



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 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Fuga in d
From the bottom of my heart
Be joyful now*

*J.J. Carpentier (1734 – 1794)
Walther (1684 – 1748)
Anon (18th century)*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #290 ‡ ***Immortal, invisible, God only wise***

ST. DENIO

Opening Responses ‡

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

All: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

Introit

Teach me thy way, O Lord

Fox (d. 1579)

Arr. Greening (1940 – 1998)

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth; O knit my heart unto thee that I may fear thy name. I will thank thee O Lord my God with all my heart and will praise thy name for evermore. Amen.

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: Ruda Barar

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (818, OT)

Hymn #57 ‡

On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS (A PARAPHRASE OF PSALM 91)

You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day:
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. **R**

For to God's angels is given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (226, NT)

Luke 16:19-31 (81, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Blessed is he that considereth the poor

Wise (1648 - 1687)

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; make thou his bed in his sickness. Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. All mine enemies whisper together against me. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord: raise thou me up, and I shall reward them. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: world without end. Amen.

Sermon

“Not a True Story”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith † .

Iona Abbey Worship Book

***With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God’s image,
Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of
humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and the wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.***

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Shephard (1949 – 2021)

Presentation of the Offering †

661 Franconia

***We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Choral Amen

Hymn #462 ‡ *All my hope on God is founded*

MICHAEL

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Congregational Meeting

Organ Postlude *Toccata*

Melanie Bonis (1858 – 1937)

*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 St. Andrew's Choristers will rehearse today in the Nave. If you are interested in singing in this group, please speak with Dan Bickle or contact him at: dbickle@standrewstoronto.org



Dear St. Andrew's Church,

Thank you for such a lovely celebration this past Sunday for my Induction service. I am truly grateful to be serving alongside you all. Thank you, too, for the beautiful gift of my new robe. I will wear it with joy as we seek to be a living church, called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the core of Toronto!

With gratitude,
Rev. Jaylynn



TODAY – A Forum with Rev. Tim Kennedy

Please plan to join us after worship today, when Rev. Tim Kennedy from the Ecumenical Counsel will host a forum on the vital work of campus ministry in today's diverse university community. Everyone is welcome to pick up a coffee in the Great Hall and then join us in the Boardroom.

Communion Services for Fall 2025

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

October 5

November 30

New Elders



David Cameron, a member of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, did his BA at UBC and his MSc and PhD at LSE. His career has been divided between government service and academic life. He is at the University of Toronto, currently working as an Advisor to the President. David has been involved with St Andrew's for more than three decades. In the early years, he served on the Church's Board of Governors and as a Director of the St Andrew's Heritage Trust. He worked with his wife, Stevie Cameron, and others on the creation of the Out of the Cold program and participated as a volunteer

for its first 11 years. Currently, he participates in the Better English Café and is a member of the STARS and the Heart of the City committee.



Reece Hodgson moved to Toronto from the UK in 2015 and became a permanent resident of Canada in 2021. His career as a life insurance underwriting risk manager has been a passion for many years, and he enjoys researching and publishing articles on emerging medical and industry trends. Reece remains close to his family in England and travels home regularly. This summer, he married Kimberley and celebrated with his new Canadian family. His relationship with God began in his teenage years, guided by his mother, and was deepened after moving to Canada and being warmly welcomed at St. Andrew's.

He is grateful for the transformation faith has brought to his life. At St. Andrew's, Reece coordinates the team of ushers for Sunday worship, serves on the Board of Managers, and has participated in the Better English Café.



Darlene Treen is an actor who has worked in children's theatre, stand-up comedy and most notably with the Kids in the Hall. On Sundays, she travels to church from her downtown home where she lives with husband, Peter and turtle, Martin. In the early 1980's, Darlene was drawn to St. Andrew's history, preaching, music and people. Her volunteering has included Sunday school and nursery, Christmas pageant, greeter, lay reader, Chorister and 10 years running the Out of the Cold clothing boutique. Darlene is proud to say that St. Andrew's is where she was married and where her three children were baptized and grew up attending Sunday School (even appearing as three unicycling Kings in a

Christmas pageant!). Notable moments include witnessing Queen Elizabeth II opening the 48th Highlander's Museum, the installation of a new stained-glass window and attending the St. Andrew's wedding of her daughter, Alice.

Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Study Group meets 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 to 12 years of age. 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>

October 5th 10 Year Recognition of STARS Volunteers

Please join us next Sunday during Coffee Hour when we will recognize the 10 years of service to STARS by some of our volunteers, Candace Brown, Patricia Budimir, Karen Lippett and Betsy Nieuwland.

New Members Information Meeting – October 9th

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on November 2nd. If you are thinking about becoming a member of this congregation, please join us at an information meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 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. Please speak with Rev. Ingram for more information. If you wish to attend, please contact Marcela Villalobos in the church office at 416-593-5600 ext. 220 or mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org. (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.)

October 16 – ESL Bible Study

St. Andrew's Church is offering an ESL Bible Study this fall, beginning Thursday, Oct 16th at 7pm. In the boardroom. Rev. Jaylynn will lead the study on *The Life of Jesus Christ: The Gospel of Mark*.

We welcome all different levels of English proficiency. If you'd like to learn about the Christian faith, we invite you to come along!

Please email Rev. Jaylynn Byassee at jbyassee@standrewstoronto.org for more information and signups.

November 8th Congregational Retreat “Spirituality in a Digital Age”

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.

Better English Café

The Better English Café meets Tuesday evenings 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



Music at St. Andrew's

The Friday Noon Recitals return on October 3rd. Our first recital of the season will feature Caara Yeung, flute and Sonya Sim, piano. Music by Debussy, Enesco, Poulenc, Bacri and Boissier.

Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary donation.

A list of the October and November performers is now available online at our website:

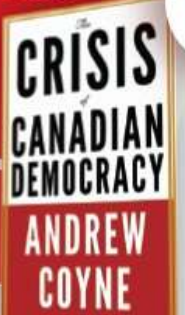
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St. Andrew's Community Services
TCS Charity Challenge at the
TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon

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. Its'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.

Antonio Pelaez Barcelo
Jaylynn Byassee
Oliver Dennis
Douglas Grundy
Fraser Grundy
Susan Grundy
Lois Hird

Lesley Jensen
Claire Lemiski
Allan Lever
Lisa Philpott
Pamela Richardson
Karen Sargeant
Will Ingram



Thank you again, to all of those who volunteered during our Book & Cookie Sale. Thanks to all your efforts, a total of \$7,389.77 was raised for the Out of the Cold Program!

Volunteer with Out of the Cold at St. Andrew's

While our Out of the Cold Community Breakfast continues on Tuesday mornings all year round, and the boutique is back in full operation, we are also gearing up for the resumption of our Out of the Cold Monday dinner program in November. In order that all these efforts continue to operate and to serve the community in this time of ever greater need, volunteers are needed, in fact they are the very core of this program. If you are able to volunteer with us, in any part of the Out of the Cold program we would greatly appreciate it. Our volunteer application form, which must be completed by both new and returning volunteers, will be available shortly.

The orientation meeting for this year's volunteers will be held on Monday, October 20 at 5pm. Volunteers are invited to join us in the Great Hall – 73 Simcoe Street entrance, or via Zoom. A link will be shared with those indicating that they would like to join the meeting online.

Please note that the boutique will be open during breakfast every other week on the following dates:

September 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

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. 30

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

Thurs, Oct. 2

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

Fri., Oct. 3

Noon	Friday Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, Oct. 5

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
10:00 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 nd Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

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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