



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

Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third 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 *Two Preludes*
Caithness

Bairstow (1874 – 1946)
Hylton Stewart (1884 – 1932)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #772 ‡ *Christ for the world we sing*

MOSCOW 291

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

Day by day

How (1931 - 2022)

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

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.**

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: Phyllis Airhart

Isaiah 9:1-4 (706, OT)

Atkins



Psalm: 27:1, 4-9 ‡

The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom - shall I / fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of / whom - shall I / be a/fraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, / that - will I / seek after:

**To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the / Lord, - and to in/quire - in his / temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the / day of / trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will / set me / high - on a / rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my / enemies - all a/round me,

**And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will / sing - and make / melody - to the / Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I / cry a/loud,

Be / gracious - to / me and / answer me!

‘Come,’ my heart says, / ‘seek his / face!’

Your / face, Lord, / do I / seek.

Continued/...

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant a/way in / anger,
You / who have / been my / help.
Do not cast me off, do / not for/sake me,
O / God of / my sal/vation!

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 1:10-18 (173, NT)
Matthew 4:12-23 (3, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***How lovely are the messengers*** *Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)*
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Sermon **“The Message and the Messenger(s)”** Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #672 ‡ ***Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult*** *ST. OSWALD 77*

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡ *From the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

***With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God’s image,
Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of
humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and the wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.***

The Offering

Offertory Anthem **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Parry (1848 - 1914)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our striving cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

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 #634 ‡ ***Will you come and follow me***

KELVINGROVE

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Croft's 136th* *Hylton Stewart (1884 -1932)*

*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

January 25, 2026 Budget Meeting

Please plan to join us after worship today, as we present the proposed budget for 2026. It is important that people attend and vote so we encourage you to grab a coffee and take a seat so that we can begin as quickly as possible. Child care is available.

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.

Sunday Forum – February 1, 2026 – NEW

Please join us next Sunday, February 1, 2026 for a Sunday Forum. Rev. Katherine McClosky, Executive Director of **ARISE** will speak on the mission of **ARISE**, a ministry supported by St. Andrew's that empowers individuals involved in the sex trade to reclaim their lives through outreach, cash management and spiritual care. Grab a coffee and then meet us in the boardroom at noon to learn more.

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.

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>



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STUDY AWARD

Application

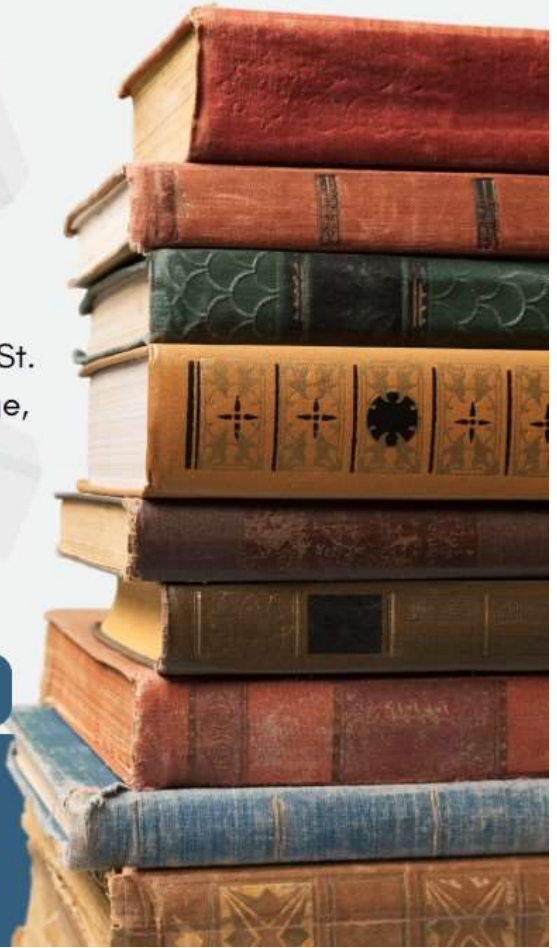
Are you a member or active participant of St. Andrew's and currently studying at a college, university, or trade school?

Apply now for the Study Award!



January 31, 2026

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You may find the application form at: <https://tinyurl.com/StudyAward2026>

Mark Your Calendars



Back by popular demand, *LIFT EVERY VOICE* is the inspiring and inviting tribute to Black History Month, presented by Music at St. Andrew's. Singers Mark Cassius and Michael Dunston, with M.C. Quisha Wint all return this year, along with the Jordan Klapman Quintet. This 90-minute concert will honour and celebrate Black history with fabulous fare from the musical worlds of Gospel, Soul, Jazz, R & B, Reggae and Pop. Don't miss favourite classics like "Lean On Me," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Respect Yourself," and many more.

Tickets are \$25, available in advance on Eventbrite (link available on the website: standrewstoronto.org) or at the door. That's *LIFT EVERY VOICE*, Friday evening, Feb. 27 at 7:30.

Thank you to our media sponsors, the New Classical 96.3FM and Zoomer Radio.



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/>



Our Friday Noon Recitals return on February 6th. Our featured performer will be, Oliver Peart, piano playing Bach Toccata BWV 915, and Beethoven Sonata Op. 31, #2 .

Recitals begin at 12:10 and are free with an opportunity for donations. Please plan to join us.

A list of the Spring performers will be available shortly on the website.



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"* 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.



Cornerstone Montessori Prep School:

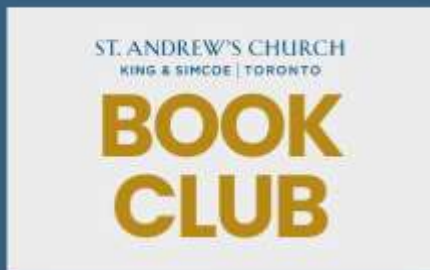
Are you looking for a great Christian education for your child?

Since 1988, Cornerstone Montessori Prep School has offered education grounded in biblical truth, prayer and faith based values for K – 12 students, with our graduates being accepted at the universities of their first choice. As an integral ministry partner of the Cornerstone Presbyterian church, we are situated within the church building just south of the U of T campus at the corner of Beverley and Baldwin. CMPS is strategically central to many of the rich resources in the city and is within walking distance of the AGO, ROM, Michener Institute and other historic and professional sites on University Avenue.

Registration is now open for September 2026 with an academic entrance scholarship available for our gifted and AP programme in Grades 7 -12. Scholarship deadline is April 30th and students applying from St. Andrew's will be placed on our priority list. Please visit our website at:

www.cornerstoneprep.ca or contact our Principal, Dr. Stephanie Ling at:

ling@cornerstoneprep.ca, who will be delighted to meet with you.



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

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:00pm – in person

Calendar of Events

Mon. Jan. 26

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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Tues, Jan. 27

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

Thurs. Jan. 29

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	SingTO	Great Hall

Sun, Feb. 1

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
Noon	ARISE Forum	Boardroom
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