



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Sunday, November 16, 2025
Twenty-third 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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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 *Lord Jesus Christ, thou highest good*

Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #314 ‡ *God is love: come heaven, adoring*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Opening Responses ‡

One: O Lord, open our lips,
All: and our mouths shall declare your praise.
One: Your word is a lamp to our feet,
All: and a light to our path.

Introit

Awake, arise, oh sing a new song

*Marna Leasure
Sung by the St. Andrew's Choristers*

*Awake, arise, oh sing a new song of joy and celebration.
A new day has come, bring praise to the Son of God.*

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the waters of baptism, we welcome Wolfgang William Felix Fleming, son of Jennifer Leite Moniz and Scott Robert Ian Fleming into the Body of Christ.

The Aaronic Blessing

(619, BOP)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

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: Verna Ross

Isaiah 65:17-25 (772, OT)



Psalm 98 ‡

O sing to the / Lord a - new / song,
For / he has - done / marvel-ous / things.
His right hand and his / holy / arm
...../ Have / gained him / victory.

The Lord has made / known his / victory;
He has revealed his vindi/cation - in the / sight of - the / nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the / house of / Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the /vic-tory / of our / God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the / earth;
Break forth into joyous / song and / sing / praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the / sound of / melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise be/fore the / King, the / Lord.

Continued/...

Let the sea roar, and / all that / fills it;

The world and / those who / live in / it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing to/gether - for / joy

At the presence of the Lord, for he is / coming - to / judge the / earth.

2nd half

He will judge the / world with / righteousness,

..../ And the / peoples with / equity.

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, A/men.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (222, NT)

Luke 21:5-19 (87, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Bissell (1912 – 1992)

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ the true, the only light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph
o'er the shades of night; dayspring from on high be near; daystar in my heart appear.*

Sermon

“Something New...All Over Again”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #782 ‡

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

ISAIAH THE PROPHET

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡

“A New Creed,” United Church of Canada 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 *Love Divine, all loves excelling*

Rorem (1923 - 2022)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love .Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory, into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

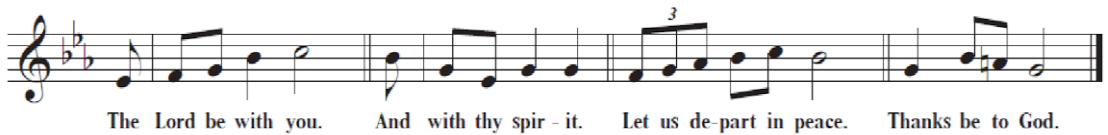
Hymn #732 ‡ *O day of peace that dimly shines*

JERUSALEM

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Sortie* *Dubois (1837 -1924)*

*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

Communion Services for Fall 2025

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on November 30.



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MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES AT ST. ANDREW'S

O Come, All Ye Faithful



The Rev. Dr.
Kristen Deede
Johnson

DEC 3



The Rev. Dr.
Sarah Travis

DEC 10



The Very Rev. Dr.
Carmen
Lansdowne
DEC 17

This Advent, join us for a special three-part series exploring the enduring power of faith through the lens of the Nicene Creed — marking its 1700th anniversary. Drawing inspiration from the carol “O Come, All Ye Faithful”, our guests will help us reflect on what it means to be a creedal community today: how ancient words of belief continue to shape our hope, deepen our understanding of Christmas, and guide our life of faith, love, and unity in the world.

SERVICES START AT 12 NOON, LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW

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 available 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!

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>



Sunday Forum – November 30, 2025

Please plan to join us after worship on Sunday, November 30, when Ainsley Chapman will speak about her work at the Evangel Hall Mission, and the relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Ainsley is the Executive Director of Evangel Hall Mission (EHM), which provides safe homes and compassionate services to those in need in downtown Toronto. She brings over 20 years of experience leading projects and programs in health, community

development, and housing.

She assists the Presbyterian Church in Canada and local congregations in transforming underutilized land and buildings into social housing, focusing on congregational readiness, integrating affordable housing into redevelopment projects, and connecting churches with resources and opportunities to include housing in their plans.

Grab a coffee and then meet up in the Boardroom at noon for a timely talk on an issue that affects so many in the downtown core. There will be time for questions after Ainsley's presentation.

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AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH
SINGTO COMMUNITY CHOIR

SING PEACE

THURS DEC 4 7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$15 AT THE DOOR

CONDUCTOR: **DAN BICKLE** COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: **CAROL ROSS-KING**



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You may purchase tickets ahead of time on our Eventbrite page at the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sing-peace-an-evening-of-holiday-music-with-singto-community-choir-tickets-1965667910635?aff=oddtcreator>



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 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/>



Music at St. Andrew's

The Friday Noon Recitals of November 21 will feature Rudin Lengo, piano sonatas by "S": Scarlatti, K. 54, K9, K1, Scriabin, Op. 19; Schubert, Piano Sonata No.21 in B-flat Major, D.960.

Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary donation.

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

www.standrewstoronto.org

SAGA

SAGA will have their annual Christmas party on Friday, November 28 at 6pm in the Great Hall. It will be our usual potluck so plan to join us and celebrate. Please note, there will not be a meeting in December but we will return in January.



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.

Out of the Cold

While our Out of the Cold Community Breakfast continues on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am, the Out of the Cold Monday dinner program has now resumed and will run through to April 13, 2026. Doors will open at 4:00pm and dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to join our team, please begin by completing the online registration form: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/standrewstoronto>

Please note that the boutique will only be available on Monday evenings during dinner.



In order to help the boutique to restock for the upcoming Winter's needs, we have decided to designate November as our "Givings" month with an emphasis on these needs. Whether it is items such as socks, gloves, toiletries or Winter clothing – it is all needed and your donations will be greatly appreciated by our guests. Bins will be available each Sunday in November to receive contributions.

A detailed list of current needs is available on the website at:
<https://standrewstoronto.org/volunteer/out-of-the-cold/>

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

Mon. Nov. 17

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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Tues, Nov. 18

7:30 am	OOTC Community Breakfast	Great Hall
7:00 pm	Better English Café	Great Hall

Thurs, Nov. 20

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

Fri., Nov. 21

Noon	Friday Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, Nov. 23

9:00 am	Bible Study	Boardroom
9:00 am	Library opens	Library
10:00 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 nd Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	OOTC Prep	Kitchen/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



An Evening of Music for the Soul

ON THIS SHINING NIGHT



FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 | 7:30 PM

**ST. ANDREW'S
GALLERY
CHOIR**

**DAN
BICKLE**
PIANO/ORGAN

**JORDAN
KLAPMAN**
PIANO

**TICKETS: \$25
EVENTBRITE
AT THE DOOR**

FOR CONCERT INFO



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You may purchase tickets ahead of time on our Eventbrite page at the following link:
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