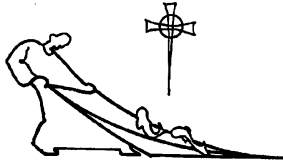


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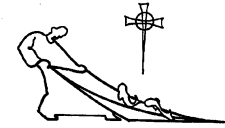
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*The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville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

## Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough (Anglican)



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

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, December 28, 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: "Joseph est bien Marié", by Claude Balbastre

Processional Hymn: #127 "O Come, Little Children" *(All Stand)*

Greeting Page 230  
Collect for Purity *(All)* Page 230  
Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)* Hymnal #679

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(All Sit)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Isaiah 63:7-9*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148** *(prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses)*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; \* praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; \* praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; \* for he commanded, and they were created.

## ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Thelma Tappin & Fay Hamilton  
LECTORS: 1. Cindy Browne / 2. Maxine Sylvester  
INTERCESSOR: Richard Moriah  
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Alexandra Browne

*A warm "Thank You" to Damien Macedo for being Organist and Choir Director this Christmas!*

**NOTE:** The deadline to ensure that your cash offering is received and accounted in 2025 is **TODAY** 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 is 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.

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

*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 29 – Evelyn Williams  
December 31 – Shreena Talbert  
December 31 – Daniel Tamunotonye  
January 1 – Kathryn Smith  
January 1 – Esther Campbell

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Hymnal #685

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### 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: #153 "Good Christians All, Rejoice"

Choir: "Coventry Carol"

### Prayer after Communion:

**Celebrant:** Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask 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)*

Sending Hymn: #155 vv.1-4,7 "From East to West, from Shore to Shore"

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Noël XII (Suisse)", by Louis-Claude Daquin

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Sun., Jan. 5	10:00-11:30M	The Epiphany of the Lord
Mon., Jan. 5	10:00am-12:00pm	Monthly Meet & Mingle – Parish Hall

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \* he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; \* fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; \* wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes \* and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, \* his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \* the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

### The Second Reading

**Hebrews 2:10-18**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(All Stand)*

Gradual Hymn: #580 vv.1-3 "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

**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 after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn: #580 vv.4-5 "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"  
(All Sit)

## The Homily

The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

## Nicene Creed

(All Stand)  
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(Sit or Kneel)

## Prayers of the People

**Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Celebrant:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

**Celebrant:** Let us therefore confess our sins.

Almighty God, **our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone.**

**We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(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: #355 vv.1-3,7 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*A collection is taken during the Offertory. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews, or e-transfer to [envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca](mailto:envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca).*

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*

## Prayer over the Gifts:

**God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**