



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

Sunday, March 8 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

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 *Lord Jesus Christ, thou highest good
Christ, who is my life*

*Krebs (1713 – 1780)
Reger (1873 – 1916)*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #205 ‡ *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Opening Responses ‡ Please see the Third Sunday in Lent Insert

Introit

Almighty Lord and God of love

Giles (1558 - 1633)

Almighty Lord and God of love, direct my heart and guide my ways; amend my sin, my mind remove from all that from thy glory strays.

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Adoration

Confession

A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

KYRIE (WILLAN, 552, BOP)

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 #645 †

Follow me, the Master said

FOLLOW 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: Indra Narayansingh

Exodus 17:1-7 (70 OT)



Psalm: 95 †

O come,* let us / sing - to the / Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the / rock of / our sal/vation!

Let us come into his / presence - with thanks/giving:

Let us make a joyful noise to / him with / songs of / praise!

[2nd Half]

For the Lord is a / great / God,

And a great / King a/bove all / gods.

In his hands are the / depths - of the / earth;

The / heights - of the / mountains - are his / also.

The sea is / his; * for he / made it,

And the / dry land - which his / hands have / formed.

Continued/...

O come, * let us / worship - and bow / down,

Let us / kneel be-fore the / Lord, our / Maker!

For he is the Lord, our God, * and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep - of his / hand.

O that to/day - you would / listen - to his / voice.

Do not harden your / hearts,- as at / Meribah,

As on the / day at / Massah - in the / wilderness,

When your ancestors tested me, and / put me - to the / proof,

Though / they had / seen my / work.

For forty years I loathed that gener/ation - and / said;

**“They are a people whose hearts go astray, and /
they do - not re/gard my / ways.”**

Therefore in my / anger - I / swore,

They / shall not / enter - my / rest.

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.**

Romans 5:1-11 (162, NT)

John 4:5-42 (97, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O come, everyone that thirsteth

Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

O Come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, come unto Him;

O hear, and your souls shall live forever; O come unto Him.

Sermon **“Life, Massah and Meribah”**

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #240 † ***Rock of ages, cleft for me***

TOPLADY

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 **Sicut cervus**

Palestrina (1525 – 1594)

As the hart yearns for the water springs: so longs my soul for thee, O God!

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 #198 † *I hunger and I thirst*

QUAM DILECTA

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Fuga in c, BWV 537*

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

Annual Meeting on March 15, 2026

Please join us in the Great Hall after Worship on Sunday, March 15 for our Annual General Meeting. A light lunch will be served and child care will be available.

In Memoriam

We will once again decorate the sanctuary for our Easter worship service. Donations in memory of loved ones that are received by March 22 will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Please use the envelopes included with today's bulletin.



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>



Music at St. Andrew's

Our Friday Noontime Recital on March 13 will feature Carmine Coccimiglio on guitar. The program is entitled: Images of Spain and the Antiquity of Romanticism, and will showcase the music of Joaquin Rodrigo and Giulio Regondi. This recital will be co-sponsored by The Guitar Society of Toronto.

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 are truly blessed to have dedicated volunteers who give of their time and expertise to assist with the preparation and bagging of the weekly meals each week.

Special thanks to the Sunday afternoon team for assisting with the preparation as their efforts certainly make things much easier for the Monday team.

Thanks to the ladies who give of their time, every Monday morning during the OOTC season, to make sandwiches for our guests.

Thanks also to the employees of IMCO and Lindt for assisting with the dinners over the past few weeks

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

Heart of the City – March 25 at 7pm

This book offers warm guidance and practical skills to better your mental and emotional health.

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to Hold
Onto

Simple Meditations, Prayers, and
Reflections from a Christian's Real Life

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An
Evening
with
**KATE
ROBSON**



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

Calendar of Events

Mon. Mar. 9

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

Tues, Mar. 10

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

7:00 pm Session Boardroom

Thurs. Mar. 12

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

Fri. Mar. 13

Noon Noontime Recital Sanctuary

Sun, Mar. 15

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

11:30 am Annual 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

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

Early Chancel Service at 8:30 am

Traditional Communion Service at 10:30 am

**"I am the
resurrection
and the life..."**

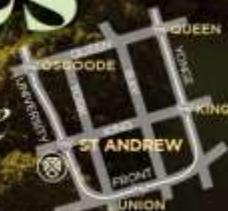
JOHN 11:25

**Easter
Sunday
APRIL 5
10:30 AM
TRADITIONAL
COMMUNION
SERVICE**

**Sunrise
Service
8:30 AM**

Celebrate Easter Sunday With Us

All are welcome



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