

The People of St. Andrew's are Called by God

TO SERVE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
in the Heart of Toronto.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter



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### Connect with us...

For general inquiries, to submit or update your personal contact information, or to subscribe to any of our electronic newsletters, please contact the Church Office at: info@standrewstoronto.org

If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic congregation, in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. William Ingram, or the Church Office.

Please respect each other by refraining from using strongly scented products while at St. Andrew's Church. A scent-free area has been designated in the southwest corner of the sanctuary.

Please note that photography/filming may be taking place within the Sanctuary and/or Great Hall for promotional and archival purposes. The photographs and recordings are likely to appear on our website and our social media platforms.

If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the photographer know.

## As you prepare for worship...



Please turn off the sound on your mobile phones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment without prior permission from the ministers.

### Welcome to St. Andrew's Church

The people of St. Andrew's are called, by God, to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto. We believe that we are called to be an inclusive community and to welcome all with open arms and hearts of love. We are glad that you are here today!



## Gathered in God's Presence

‡ = please stand if able

**Preparation for Worship** 

Prayer, Meditation and Quiet Visiting

Organ Prelude Chore

Choral on "O filii et Filiae" Simple gifts

Bédard (1950 - ) Barr (1938 - )

The congregation is invited to rise during the entry of the Bible

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #340 ‡ At the name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

### Opening Responses ‡

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

One: For the LORD is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Introit This is the day Daley

This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

Adoration

Confession

A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed

Assurance of Pardon

Supplication and The 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Children's Time** Children and youth, ages 4 to 17, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.

Words of Welcome

## The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures Reader: Phyllis Airhart

Acts 4: 5-12 (125, NT)

### Hymn #691 ‡

## My shepherd is the King of love

**DOMINUS REGIT ME** 

1 John 3: 16-24 (260, NT) John 10: 11-18 (107, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Organ Interlude**

Sermon

"Pondering the Shepherd"

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

# **Our Response**

### Affirmation of Faith ‡

"A New Creed," UCC 1968, alt 1998

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

# The Offering

## **Offertory Anthem**

## The Lord is my Shepherd

Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Presentation of the Offering ‡

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name.

Bring an offering and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** 

**Choral Amen** 

Hymn #739 ‡ Lord, make us servants of your peace

OTTERSPOOR



# Act of Remembrance

**Entry of the Regiment** 

**Reception of the Colours** 

National Anthem ‡ O Canada

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the true north strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada! we stand on guard for thee. (Repeat)

#### Act of Remembrance

### The Last Post - Lament - Reveille

### The Regimental Prayer

Major The Rev. Canon Don Aitchison

Almighty God,
through whose grace the 48th Highlanders came into being
and at whose hand we have served in war and peace;
we thank you for Old Comrades and past glories
and humbly ask your guidance
upon our current Officers and Members,
that we may continue to serve with honour and courage
and remain faithful forever to God, King and Country,
in the best traditions of the past
and with hope for the future.
God bless the 48th!

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Amen.

# **Change of Regimental Sergeant Major**

#### Retrieval of the Colours

# Royal Anthem ‡ God Save the King

God save our gracious King Long live our noble King, God save the King: Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the King.

## The Sending

**Dismissal ‡**Bodle (1923 - 2022)



**Benediction** ‡ The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess.

Organ Postlude Trumpet tune in D

Johnson (1922 – 1987)

Following our worship service, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for Coffee Hour.

Please use the blue doors to the left of the pulpit at the front.

We extend a special welcome to those of you visiting St. Andrew's for the first time, and to those who have visited us in the past. If you would like more information about life here at St. Andrew's church, we encourage you to complete our new Welcome Card that can be found in each pew. You may drop it off in the collection plate during the offering, or in the designated box found in the Narthex as you leave.



## St. Andrew's Choristers:

The Choristers will rehearse at noon today in the Nave. If you are interested in joining this ensemble, please speak with Dan Bickle.

