



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

The People of St. Andrew's are Called by God
TO SERVE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
in the Heart of Toronto.

Sunday, September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We acknowledge that we gather to worship, this day, on the traditional territory of the First Nations peoples of this land.



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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

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #321 ‡ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Opening Responses ‡

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: Extol our God, all you peoples!

One: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

All: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

Introit

Be ye followers of God

Thalben-Ball (1896 - 1987)

Be ye followers of God, and walk in love: even as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

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, ages 3 to 12, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.*

Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Rubik Barar

Exodus 32:7-14 (86, OT)

Psalm 51:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
**so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;

**then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end, Amen.**

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (223, NT)
Luke 15:1-10 (80, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Farrant (1530 - 1580)

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with an upright heart, before Thee this day and evermore.

Sermon

“An Honest Prayer”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith † .

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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***

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *Ave verum corpus*

Byrd (1540 – 1623)

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for
mortals. Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood; Be for us a foretaste (of
heaven) during our final examining. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy
upon me. Amen.*

Hymn #691 †

My shepherd is the King of love

DOMINUS REGIT ME

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Everyone who worships the Lord is welcome to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, we give thanks and glorify your name, for your works are great and wonderful and your ways are just and true. With your people everywhere we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.**

One: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son into the world. Living among us, he declared your good news in word and deed, and shared our joys and sorrows. Dying on the cross, he freely gave up his life that we might live. Rising again from the grave, he promises to be with us to the end of the age. Remembering these things, we gather at his invitation to break bread and share the cup.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus. We remember your death, we proclaim your resurrection, we await your coming in glory.**

One: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to bless both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, so that, nourished by his love, and strengthened by his life within us, we may ever proclaim your goodness and serve you faithfully, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The minister breaks the bread, saying:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Minister lifts the cup, saying:

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion

Those who wish to receive communion are invited to come down the centre aisle in two lines. After receiving the bread and wine, please return to your pew by the side aisle. Alcohol-free white grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Prayer after Communion

One: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn #549 ‡ *For the bread which you have broken*

OMNI DIE

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



Benediction ‡

The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess

Organ Postlude

Thank you to today's organist, Joe Angelo

Please join us after worship today for our “Welcome Back BBQ”. Everyone is welcome.

*Following our worship service, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship.
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 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.

The Choristers

The St. Andrew's Choristers is our congregational choir. It meets regularly and sings in services throughout the year. We will begin rehearsals for the group on September 21 at noon in the Nave. Previous singing experience is not required. Please contact Dan Bickle if you would like more information.

September 21st Induction Service for Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

We invite you to join with us on Sunday evening, September 21st at 7pm for the Induction Service of our new Associate Minister, Rev. Jaylynn Byassee. A small reception will follow. All are welcome.

September 28th – A Forum with Rev. Tim Kennedy

Please plan to join us in the Boardroom after worship on Sunday, September 28th when Rev. Tim Kennedy from the Ecumenical Counsel will host a forum. More details to follow.

November 8th Congregational Retreat

We are planning on a Congregational Retreat on Saturday, November 8th at Knox College. This will be an all day event and lunch will be provided. The cost will be \$25.00. A registration form and more detailed information will follow shortly. Please hold the date.

Communion Services for Fall 2025

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on the following Sundays:

October 5

November 30

Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Study Group has now resumed and will meet at 9am in the Boardroom. No background or understanding of the Bible is necessary to participate in this study group – all are welcome!

Church School

Church School is now back in session for children 3 years of age and older. To register your child, please complete the form found on our Faith Formation page at:

<https://standrewstoronto.org/connect/christian-education-events/>

The Nursery is available for those up to 2 years of age and may be found on the second floor.

The Church Library is Open!

Looking for a great summer read? The church library is open and ready to welcome you! Feel free to browse the bookcases and discover something inspiring. The library hours will be every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Visits outside these hours can be arranged by appointment. Please email lorianncomeau@gmail.com at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your visit. Happy reading, and thank you for supporting our church library!

