



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

Sunday, February 8, 2026  
Fifth 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](mailto: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, God's only son  
Beautiful Saviour*

*Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)*

*Porter (1942 – )*

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

### **Call to Worship #**

**Hymn #290 #** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*ST. DENIO*

## Opening Responses ‡

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence;  
All: **from God comes our salvation.**  
One: For God alone our souls wait in silence.  
All: **for our hope is from God.**

## Introit

### *I am the light of the world*

*Bodle (1923 - 2022)*

*"I am the light of the world saith the Lord: Those who follow me shall have the light of life,  
Shine as light in the world, Holding fast to the breath of life."*

## 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 #435 ‡

### *All things bright and beautiful*

*ROYAL OAK*

## 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: Erica Cooke*

**Isaiah 58:1-14 (763 OT)**



**Psalm: 112:1-10 ‡**

Happy are they who / fear the / Lord  
**And have great de/light in / his com/mandments!**  
Their descendants will be / mighty - in the / land;  
**The generation of the / upright / will be / blessed.**

Wealth and riches will / be in - their / house,  
**And their / righteousness - will / last for/ever.**  
Light shines in the / darkness - for the / upright;  
**The righteous are / merciful - and / full of - com/passion.**

It is good for them to be / generous - in / lending  
**And to / manage - their af/fairs with / justice.**  
For they will / never - be / shaken;  
**The righteous will be kept in / ever/lasting - re/membrance.**

Continued/...

They will not be afraid of any / evil / rumours;  
**Their heart is right; they / put their / trust - in the / Lord.**  
Their heart is established and / will not / shrink,  
**Until they see their de/sire up/on their / enemies.**

They have given / freely - to the / poor,  
**And their righteousness stands fast forever;**  
**they will / hold - up their / head with / honour.**  
The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and / pine a/way;  
**The de/sires - of the / wicked - will / perish.**

**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 2:1-12 (174, NT)**  
**Matthew 5:13-20 (4, NT)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**Cantate Domino**

*Pitoni (1657 - 1743)*

*Come ye with joyfulness, O come ye, sing a new song to your maker, O praise Him with the saintly congregation. Israel, be joyful and glad in Him who made Israel, and ye children of Sion be joyful, rejoice and be glad in your King.*

**Sermon**

**“The Breaking Light”**

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

**Hymn #671 ‡**

***I heard the voice of Jesus say***

*KINGSFOLD*

## *Our Response*

### **Affirmation of Faith ‡**

*Adapted from "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 *Open thou mine eyes***

*Rutter (1945 - )*

*Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: Incline my heart and I shall desire:  
Order my steps and I shall walk In the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a  
God and beside thee let there be none else, No other, nought else with thee.  
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,  
In truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.*

### **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 #769 ‡ *Lord of light, whose name and splendour***

*BETHANY*

## ***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** *Trumpet tune in B flat*

*Rowan (1851 - )*

*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](mailto:dbickle@standrewstoronto.org)

### **Announcements**

#### **February 8, 2026 Budget Meeting**

Please plan to join us today, after worship as we present the proposed budget for 2026. It is important that people attend and vote so we encourage you to come out. Child care will be available.

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 18, Sunday, April 5 and Sunday, May 24.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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>

## **Health & Wellness Class**

Room 207: 4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd through June.

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](http://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.



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**GROWTH  
& INNOVATION  
MINISTRY**

## 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](mailto:singto@standrewstoronto.org)

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Our featured performer will be, Adrian Tsui, piano, Mario Rodriguez McMillan, cello, and Mia Robles, mezzo soprano. They will perform music by Franck, Debussy and other composers.

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

A list of the Spring performers is now available on the website.



## Out of the Cold

The OOTC Monday night dinner and Tuesday breakfast continues to run smoothly. We are thankful to the many volunteers who give of their time and support to ensure the success of the program. Special thanks to the employees of RBC Wealth Management for assisting with the preparation for the Feb 2, Monday dinner. We are also grateful for the donations of clothing and toiletries.

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/shoes – size 10 through 13
- 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
- Duffle bags/tote bags
- Socks are always needed but must be new

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.



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Group Presents:

# TRIVIA NIGHT



SUNDAY  
**FEB 22**  
**6-8 PM**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
GREAT HALL  
73 SIMCOE ST.

