



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

Sunday, July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Trio in C
Though I may speak*

*Krebs (1713 – 1780)
arr. Diemer*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #407 ‡ *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

PRAISE MY SOUL

Opening Responses ‡

One: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have love you, you also should love one another."
All: **By this everyone will know that we are his disciples,
if we have love for one another.**

Introit

Order my steps

Trad. Spiritual

Order my steps in your Word dear lord, Lead me, guide me every day, Send your anointing, Father I pray; Order my steps in your Word, Please, order my steps in your Word.

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.

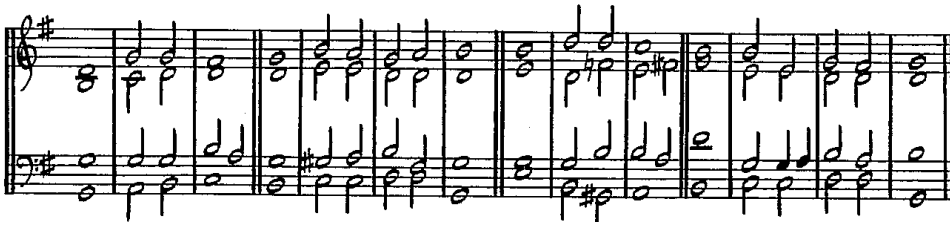
Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Claire Lemiski

1 Kings 3:5-12 (340, OT)



Psalm 119:129-136 ‡

Your de/crees are / wonderful;

Therefore I o/bey them - with / all my / heart.

When your word goes / forth it - gives / light;

It gives under/standing / to the / simple.

I open my / mouth and / pant;

I / long for / your com/mandments.

Turn to / me in / mercy,

As you always do to / those who / love your / name.

Steady my / footsteps - in your / word;

Let no iniquity / have do/minion / over me.

Rescue me from / those who - op/press me,

And / I will / keep - your com/mandments.

Let your countenance / shine up-on your / servant

And / teach / me your / statutes.

My eyes shed / streams of / tears,

Because people / do not / keep your / law.

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 8:26-39 (165, NT)
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (15, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The sorrows of death

Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

The sorrows of death had closed all around me, and hell's dark powers had got hold upon me, with trouble and deep heaviness, but said the Lord, "Come, arise from the dead, and awake thou that sleepest, I bring thee salvation."

Sermon

"The Certainty of Hope"

Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

Hymn #330 ‡

O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

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 *If with all your hearts*

Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me. Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before his presence!*

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

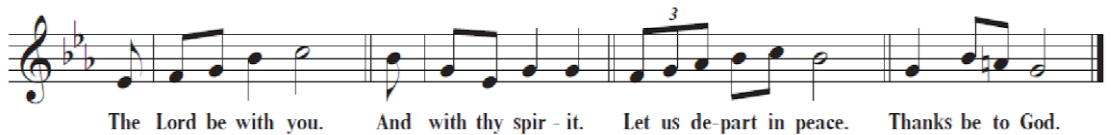
Hymn #497 ‡ *Word of God, across the ages*

AUSTRIA

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Grand Choeur*

Salomé, (1834 - 1896)

*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.

Thank you to today's soloist Ryan Downey

The St. Andrew's Choristers

The St. Andrew's Choristers are now on break for the Summer. Rehearsals will resume in September. If you are interested in singing in this group, please speak with Dan Bickle or contact him at:

dbickle@standrewstoronto.org

Thursday Noon-time Communion Service

There are no Thursday Communion Services during the month of July.

Bible Study

Bible Study is now on Summer break during July and August.

Church School & Nursery

Church School is on Summer break during July and August but will return on September 6th. Activity bags will be available in the Narthex for children attending service during the Summer. The Nursery will be available throughout the Summer for those children 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>

Better English Café

The Better English Café is now on Summer break but will return on Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm in the Great Hall. For all Updates please checkout our Meetup Page at:

<https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/>

Music at St. Andrew's

The Friday Noontime Recitals are now concluded until October 2nd. We look forward to welcoming you back at that time.

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

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Coordinator of Faith Formation for Children and Youth
(Part time; 15 hrs/week – beginning in September) – Submission deadline *July 27th*

“The people of St. Andrew’s are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto”

St. Andrew’s today is a living church. Its congregation, drawn from across the city, represents the diversity of Toronto. Presbyterianism at St. Andrew’s crosses cultural, educational and social boundaries. The congregation is united by a common commitment to worship, community service and faith formation in the Christian tradition.

St. Andrew’s has an active ***Faith Formation Ministry (FFM) for Children and Youth*** and is looking for a vibrant, enthusiastic ***Coordinator of Faith Formation for Children and Youth*** to provide a church school and nursery program, ensuring a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for the children in the program.

The individual should have:

- A commitment to faith formation in the Christian tradition
- An inclusive and intercultural perspective on ministry
- Training in working with children and youth
- Experience working with children and youth in a similar setting
- A ‘clear’ Vulnerable Sector Screening Police Reference Check
- First Aid certificate (training can be provided)

The duties include:

- Deliver a curriculum chosen in consultation with the FFM
- Plan and oversee activities to supplement the curriculum
- Oversee the work of the Nursery Coordinator and nursery volunteers
- Recruit new volunteer teachers, assistants and youth leaders in collaboration with the FFM and in compliance with the approved process
- Prepare an annual schedule of teachers/youth leaders for all church school classes and communicate the schedule
- Meet regularly with teachers and other volunteers to discuss schedules, lesson preparation, activities and other items related to Church School
- Implement effective health and safety standards and ensure compliance with Leading with Care policies.
- Work with the Associate Minister to plan participation of the Church School in intergenerational worship services

For further information or to apply for the position, please contact:

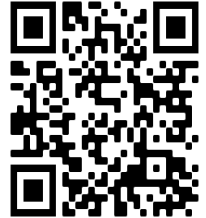
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Stewardship and Giving

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

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 OOTC Boutique continues to offer Summer needs to our guests every other week. In an emergency supplies can be accessed on the weeks the boutique is closed if needed. At the moment, the most urgent needs are as follows:

- men's running/casual shoes size 10-13
- women's shoes size 7-9
- men and women's spring and summer coats
- soap and toothpaste.

If you are able to donate any of the above, it would be greatly appreciated.



You can register or donate at this link: <https://raceroster.com/111134?aff=D2FWW>

Calendar of Events

Tues, July 28

7:30 am	OOTC Community Breakfast	Great Hall
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Sun, Aug. 2

9:00 am	Library opens	Library
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



As a heads up – we will be holding our September book sale during the opening days of TIFF, beginning Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th. Please keep us in mind for donations if you are doing any book decluttering this Summer. We also accept CD's and DVD's. More information will be available shortly.