



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

Sunday, March 1 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Sonata V: Largo, BWV 529

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Wer nur den lieben Gott last walten, BWV 691

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #386 ‡

Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Opening Responses ‡ Please see the Second Sunday in Lent Insert

Introit

God so loved the world

Jeff Enns (1972 -)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Amen

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Adoration

Confession

A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

KYRIE (WILLAN, 552, BOP)

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: Reece Hodgson

Genesis 12:1-4a (10 OT)



Psalm: 121 †

I will lift up mine / eyes - unto the / hills,
from / whence / cometh - my / help.
 My help / cometh - from the / Lord /
/ . . . / which made / heaven - and / earth.

He will not suffer thy / foot - to be / moved:
he that / keepeth - thee / will not / slumber.
 Behold he that / keepeth / Israel
shall / neither / slumber - nor / sleep.

The / Lord - is thy / keeper:
the Lord is thy / shade up/on thy / right hand.
 The sun shall not / smite thee - by / day,
/ . . . / nor the / moon by / night.

The Lord shall pre/serve thee from - all / evil:
he / shall pre/serve thy / soul.
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy / coming / in
from this time forth, * and / even - for / ev-er/more.

**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.**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (161, NT)

John 3:1-17 (96, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sicut Moses serpentem

Schultz (1585 - 1672)

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him, may not perish but have eternal life.

Sermon

“Making A Name”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #478 †

To Abraham and Sarah

THORNBURY

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 Let nothing ever grieve thee

Brahms (1833 - 1897)

Let nothing ever grieve you; be at peace. Whatever God ordains, accept it gladly, my soul! Why do you want to worry today about tomorrow? The One is lord of all; he also gives to you that which is yours. In all things be not inconstant; stand firmly. Whatever God ordains is and signifies the best. Amen.

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

K. Klassen

Hymn #651 † *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

CWM RHONDDA

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Cwm Rhondda*

arr. John G. Barr (1938 - 2024)

*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, 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 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>

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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SUBWAY STATION



Enter by glass door
at 73 Simcoe St.

Saturday, March 7
2 to 4:30 pm



Music at St. Andrew's

Our Friday Noontime Recital on March 6 will feature Dane Ko, piano. Last Thoughts, Haydn Sonata in E-flat, Hob XVI:52; Brahms, Op. 119, 1-4; Enescu, Suite #2, Toccata, pavane.

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.

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

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/>

Health & Wellness Class

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



Out of the Cold

We have just completed two thirds of our weekly Monday night dinner. We are grateful for the many volunteers, sponsors and for the guests, who have become our friends.

Our Family Day meal consisted of Vindaloo chicken/tofu prepared by our chef, while the Chana masala, samosas and naan were prepared by Aroma Restaurant. Dessert was rice pudding which was also prepared in-house.

Special thanks to our boutique volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our guests are kept warm during this wintry weather.

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.

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>

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: jmatheson@rogers.com



Summer Camp Registration Open for Camp Cairn: Camp Cairn is a summer camp in Baysville, ON that operates with the support of the Presbyterian Church. Their camping ministry is open to children and youth from 5 – 16 years. The activities that kids participate in include rock climbing, paddling, swimming, singing, and games! Registration for the Summer 2026 program – July 5 through August 29 is now open at lovecamp.org



Thursday
March 12, 2026
Time: 7:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Venue:
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel
123 Queen Street West, Toronto

For more information and to purchase tickets please go to the website at:
<https://ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca/>



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.

Calendar of Events

Mon. Mar. 2

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

Tues, Mar. 3

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

Thurs. Mar. 5

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

Fri. Mar. 6

Noon Noontime Recital Sanctuary

Sat. Mar. 7

2:00 pm World Day of Prayer Service Sanctuary

Sun, Mar. 8

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

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – March 29

Worship Service at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Chancel) at 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3

Worship Service at 10:30 am

Easter Sunday – April 5

Sunrise Service at 8:30 am

Traditional Communion Service at 10:30 am



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