



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, November 9, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – Remembrance Day Sunday

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 *Song of peace*
 Epitaphe

Langlais (1907 - 1991)
Vierne (1870 - 1937)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #330 ‡ ***O God, our help in ages past***

ST. ANNE

Presentation of the Standards ‡

Opening Responses †

Psalm 46:8-12

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

All: **He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
He burns the shields with fire.**

One: 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Introit

Dona nobis pacem

Taize

Grant us peace on earth.

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.

Invitation to Remembrance †

Laying of the Memorial Wreaths †

One: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Lament

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)*

Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower;
be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own. *(Repeat)*

The Royal Anthem ‡ *God Save The King*

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.

Children's Time

Children and youth, ages 3 to 17, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.

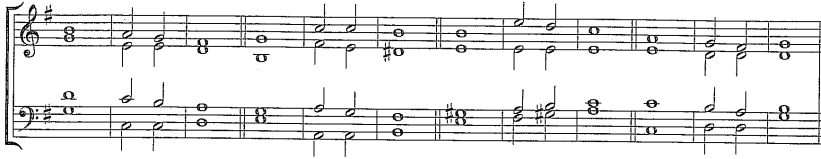
Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

*Reader: Jeffery McIlravey
President, St. Andrew's Society of Toronto*

Job 19:23-27a (515, OT)



Psalm 17:1-9 ‡

Hear a just cause, O LORD; at/tend - to my / cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips / free of - de/ceit.
From you let my vindi/cation / come;
let your eyes / see the / right.

[Second Half]

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no / wicked - ness / in me;
my mouth does / not trans/gress.

As for what others do, by the / word of - your / lips
I have avoided the / ways of - the / violent.
My steps have held / fast - to your / paths;
my feet / have not / slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer / me, O / God;
incline your ear to me, / hear my / words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of / those who - seek / refuge
from their adversaries at / your right / hand.

Guard me as the / apple - of the / eye;
hide me in the / shadow - of your / wings,
from the wicked / who de/spoil me,
my deadly enemies / who sur/round me.

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 2:1-5, 13-17 (221, NT)

Matthew 23:1-12 (26, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Interlude

Sermon

“Seek Less, Not More”

Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡

“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 ***O how amiable***

Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

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

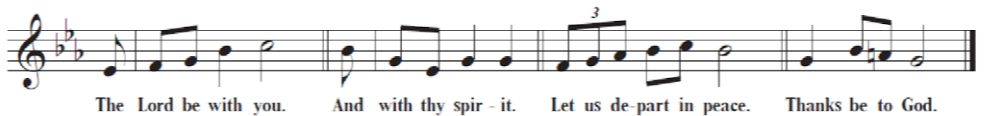
Hymn #736 ‡ *For the healing of the nations*

TANTUM ERGO

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



Retrieval of the Standards ‡

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

Organ Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D*

David Johnson (1922 – 1987)

*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.



A very special thank you to the members of the 48th Highlanders Regiment of Canada, to the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto and to the members of the St. Andrew's congregation for their participation in today's Service:

A special "Thank You" to Jevy Angelo who laid the Children's Wreath at today's service and to our Piper Cpl. Glenn James Donovan (Ret.)



A funeral service for Kathleen (Kay) Starr Bruce-Robertson will be held at St. Andrew's church, this afternoon, November 9th. at 2 pm, followed by a reception in the church hall.



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.

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 Christmas Pageant December 14, 2025 – Volunteers Needed

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of the season, we are inviting anyone who would like to help out or participate in our upcoming Christmas pageant on **Sunday, December 14th to sign up now**. Whether you'd like to be part of the cast, assist behind the scenes, or help with costumes and props, your involvement would be greatly appreciated and will help make this event meaningful for our community. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Chang at cchang@standrews.org. Thank you for sharing your gifts and enthusiasm to make this festive celebration shine.

The Church Library is Open!

Looking for a great 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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**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.



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/>



Music at St. Andrew's

The Friday Noon Recitals of November 14 will feature Victoria Wong, piano, playing Chopin, Ballade #2; Scherzo #4; Mazurkas, Op. 30, Andante Spianato et Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22. Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary donation.

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

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**
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PIANO

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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: jmmatheson@rogers.com



The St. Andrew's Society of Toronto has been celebrating Scottish culture and supporting local charities since 1836. There is a full calendar of events where attendees can meet like minded people and help to support our various endeavours. Upcoming events include the St. Andrew's Charity Ball which will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2025 and the 2026 Burns Dinner. For more information about the Society and upcoming events, please visit their website at: <https://standrewstoronto.ca/>



48th Highlanders of Canada Museum

Your visit to this military museum in downtown Toronto, located in the basement of St. Andrew's Church, will immerse you in our traditions and proud history from Victorian Toronto in 1891, when the Regiment was formed, to the present day. Admission is free and children are welcome.

Calendar of Events

Mon. Nov. 10

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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Tues, Nov. 11

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

Thurs, Nov. 13

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

Fri., Nov. 14

Noon	Friday Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, Nov. 16

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