



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

Sunday, January 11, 2026
First Sunday after the Epiphany

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



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Please note that our extensions have now changed

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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 *Christ our Lord to Jordan came
Shall we gather at the river*

*Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)
arr. Wood (1934 – 2003)*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #299 ‡ *Holy, holy, holy*

NICAEA

Opening Responses †

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,

All: God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

One: For great is the Lord,

All: and greatly to be praised.

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.

Hymn #377 † ***Come, children, join to sing***

MADRID

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

Isaiah 42:1-9 (743, OT)

Barnby



Psalm: 29 †

Ascribe to the Lord, O / heaven-ly / beings,

Ascribe to the / Lord / glo-ry and / strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the / glory - of his / name;

Worship the / Lord in / holy / splendour.

The voice of the Lord is / over - the / waters;

The God of glory thunders, the / Lord, - over / might-y / waters.

The voice of the / Lord is / powerful;

The voice of the / Lord is / full of / majesty.

The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedars;

The / Lord - breaks the / ce-dars of / Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon / skip - like a / calf,

And / Sirion - like a / young wild / ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth / flames of / fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the / wilder/ness of / Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the / forest / bare;

And in his / temple / all say, / 'Glory!'

Continued/...

The Lord sits enthroned / over - the / flood;

The Lord sits en/throned as / king for / ever.

May the Lord give / strength - to his / people!

May the Lord / bless his / people - with / peace!

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.

Acts 10:34-43 (134, NT)

Matthew 3:13-17 (3, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This is my Son

Gramann (1950 -)

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace the Father's voice was heard in that place: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite" (this is my Son; listen to him). There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord; the Father said these blessed words: "Hic est Filius meus, ipsum audite". Consider now, all Christianity how the Father said because of thee the great mystery of the Trinity: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite". Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in the River Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: "Hic est Filius meus, ipsum audite".

Sermon

"The Song of the Servant"

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*

Stephanie Martin (1962 -)

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.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

All are 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: Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls, we celebrate your gifts of love, creation and imagination. We rejoice that you have made us in your image and call us to live in your limitless love. You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising. You sent your only child, our morning star, to light a way in our night and lead us to justice and peace. Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives. Each day you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed, heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your reign on earth. For all of this we give you thanks and we praise you, joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord of God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.***

One: You fill our world with glory and light, and yet our mortal eyes cannot behold so bright a truth. Therefore, in time you sent us Jesus Christ, your truth made flesh. He lived among us, teaching, healing, and revealing the boundless riches of your grace. He died and rose again that everyone might see and know the power of your love for us. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



One: Gracious God, by your Spirit bless this bread and this cup that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives. Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ, the light of the world, set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

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

All: 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. Amen.

Hymn #482 † *Christ is made the sure foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *In thee is gladness*

J.S. Bach (1685 -1750)

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

Announcements

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Thursday Noon-time Communion Service

Join us Thursdays for our Noon-time Communion Service. Doors will open at noon and the service will begin at 12:15 PM. All are welcome.

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.

January 25, 2026 Budget Meeting - NEW

Please plan to join us after worship on Sunday, January 25, as we present the proposed budget for 2026. It is important that people attend and vote so we encourage you to come out. Please note, this will not be a hybrid meeting, it will be in-person only. Child care will be available.

New Members Information Meeting – February 5, 2024 - NEW

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on February 22nd. If you are thinking about becoming a member of this congregation, please join us at an information meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 5th 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.)

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>



The poster features the St. Andrew's Church logo at the top center, which is a green shield with a white cross. Below the logo, the text reads "ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO". The main title "STUDY AWARD" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, and "Application" is written in a large, elegant, gold cursive font. The text below asks, "Are you a member or active participant of St. Andrew's and currently studying at a college, university, or trade school? Apply now for the Study Award!" and includes a calendar icon and the date "January 31, 2026". A dark blue button with gold text says "APPLY NOW FOR THE STUDY AWARD!". At the bottom left, there is a QR code with a small red 'G' logo in the center, framed by a white border. On the right side of the poster, there is a stack of several old, leather-bound books in various colors like red, brown, and blue.

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You may apply by scanning the QR Code or via the URL at: <https://tinyurl.com/afthcpb8>



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 @ St. Andrews

Our Friday Noon Recitals return on February 6th. Recitals begin at 12:10 and are free with an opportunity for donations. Plan to join us.

Out of the Cold

Thanks to all who supported the Out of the Cold meal programs and donated items to the Boutique, in the past year. Your kindness and generosity made a huge impact on the lives of the most vulnerable people in our community.

We look forward for your continued support in 2026.

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>

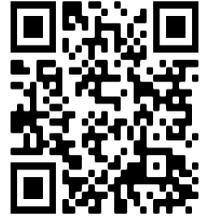
Please note that the boutique will only be available on Monday evenings during dinner. A detailed list of current needs is available on the website at: <https://standrewstoronto.org/volunteer/out-of-the-cold/>

Stewardship and Giving

As a congregation, we are blessed in so many ways. Congregation givings are one of the key pillars that 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 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

2026 - Giving Envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex as of this Sunday, December 21st for those who requested them.

Calendar of Events

Mon. Jan. 12

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

Tues, Jan. 13

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

7:00 pm Session Boardroom

Thurs. Jan. 15

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

Sun, Jan. 18

9:00 am Library opens Library

9:00 am Bible Study Boardroom

9:30 am Nursery opens Day Care Centre, 2nd 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



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