**DINNER PROVIDED!**

PLEASE RSVP  
BY FEB 15TH

FOR MORE INFO  
PLEASE CONTACT:

[info@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:info@standrewstoronto.org)



## **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/](http://standrewstoronto.org/donate/)
- Sending an E-transfers to: [donations@standrewstoronto.org](mailto: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](mailto:graeme@hepburn.to) or John Matheson at: [jmmatheson@rogers.com](mailto:jmmatheson@rogers.com)

**2026 - Giving Envelopes** are now available for pick up in the Narthex for those who requested them.



## Cornerstone Montessori Prep School:

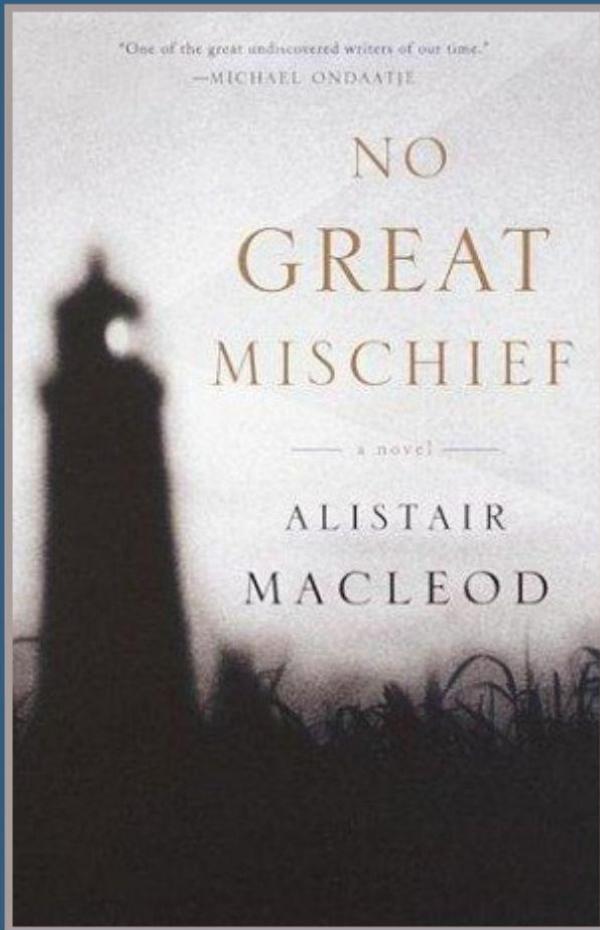
**Are you looking for a great Christian education for your child?**

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](http://www.cornerstoneprep.ca) or contact our Principal, Dr. Stephanie Ling at: [ling@cornerstoneprep.ca](mailto:ling@cornerstoneprep.ca), who will be delighted to meet with you.



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](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org) All correspondence and concerns will be kept confidential.

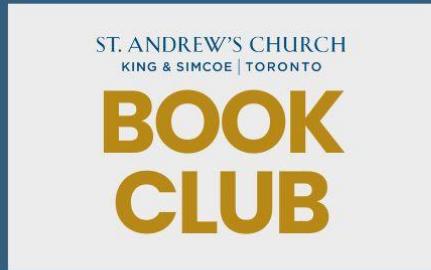


The book explores the deep loyalty we have for our kin—even when life gets messy.

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.*

## Calendar of Events

### Mon. Feb. 9

5:00 pm	OOTC Dinner	Sanctuary
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### Tues, Feb. 10

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

### Thurs. Feb. 12

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	SingTO	Great Hall

### Fri. Feb. 13

Noon	Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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### Sun, Feb. 15

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
9:00 am	Bible Study	Boardroom
9:30 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org) if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at: [selenatke@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.standrewstoronto.org)*

# World Day of Prayer 2026



“I Will Give You Rest: Come”

Matthew 11:28-30



This year, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer, an international ecumenical movement that invites us to hear the voices, hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the world. In 2026, the service has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria, offering a meaningful opportunity to gather in prayer and solidarity across cultures.

Drawing inspiration from our Nigerian sisters, please join us to share stories of your own initiatives in our social hour following the service



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Enter by glass door  
at Simcoe St.

Saturday, March 7  
2 to 4:30 pm





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