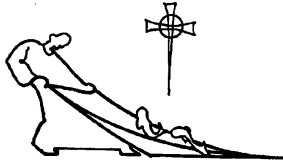


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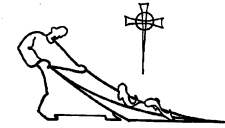
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The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville 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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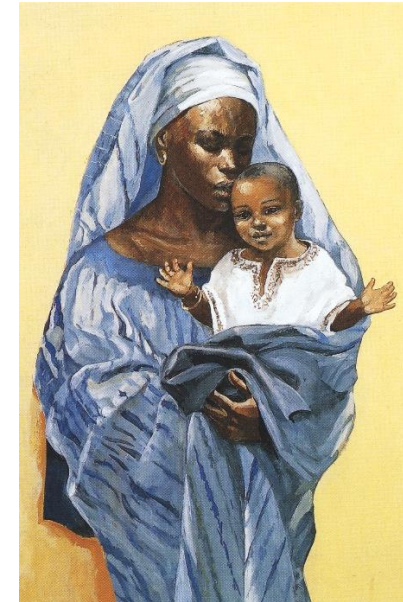


*To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ;
to extend this love into Christian action in the community.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 21, 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

Processional Hymn: #267 vv.1-4 "The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky" *(All Stand)*

Greeting

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(After the prayer is said, we sing the following song as the candles are lit.)

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.

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,

A candle to point us to heaven above

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth

For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(All Sit)*

ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Maxine Sylvester & Jasmine Alexander
LECTORS: 1. Richard Moriah / 2. Paulette Athill
INTERCESSOR: Lethel Shand
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Todne Bryan & Wilbur Anderson

***Kids' Christmas Party TODAY, 11:30am-1pm
in the Parish Hall. Sweet treats, gifts, and more!***



***Our Advent Study on the Foundations of Christianity
concludes TODAY from 12:00-1:00pm in the Large Classroom.***

We warmly welcome Peggy Wong as our guest Organist today.

***NOTE: The deadline to ensure that your cash offering is received
and accounted in 2025 is Sunday, December 28, 2025.***

Cheques and e-transfers must be dated on or before Dec 31, 2025.

***Rev. Jake will be away from Friday, January 2 to Saturday,
January 10, 2026, inclusive. Rev. Fran Kovar will celebrate and
preach on Epiphany (Sun., January 4) and on Wednesday, Jan. 7.***

***The Parish Office will be closed from Wed., December 24
and will reopen on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.***

*For urgent pastoral matters, please dial 416-447-1481,
and press '5' when the auto-attendant answers.*

***Bible Study will not meet between December 24 and January 7,
inclusive. It will return on Wed., January 14, 2026.***

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.

***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 26 – Colleen Griffith

December 27 – Phoenix Bannister

The Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion - please indicate to the Celebrant if you require a gluten-free wafer. All may receive a blessing; please cross your arms to indicate that this is your wish.

To receive Communion or a blessing at your pew, please notify a sidesperson.

(All Stand)

Communion Hymn: #102 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

(All Sit)

Announcements

(All Stand)

Recessional Hymn: #91 vv.1-4 "People, Look East! The Time Is Near"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 23	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 24	4:30-6:00pm	Christmas Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Crib & Carols
Wed., Dec. 24	7:30-9:00pm	Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols
Thurs., Dec. 25	10:00-11:15am	Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols
Sun., Dec. 28	10:00-11:30am	First Sunday After Christmas
Tues., Dec. 30	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 31	10:00-10:30am	Mid-Week Eucharist
Wed., Dec. 31	10:30-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew's Room
Mon., Jan. 5	10:00am-12:00pm	Monthly Meet & Mingle – Parish Hall

NOTE: There is no Online Morning Prayer on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *(prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses)*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.** Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered * despite the prayers of your people?** You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **You have made us the derision of our neighbours, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.** Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.** And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your name. **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: #117 vv.1-2 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (All Stand)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: #117 v.3 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(All Sit)

The Homily

The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

(All Stand)

Nicene Creed

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(Sit or Kneel)

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, grant us peace.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Christ the light of the world is coming. In his light, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

People: Merciful God, We need your healing. Give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us. Set us free to hear your word to us. Set us free to serve you.

Celebrant: God, the Creator bring you to new life, forgive and redeem you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Celebrant: God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

(All Stand)

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" (sung)

by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family, Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Peace

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #101 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal #683

(Sit or Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymnal #684

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (sung)

Hymnal #685

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.