



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO
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 7, 2025
Thirteenth 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

Largo, BWV 526
Andante

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #299 ‡ ***Holy, holy, holy***

NICAEA

Opening Responses ‡

One: God is our refuge and strength

All: a very present help in trouble.

One: The Lord of hosts is with us;

All: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

One: O Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

Introit

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord

Daley (1955 -)

Blessed, blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

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.

Hymn #302 ‡ *O Lord of every shining constellation*

HIGHWOOD

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: Indra Narayansingh

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (206, OT)



Psalm 1 ‡

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the/ path that - sinners / tread,

Or / sit - in the / seat of / scoffers;

But their delight is in the / law - of the / Lord,

And on his law they / medi-tate / day and / night.

They are like trees planted by / streams of / water,

Which / yield their / fruit - in its / season,

And their leaves / do not / wither.

In / all - that they / do, they / prosper.

The wicked / are not / so,

But are the like the /chaff - that the / wind -drives a/way.

Therefore the wicked will not / stand - in the / judgment,

Nor sinners in the congre/gation / of the / righteous;

Continued/...

2nd Half

For the Lord watches over the / way - of the/ righteous,
But the/ way - of the / wicked - will / perish.

**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 / with - out / end. A/men.**

**Philemon 1:1-21 (233, NT)
Luke 14:25-33 (79, NT)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A Prayer of St. Patrick

Rutter (1945 -)

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ to
win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ
in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger*

Sermon

“Amen... or Ouch?”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #637 ‡

Take my life, and let it be consecrated

LUBECK

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡ .

Adapted from “A Brief Statement of Faith” PC USA

***In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in
the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, creator of all life, whom alone
we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God,
who delivers us from death to life. We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life. Glory be to the Father and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

The gift of love

Traditional Melody

Arr. Hopson (1933 -)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

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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 #644

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May the mind of Christ my Saviour

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The Sending

Dismissal

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Bodle (1923 - 2022)



The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. Let us de-part in peace. Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess

Organ Postlude

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven (1770– 1827)

Arr. Corl (1965 -)

*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.

Join us Sunday, September 14th for our "Welcome Back BBQ"

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us after worship on Sunday, September 14th. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, and the opportunity to catch up with each other after the Summer. A BBQ is being organized so that we can all enjoy lunch together. More details to follow.

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.

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:

September 14

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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**GROWTH
& INNOVATION**
MINISTRY

Better English Café - Returns

The Better English Café returns Tuesday, 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. We will begin rehearsals on September 11, and 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 Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- In-Person 5K: Saturday, October 18, 2025
- Virtual Events (5k, Half-Marathon, Marathon): Anytime between October 1-31, 2025

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.

- Donate to our Team or support an individual team member.
- Register to walk or run for a virtual or in-person event and start fundraising now!
- It's easy, simply click on the QR code and it will take you to the team page.

It's Fun! It's Great Exercise! It's a chance for you to be a part of our team and to show your commitment to the work of St. Andrew's here in the heart of Toronto!

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. 9

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

Thurs, Sept. 11

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

Sun, Sept. 14

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 Hall

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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OUTREACH
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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

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.



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**FELLOWSHIP &
PASTORAL CARE**
MINISTRY

St. Andrew's Church seeks to be a caring community for all people. If you – or someone you know – are in need of prayer or caring contact with a minister or member of our congregation's pastoral care team, please send a note to: pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org All correspondence and concerns will be kept confidential.



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