## **Greeters and Ushers Needed**

Greeters and Ushers are needed each Sunday, before and during worship, to welcome people, hand out bulletins, and at times, to assist with the collection of the offering. This is a simple way to volunteer your services to St. Andrew's but it is also much needed and much appreciated. Reece Hodgson has taken up the challenge of organizing the rota for each Sunday so if you can assist – even just once a month – it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Reece directly at: rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org



## New Members Information Meeting - May 9th

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on May 26th. If you are thinking about becoming a member of this congregation, please join us at an information meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th in the Boardroom. Learn more about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of this active congregation in the heart of Toronto. Speak to either of the Ministers for more information.

If you wish to attend, contact the church office at 416-593-5600 ext. 220 or email Marcela at: <a href="mailto:mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org">mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org</a>

The Boardroom is located on the first floor of the St. Andrew's Offices. Please use the door at 73 Simcoe St. The Boardroom is the first door on the right.

### **SAGA**

SAGA will hold its regular monthly fellowship gathering at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 26th in the Great Hall. As usual, we'll have a potluck supper. Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring food to share with others. After supper, Peter Ross, who is the Clerk of Session here at St. Andrew's, will talk about "Growth from Apathy to Understanding". He will discuss a series of personal musings about homosexuality he experienced as he became familiar with its costs and struggles and grew in his understanding of support of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.



## **Thursday Noon-time Communion Service**

Join us Thursdays for our Noon-time Communion Service. Doors will open at noon and the service will begin at 12:15 PM. All are welcome.



On April 28, 2024 the Rev. John Borthwick will be joining us for a special Congregational Forum following the morning worship service. John will be sharing information about the development of the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Knox College, which is the Presbyterian Church in Canada's largest seminary and is located on the University of Toronto campus.

The Centre for Lifelong Learning is a recently inaugurated teaching resource designed to provide excellent and

accessible educational opportunities for both clergy and lay people.

John was the minister of St. Andrew's in Guelph for almost 21 years and served Rexdale Presbyterian, Toronto for five years upon graduation from Knox College. John overlapped his time at the College with Rev. Will and also served with him in West Toronto Presbytery. John is married with two adult children. His favourite week of the year is Discovery's *Shark Week*.

John will also be participating in the leadership of worship at the regular Sunday morning service.



## <u>Sunday Adult Bible Study – Stories in Glass and Light</u>

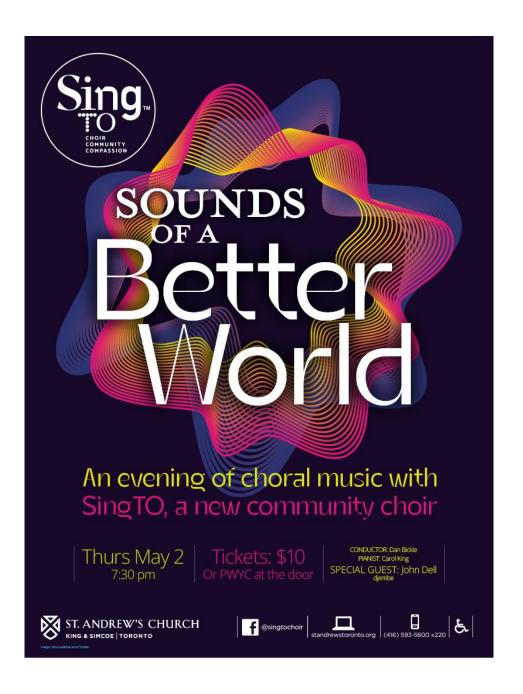
Everyone is welcome to join together on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM for a special Bible study series centered on the stories depicted in the stained glass windows in St. Andrew's sanctuary.

These works of art are filled with spiritual, theological, and artistic meaning. Those of us who see them regularly sometimes overlook the significance of the messages and insights that they seek to convey.

We look forward to wonderful conversations together.

