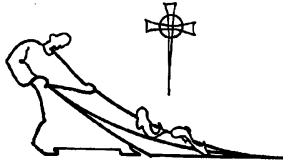


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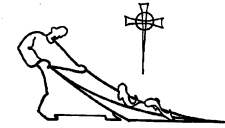
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The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations. This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnabek Nation and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the life of the Great Lakes. The Treaties that were signed for this Territory are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties. We recognize how settlers and our church have continuously broken the sacred covenant of this Treaty, and offer this land acknowledgment as a first step on the path of reconciliation, recognizing the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and their continued leadership on this land.

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*To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ;
to extend this love into Christian action in the community.*

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 14, 2025

10:00AM



Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
By being here, you have enriched our community.
We pray that you find the service meaningful.

We hope that you sense God's presence and His love for you in
our midst, and that you consider the Church of St. Andrew a
place where you can belong and call home.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645, by J.S. Bach
(All Stand)
Processional Carol: #89 vv.1-4 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Scarborough and the Greater Toronto Area. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD:	Kathy Smith & Paulette Athill
INTERCESSOR:	Wilbur Anderson
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT:	Gail Smith

NOTE: The deadline to ensure that your cash offering is received and accounted for in 2025 is
Sunday, December 28, 2025.
Cheques and e-transfers must be dated on or before December 31, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE - our Annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 following the 10AM service.

*During this meeting, our Parish's budget is presented, reports are given by the Priest-in-Charge and the Wardens, and by the conveners of our ministry teams.
Please make every effort to be there!*

Reports for the Annual Vestry meeting are due no later than January 15, 2026.

If you convene or chair a ministry team or parochial organisation, please submit your written report to the Parish Office before this date. Thank you!



The flowers on the Altar today are given by Richard Moriah, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my mother, Greta Celestine Moriah.

The Sanctuary Lights for the month of December are given by Richard Moriah, to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Greta Celestine Moriah and Cromwell Marcus Moriah.



❧ BIRTHDAYS ❧

December 16 – Owen Armstrong
December 18 – Yvette Davey

****The Church will be closed on Wednesday, December 17, due to a Toronto Hydro planned outage****

We will have Zoom Online Morning Prayer on Wednesday, December 17 at 10am - please use the same Zoom details as for Tuesday Morning Prayer. The Parish Office will be closed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Please join us online for **Morning Prayer**, Tuesdays, 9:00–9:30AM, and **Bible Study & Compline**, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15PM.

Zoom info: Meeting ID: 625 721 4565.

If you are calling in, dial **+1 647 374 4685**, then follow instructions to enter the Meeting ID followed by #, then press # again to join.

Press “*6” to unmute.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 16	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 17	All day	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED- Tor. Hydro
Wed., Dec. 17	10:00-10:30am	Zoom Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 17	7:00-8:15pm	Online Bible Study & Compline
Sun., Dec. 21	11:30am-12:45pm	Advent Study #4 – Large Classroom
Sun., Dec. 21	11:30am-1pm	Kids’ Christmas Party – Parish Hall

We warmly welcome Damien Macedo as our guest organist today, and for our Christmas services!

Our Advent Study on the Foundations of Christianity continues TODAY in the Parish Hall following the service, and on **Sunday, December 21 from 11:30am-12:45pm** in the Large Classroom downstairs.

Kids’ Christmas Party, Sunday December 21, 11:30am-1pm in the Parish Hall, following our Sunday service. Sweet treats, gifts, and more!



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(We sing as the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are lit. A prayer follows.)

Song: A Candle is Burning (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,

A candle of HOPE in December’s dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven’s starry sky,

Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,

A candle to signal that conflict must cease

For Jesus is coming to show us the way

A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy

Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow

As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson from Genesis 1:1-5,26-31

Read by Gail Smith

God creates humankind in the image of God.

Carol:

#96 vv.1-3 “Creator of the Stars of Night”

Second Lesson from Genesis 3:1-15

Read by Lere Oladitan

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Choir:

“This is the Truth Sent From Above” (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Third Lesson from Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by Vince Woodruff

God comforts the people and calls them to prepare for their redemption.

Carol:

#106 vv.1-3 “There’s Voice in the Wilderness

Fourth Lesson from Isaiah 7:10-15

Read by Hannah Wanjuhi

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us”.

Carol:

#88 “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

Fifth Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 1:5-25

Read by Maxine Sylvester

An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son.

Carol:

#108 vv.1-3 “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding”

Sixth Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38 *Read by Cindy Browne*
The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Offertory: Organ Solo "The Angel Gabriel" (Basque Carol)
A collection is taken during the Offertory. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews, or e-transfer to envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Seventh Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56 *Read by Shreena Talbert*
The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

Solo: Gail Smith "Mary, Did You Know?"

Eighth Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20 *Read by Richard Moriah*
Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds.

Carol: #136 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Ninth Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12 *Read by Paulette Athill*
The wise men follow a star and find the child Jesus, the Messiah.

Choir: "We Three Kings"

Tenth Lesson from Hebrews 1:1-12 *Read by Barbara Taylor*
In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Carol: #114, vv. 1-2,4 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Please Stand, as able

Eleventh Lesson from John 1:1-18 *Read by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Buligan*
Carol: #118 vv.1-5 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayers of the People

Response: Hear our prayer.

Collect

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ. Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our will, that by your power and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Collect of Christmas

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(All Sit)

Announcements

Recessional Carol:

(All Stand)
#154 "Joy to the World"

Dismissal: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve the world God loves!

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

""Final Mov. VI from Symphony No. 1, by Louis Vierne



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at St. Andrew's

Join us for the feast of Christmas!

December 24th at 4:30pm:

Christmas Holy Eucharist, with Blessing of the Crib and Carols

December 24th at 7:30pm

Christmas Holy Eucharist, with Carols

December 25th at 10am:

Christmas Holy Eucharist, with Carols

All are welcome!