



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

The People of St. Andrew's are Called by God
TO SERVE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
in the Heart of Toronto.

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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



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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

Komm, heiliger Geist
Down Ampney

Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)
Ley (1887 – 1962)

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 †

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
All: The wind of God, the breath of life..
One: Com, Holy Spirit.
All: Our Advocate, our Counselor.
One: Come, Holy Spirit.
ALL: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.
One: Come, Holy Spirit.
ALL: Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.
One: Come, Holy Spirit.
**ALL: May we feel God breathing through our worship.
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.**

Introit

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Tye (1505 - 1572)

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

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 and youth, ages 3 to 17, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.

Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Phyllis Airhart

Numbers 11:24-30 (144, OT)



Psalm 104:24-34, 35b †

O Lord, how / manifold - are your / works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the / earth is / full of - your / creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things in/numerable - are / there,

Living / things both / small and / great.

Second half

There / go the / ships,

And Leviathan that you / formed to / sport in / it.

These all / look to / you

To / give them - their / food in - due / season;

When you give to them, they / gather - it / up;

When you open your hand, they are / filled with / good / things.

Continued/...

When you hide your face, they / are dis/mayed;

When you take away their breath, they / die - and re/turn - to their / dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated;

And you re/new the / face of - the / ground.

May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever;

May the / Lord re/joice in - his / works—

Who looks on the / earth - and it / trembles,

Who touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as / long as - I / live;

I will sing praise to my / God while / I have / being.

May my meditation be / pleasing - to / him,

For / I re/joice - in the / Lord.

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.

Acts 2:1-21 (123, NT)

John 7:37-39 (103, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

If ye love me

Tallis (1505 – 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever: Ev'n the Spirit of truth, ev'n the Spirit of truth, ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Sermon

“The Language of Love”

Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

Hymn #389 †

Breathe on me, breath of God

TRENTHAM

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 *O Spirit all-embracing*

Martinson (1960 -)

*O Spirit all-embracing and counsellor all-wise, unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward; surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death; come, wind of springtime blowing, and
warm us by your breath. O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face, you show yourself
amazing in unexpected place. We see you and remember what once our dreams had been; you fan
the glowing ember and kindle hope within. Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;
undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew. Come, passion's power holy, your insight here
impart, and give your servants lowly an understanding heart to know your care more clearly when
faith and love are tried, to seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died: for vision we
implore you, in wisdom's pure delight; in prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.*

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Everyone who worships the Lord is welcome to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The sections in italics will be sung

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, we give thanks and glorify your name, for your works are great and wonderful and your ways are just and true. With your people everywhere we join our voices in joyful praise:

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.*

One: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son into the world. Living among us, he declared your good news in word and deed, and shared our joys and sorrows. Dying on the cross, he freely gave up his life that we might live. Rising again from the grave, he promises to be with us to the end of the age. Remembering these things, we gather at his invitation to break bread and share the cup and proclaim the mystery of faith:



One: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to bless both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, so that, nourished by his love, and strengthened by his life within us, we may ever proclaim your goodness and serve you faithfully, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The minister breaks the bread, saying:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Minister lifts the cup, saying:

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Choir: O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. K. KLASSEN
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Those who wish to receive communion are invited to come down the centre aisle in two lines. After receiving the bread and wine, please return to your pew by the side aisle. Alcohol-free white grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Prayer after Communion

One: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

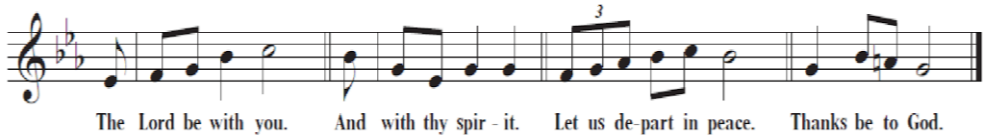
Hymn #401 † *O Spirit of the living God*

MELCOMBE

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



Benediction † *The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Minister recesses*

Organ Postlude *Toccata et Grand Choeur sur "Veni Creator"*

Bedard (1950–)

*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 at noon 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

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! For May and June, Rev. Jaylynn will lead the group in a study of the Psalms.

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>

SAGA Meeting – May 29, 2026

SAGA, a fellowship group formed in the early 1980s for members of the LGBTQI2S+ community, their friends, and supporters, invites you to our next meeting. We will gather in the Great Hall at 6:00 pm for our usual potluck supper. There's no admission charge...just bring something for the potluck supper! It can be an appetizer, beverage, condiment, salad, side dish, meat, casserole or a dessert.

Supper will be followed by a presentation by SAGA member Jeff Schmidt on his new memoir, *Secrets, Truths and Silver Linings*. Jeff will share insights from his book, which details a tumultuous life of twists, turns, and a long-kept family secret. All are welcome to join us for an evening of food, community, and compelling storytelling.

SingTO

SingTo meets Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Great Hall, however this group is now on Summer break. If you are interested in joining this group in the Fall, please contact Dan Bickle at:

singto@standrewstoronto.org

Music at St. Andrew's

Our Friday Noontime Recitals on May 29, will feature Charles Lin, piano. Chopin Nocturnes, Mazurkas and Brahms Intermezzi.

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

Please note that this is our final recital in the Spring program. We look forward to welcoming you back in October.

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB



FEATURING

Two Solitudes

BY HUGH MACLENNAN



ABOUT THE BOOK

A classic Canadian novel exploring the divide between English- and French-speaking communities, and the search for understanding across cultures.



JUNE 17

7:00 PM



CHURCH LIBRARY

All are welcome — whether you've read the book or not.



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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/>



Out of the Cold

The 2025-2026 OOTC dinner came is now on break until November however, our Tuesday morning breakfast continues all year round beginning at 7:30 am. Thank you to all those volunteers who continue to assist with the breakfast program.

The Boutique

As the seasons change the needs of our OOTC guests also change. The boutique is currently in need of the following:

- Men's shoes size 10 -13
- Men's t-shirts size large and X-large
- Men's hoodies and sweatshirts size large and X- large
- Sweatpants and athletic pants
- Duffle bags, knapsacks

While not all items need to be new, we do ask that they be clean and in good repair. Donations may be dropped off at the church Tuesdays through Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Please come to either the Emily Street or Simcoe Street entrances. A phone number is posted so that someone can let you in. 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: jmatheson@rogers.com

Calendar of Events

Tues, May 26

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

Thurs. May 28

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
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Fri. May 29

Noon	Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, May 31

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

*Assistance during worship service is needed and appreciated. If you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher please contact Leslyn Henry at: : leslynloh@gmail.com
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



ST. ANDREW'S

HEART OF THE CITY
SPEAKERS SERIES

Thinking Beyond the Market: A FILM ABOUT GENUINELY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Filmed across Canada, this timely and hopeful documentary reveals how policy, community action, and new ways of thinking can tackle the housing crisis at its roots.

7 PM
\$10
AT THE DOOR



SCAN FOR TICKETING

WED.
JUNE
10



SCREENING & LIVE Q&A
WITH FILMMAKER

DR. BRIAN
DOUCET

Dr. Brian Doucet is an urban planner, author, and filmmaker whose work focuses on housing, inequality, and city-building. An Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo, Dr. Doucet made *Thinking Beyond the Market* to connect with people who make, shape and experience cities.



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