## **Nursery & Church School**

The Nursery is available in Room 206 for children up to 2 years of age. The Nursery can be accessed by taking the elevator to the 2nd floor, then turning right. Parents and/or guardians may take the children directly to the Nursery before worship begins and collect them from the same location afterwards. Church School is available for children 3 and above. The children should stay in the Sanctuary at the start of worship but will leave once children's time is announced. Parents or guardians may pick them up from Church School on the second floor (Room 207) after worship.



To purchase tickets through Eventbrite please copy this link to your browser: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sounds-of-a-better-world-tickets-877995005697">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sounds-of-a-better-world-tickets-877995005697</a> or visit the church website at: <a href="https://www.standrewstoronto.org">www.standrewstoronto.org</a>



# **Heart of the City Speakers Series**

The St. Andrew's Heart of the City Speakers series concluded its season with the captivating stories and photography of Jim Chung. Thank you to the many people who joined us for such a wonderful evening.

## Discovering Wildlife in Toronto's Don Valley & Beyond



### Music at St. Andrew's

The April 26<sup>th</sup> Friday Noontime Recital will welcome Jialiang Zhu, piano, and Julia irzoev, violin. They will perform music by Saint-Saëns, Paganini, Debussy, and David Jaeger. The performance begins at 12:10. Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary donation

### The Better English Café

The Better English Café meets Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm in the Great Hall and we welcome all those seeking to improve their English speaking skills. For more information, please the church website or checkout our Meetup Page at: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/">https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/</a>

**Volunteers Needed for the Better English Café** — with more and more participants each week, we are once again in need of more volunteers. Facilitators are always needed to keep the conversation flowing. You don't need to be a teacher as we mainly work to keep everyone chatting away and to be there to answer questions or explain some of the quirks of the English language.

We also need one or two people who could help by taking over more of the "running of the evening work" – directing people to tables, refilling coffee pots, directing cleanup etc. It wouldn't necessarily have to be every week – if more than one person was interested then they could alternate weeks. Please consider this need and if you are able to help contact <a href="mailto:bec@standrewstoronto.org">bec@standrewstoronto.org</a>



As a special note - our semi-annual Book sales will take place on May 31 & June 1, and again in September during TIFF.

We look forward to your participation. Donations of books are now being accepted and can be dropped off at the church on Mondays through Thursdays, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

## **Stewardship and Giving**

Weekly and monthly offerings are one of the most significant sources for the support of the ministries of St. Andrew's Church. These regular givings help to cover a range of expenses including staff salaries and benefits, congregational ministry initiatives, and local and national mission and ministry commitments, including *Presbyterian Sharing*.

The congregation also depends on an annual grant from St. Andrew's "Heritage Trust", as well as on rental revenues from the use of our facilities, which help to support administrative costs, support staff salaries, repairs, maintenance and capital costs for the upkeep of the church facilities.

As a congregation, we are blessed in so many ways. Let us continue to work together to support the life and ministry of this wonderful community of faith.

### Methods of giving:

- Signing up for PAR plan (pre-authorized remittance)
- Placing your offering in the collection plate during worship service.
- Mailing a cheque to the Church Office at 73 Simcoe Street, Toronto, ON M5J 1W9
- Donating online by Credit Card at <u>standrewstoronto.org/donate/</u>
- Sending an E-transfers to: donations@standrewstoronto.org OF
- Clicking on the QR code below:



We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!

For those who requested givings envelopes, they are now available in the Narthex.

## The Faces of St. Andrew's

We're a growing church and to help us continue as a welcoming congregation, we're creating a book called The Faces of St. Andrew's as part of our Radical Hospitality initiative. Not only would it help the congregation to get to know each other but what a welcome gift for our new Associate Minister when he/she arrives.

We want it to be fun, informal, and easy to keep current. Members of staff have gathered pictures over the years that we can use as a starting point and we're thinking of starting with St. Andrew's Members as a pilot. We'll publish it when we have about 70 photos and share it with you for your comments and feedback. It will only be available during Sunday coffee hour and in the church office. If you have a photo that you would like to submit, please to send it to inf0@standrewstoronto.org

It will be a work in progress, continually being updated with new Members as they arrive. Look for the pilot edition on Sunday, May 5th.

