



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Sunday, January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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 *Jesu, My Joy*
 O Lamb of God
 Olivet

W.F. Bach (1710 – 1784)
J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
arr. Dale Wood (1934 – 2003)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #541 ‡ *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*

ST. OSMUND

Opening Responses ‡

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Introit

I waited, I waited on you Lord

Bell (1949 -)

I waited, I waited on you, Lord; I waited, I waited on you, Lord. You bent down low and remembered me when you heard my prayer.

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 #373 ‡

Jesus loves me, this I know

JESUS LOVES ME

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: Claire Lemiski

Isaiah 49:1-7 (753, OT)



Psalm: 40:1-11 ‡

I waited / patiently - for the / Lord;
he inclined to / me and / heard my / cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the / miry / bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, / making - my / steps se/cure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of / praise - to our / God.
Many will see and fear, and / put their / trust - in the / Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not / turn - to the / proud,
to those who go a/stray - after / false / gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
 towards us; none can com/pare with / you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be / more than / can be / counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an / open / ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering / you have / not re/quired.

Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is / written / of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your / law - is with/in my / heart.'

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the / great - congre/gation;
see, I have not restrained my / lips,- as you / know, O / Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your
 faithfulness and / your sal/vation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness / from the / great - congre/gation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your / mercy / from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness / keep me / safe for / ever.

**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.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (173, NT)
John 1:29-42 (95, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Lamb

Tavener (1944 - 2013)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, little Lamb, I'll tell thee; He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild, he became a little child. I a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little lamb, God bless thee! Little lamb, God bless thee!

Sermon

"The Word by any Other Name"

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #356 ‡

You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd

PICARDY 542

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡

"A New Creed," UCC 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 **O for a closer walk with God**

Law (1947 -)

O, for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame: a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O Holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest: I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame: so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Presentation of the Offering ♫

OLD 100TH - THE DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**Choral Amen****Hymn #642 ♫** *O Master, let me walk with thee*

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The Sending**Dismissal** ♫

Bodle (1923 - 2022)

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

Benediction ♫ *The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess***Organ Postlude** *Toccata in G (excerpt)*

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

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.

SAGA Meeting – January 23, 2026 - NEW

SAGA, our fellowship group for the LGBT+ community and friends, will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Please join us for a delicious and friendly potluck supper. Everyone is welcome.

Judy Neal will offer a calm, thoughtful and sometimes humorous look at how AI chat tools such as ChatGPT and Google's Gemini can be used wisely and safely by seniors—especially those living on fixed incomes—to simplify daily life, understand information, and avoid common pitfalls. Questions will be welcome. No experience with AI required!

January 25, 2026 Budget Meeting

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, 2026

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.)

Young Adults Social – February 22, 2026

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us from 6 to 8pm in the Great Hall. More information to follow.

Health & Wellness Class

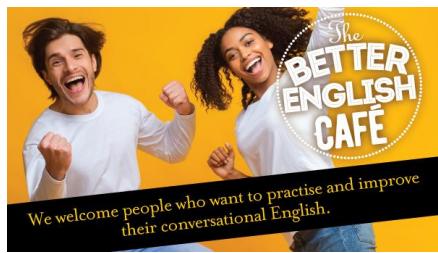
Room 207: 4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd through June.

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>



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/>



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STUDY AWARD *Application*

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!



January 31, 2026

APPLY NOW FOR THE STUDY AWARD!



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



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.

Mark Your Calendars



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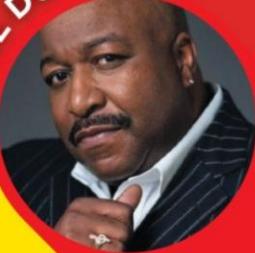
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Singto

SingTo meets each Thursday evening at 7pm in the Great Hall. If you are interested in joining our Community Choir, please contact Dan Bickle at: singto@standrewstoronto.org



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. The boutique currently has some very specific needs:

- Men's boots – size 9 and above
- Men's t-shirts – especially size large or X-large
- Hoodies and/or sweatshirts – size large or X-large
- Sweat pants or athletic pants – size large or X-large

While donations are greatly appreciated, for both our male and female guests, we do need to advise that casual type clothing best suits their needs. If you have more formal or office wear clothing may we suggest that you donate to an organization such as *"Dress for Success"* or *"New Circles"* who will put it to good use.

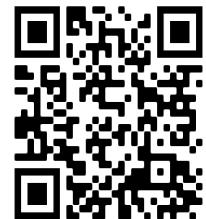
As always, we ask that donations be in good repair and either washed or dry cleaned. Thank you.

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. 19

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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Tues, Jan. 20

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

Thurs. Jan. 22

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	SingTO	Great Hall

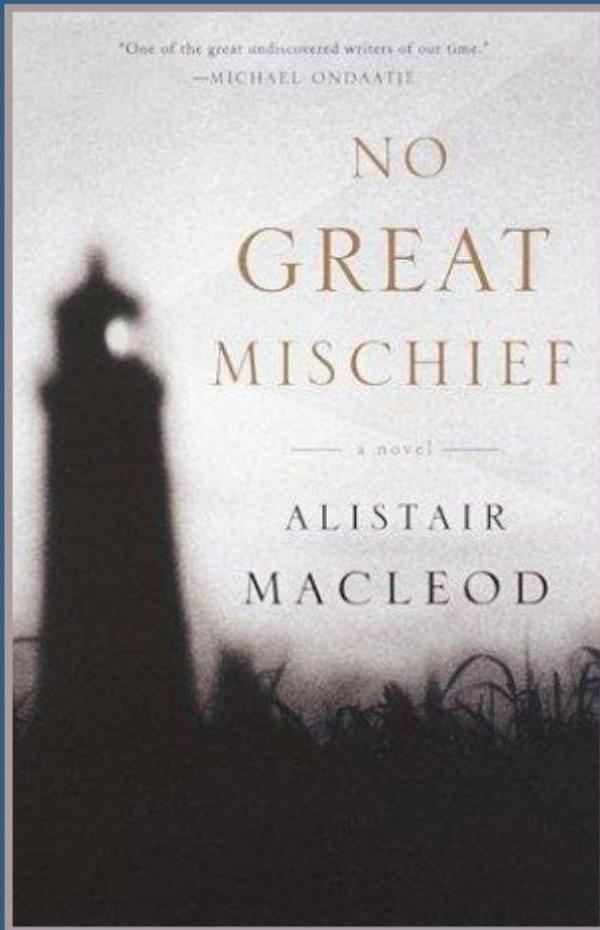
Sun, Jan. 25

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
9:00 am	Bible Study	Boardroom
9:30 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 nd Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Budget Meeting	Great Hall
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

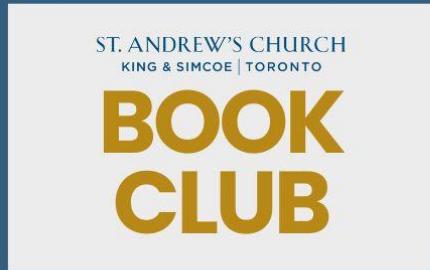


The book explores the deep loyalty we have for our kin—even when life gets messy.

A beautifully written story about how we remember where we came from and the simple, powerful truth that "all of us are better when we're loved."



In-person, Wednesday
February 25
7- 8: 30 pm



Join us for a relaxed and thoughtful evening of conversation about this wonderful Canadian novel.



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