactly when a neighbour needed a cord of wood, a repaired step, or a drive to an appointment.
- † Perhaps it was the person who prayed through the parish list each morning, holding before God needs that no one else knew they carried.
- † These acts seldom appear dramatic. Repeated over many years, however, they become a life.

Saints in the Next Pew (continued)

We tend to celebrate visible accomplishments: the successful program, the stirring sermon, the building restored, or the money raised. But much of the Church's life rests upon ministries so ordinary that we barely think to name them.

- † Someone makes the tea.
- † Someone listens to the same story again, and again.
- † Someone notices an empty chair and makes a phone call.
- † Small acts of faithfulness create a place where others can encounter grace.

Saints are not people who have escaped ordinary life. They are people through whose ordinary lives the love of God has found room to move… Their witness does not depend upon their perfection; it depends upon the grace of God at work within them. That is good news for the rest of us. We do not need to become spiritual heroes before God can use us. We do not need impressive gifts, certainty, or public recognition. We need only offer what we have, where we are, and allow the Holy Spirit to shape our ordinary choices.

The writer of Hebrews continues: "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus." (Heb 12:2) The race before us may consist of caring for a family member, encouraging a weary colleague, serving a struggling parish, or continuing to pray when prayer feels dry. It may mean extending welcome, admitting a mistake, or choosing gentleness when irritation would be easier. These things matter because love becomes real through practice.

This November, perhaps we might remember one of the quiet saints who helped form us. We could speak their name, tell their story, or thank God for the particular way their life pointed toward Christ.

We might also look around. The next person God is using to teach us about faithfulness may already be nearby. They may be stacking chairs, washing cups, singing slightly off-key, or sitting quietly in the next pew. And someone may be watching our life in the same way. Most of us will never be remembered by the wider Church. We may never know which gesture was noticed, which word brought courage, or which small act helped another person keep going. That is all right. Saints do not draw attention to themselves. They help us pay attention to Jesus. By the grace of God, even an ordinary life can do that.

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Our Musicians in the Community



The concert will be in the Old Court Room
Ffree with admission to PAMA.
$8.00.

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A Celtic Christmas
Friday, December 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Sanderson Hall, St. Paul's United Church
30 Main St. S. | Presented by Brampton Folk Club

The BFC welcomes back flutist/singer Allison Lupton and her talented friends for a special Celtic Christmas concert! Acclaimed singer-songwriter, flutist and multiple CFMA Traditional Singer of the Year nominee, Allison enchants listeners with story songs and tunes that take you away to another time. She will be joined by award winning fiddler Shane Cook, keyboardist Tom Leighton and multi-instrumentalist/step dancer Kyle Waymouth. Treat yourself to an unforgettable evening of reimagined Christmas Classics, beautiful Celtic songs and lively fiddle tunes!

Opening Act: Jeff LeBlanc
Tickets available at the door
$25



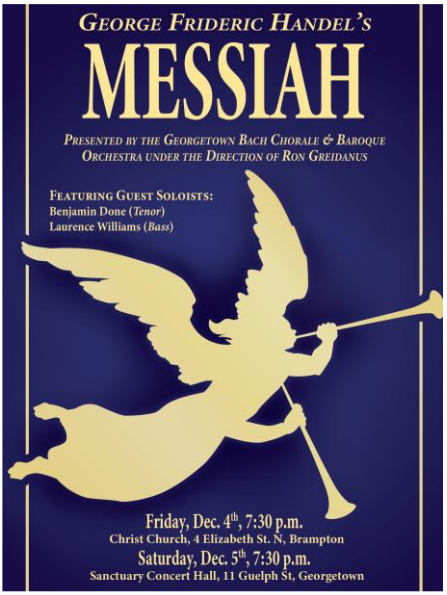
Prepping for Advent



A Children's Choir forming for Advent. In preparation for Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 20 @ 10:00 am and Christmas Eve. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings from 11:45 am – 12:15 pm starting November 1st.** Parents can enjoy Coffee Hour while kids rehearse!

If you know a child that might be interested or want to know a little bit more about it, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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Georgetown Bach Chorale

Handel's "Messiah"

Friday, December 4 @ 7:30 pm
at Christ Church

Tickets: Adults $50 | Students $15

Tickets available Sunday mornings, from Ron Greidanus at 905-843-9909 or online at the Georgetown Bach Chorale at: georgetownbachchorale.com/

About Last Week

Remembrance Sunday | Nov 08/26















Resource Management

Financial Giving

Because the life and vitality of our Church is important to us, we are each called to make a financial commitment to ensure that the ministry of our church continues to flourish now and for the years to come. We are so grateful for the intentional, purposeful, and sacrificial gifts that enable us to invite, welcome and connect all of us together with Him who abides with us in all times and circumstances. We have several ways to give:

1. **Envelope Sets** are available by contacting the parish office.
2. **Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR")** is a monthly amount withdrawn from your bank account.
3. **E-Transfers** via the Interac system. Email address is: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca *If you are new to us please include your name and address in the notes section for receipting purposes.*
4. You can donate electronically via **CanadaHelps** using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website or here: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/
5. **More information** is available at: https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give

Should have any questions or need some guidance about any of our ways to give, please do not hesitate to contact our Envelope Secretary, Ruth Wiggins at 416-706-8471.

When Fear Buries our Gifts

Reflecting on Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents is often interpreted as an endorsement of productivity, investment, and financial success. But the most revealing words in the story come from the third servant: "I was afraid." His fear determines his actions. He buries what has been entrusted to him, protecting it from loss but also preventing it from accomplishing anything. The master's harsh response makes this an uncomfortable parable, and we shouldn't pretend otherwise. Yet beneath that discomfort lies a question worth asking: What happens when fear becomes the organizing principle of our lives? The servant's understanding of his master leaves no room for trust, imagination, or possibility. His fear has already determined the outcome.

Churches can become remarkably skilled at burying their talents. We defer ministry, protect resources, resist new ideas, and sometimes confuse institutional preservation with faithful stewardship. Of course, responsible leadership requires prudence. But prudence and fear are not the same thing. When every decision begins with what we might lose, we gradually lose sight of what God has given us to accomplish. Gratitude offers another starting point: recognizing that our gifts are not possessions to be guarded indefinitely, but resources entrusted to us for the sake of God's work. **Perhaps the greatest risk facing us isn't that we or others will use our gifts unwisely. It's that we will become so afraid of losing them that we never use them at all.** Adapted from TENS November 2026 Newsletter

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Parking

As a courtesy to newcomers, the disabled and those with young families, we kindly ask you that you leave the parking in front of the church and those spots along the north wall of the church for those who are less able bodied. **Additionally, the 1st two spots along the north wall are for those with a handicap permit or another equally valid reason.**

In addition to ample street parking, Sunday morning parking is available at the following locations:

Medical Arts 118 Queen St. W.	• Located on the northeast corner of Queen and Mill Street.
Brampton Go	• Located on the northeast corner of Elizabeth and Nelson

Please do not park at the Sterling Dental lots as they require spots on Sunday for their clients.

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