Materials available in the library are listed in St. Andrew's online catalogue 'StAndrewsTO' at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/StAndrewsTO>



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& INNOVATION**
MINISTRY

Better English Café - Returns

The Better English Café resumed as of September 9th at 7pm in the Great Hall. This is an opportunity for newcomers, International students and even visitors to this city, to improve their conversational English. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please let them know.

For all Updates please checkout our Meetup Page at:

<https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/>



Do you love to sing? SingTO, our community choir will be welcoming new members this fall. Previous singing experience is not a pre-requisite. For more information, please speak with Dan Bickle or contact us at SingTO@standrewstoronto.org



St. Andrew's Community Services
TCS Charity Challenge at the
TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon

Event Date: Saturday, October 18 for the 5km run/walk

Help Us Reach our Goal of \$15,000.00 in support of our Outreach Programs including, Out of the Cold, Refugee Sponsorship, the Better English Café and SingTO. It's easy, simply click on the QR code and it will take you to the team page.

Registration to join the team has now closed so we ask that you kindly support our team members by donating in their name.

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OUTREACH
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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this past weekend's book and cookie sale such a success. To those who donated books, who baked cookies, who sorted books, who manned the cash desk – we couldn't do it without your ongoing support. Thank you also to those who stayed back at the end of the sale to help put the remainders away in the museum basement. It was a lot of heavy lifting! All funds raised will go towards the Out of the Cold Program, so once again, thank you.

Out of the Cold

Our Tuesday morning Out of the Cold breakfast continues all year round. Please note that the boutique will be open during breakfast only every other week.

September 16 & 30

October 14 & 28

November 11 & 25

As the colder weather approaches, the boutique is in need of specific items and donations would be greatly appreciated.

Men's:

XL and 2XL tee shirts- long and short sleeves.

Pants - all sizes

All items should be laundered before donating.

Men's and women's new underwear

If you would like to volunteer with us in any part of the program you must register using this form:

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/enrollment/standrewstoronto>

This applies whether you are a new or a returning volunteer.

Stewardship and Giving

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 – forms can be found in the Narthex)
- 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 standrewstoronto.org/donate/
- Sending an E-transfers to: donations@standrewstoronto.org OR
- Scanning the QR code to donate online.
- Or by our latest method of donation – Contactless tap. A floor stand device will now be available in the Narthex each Sunday, allowing you to give a pre-set amount of \$10.00. This charge will appear on your statement as “*St. Andrew’s Church.*” Please note, no receipt will be issued for amounts given via this method.

We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!

PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

If you are considering making a legacy bequest to St. Andrew's Church, here is suggested wording for your will:

“I give and bequeath to St. Andrew’s Heritage Trust (charitable registration number BN: 119163566RR0001), _____ % of the residue of my estate [or the sum of \$ _____] to be used for such purposes and designs as deemed appropriate by the Session of St. Andrew's Church.”

For more information you may contact Graeme Hepburn at graeme@hepburn.to or John Matheson at: jmatheson@rogers.com

Calendar of Events

Tues, Sept. 16

7:00 am	OOTC Community Breakfast	Great Hall
7:00 pm	Better English Café	Great Hall

Thurs, Sept. 18

12:15 pm	Chancel Communion Service	Sanctuary
7:00pm	SingTO	Great Hall

Sun, Sept. 21

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
10:00 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 nd Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30am	Welcome Back BBQ	Great Hal
7:00 pm	Induction Service for Rev. Jaylynn Byassee	Sanctuaryl

Assistance during worship service is needed and appreciated. If you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher please contact Reece Hodgson at : rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at: selenatke@gmail.com

To list a meeting or event in this calendar, or to include an announcement in the bulletin, please send details to maggiem@standrewstoronto.org by 9:00 am on Thursday 10 days before the Sunday to which it pertains.

More information about many of the activities listed above, may be found on the Church website at www.standrewstoronto.org



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