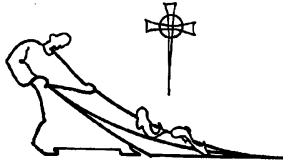


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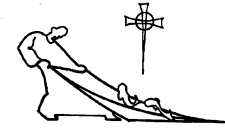
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*The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville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

## THE BIRTH OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25, 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 'In Dulci Jubilo", by Marcel Dupré

Welcome: The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

Opening Carol: #123 "Once in Royal David's City" (All Stand)

**Celebrant:** Today is Christ born;

**All: today the Saviour has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### The Lighting of the Wreath

**Celebrant:** In the beginning was the Word.

**All: And the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

**Celebrant:** In him was light.

**All: And the light was the life of all people.**

**Celebrant:** The light shines in the darkness.

**All: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Glory to God in the highest (sung - #679)

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### Collect of the Day

O god our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(All Sit)

## ASSISTING TODAY

LECTORS: 1. Barbara Taylor  
2. Hannah Wanjuhi  
INTERCESSOR: Rev. Jake Cunliffe  
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Wlbur Anderson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

*We warmly welcome Damien Macedo as our guest organist today.*

*Rev. Jake will be away from Friday, January 2 to Saturday, January 10, 2026, inclusive.*

*Rev. Fran Kovar will celebrate and preach on Epiphany (Sunday, January 4) and on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026.*

*The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025 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.*

**Celebrant:** We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All:** God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Hymnal #685

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

**All:** 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 Carol:

#120 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### 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 Stand)*

Sending Carol:

#143 vv.1-3&5 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and rejoice at the birth of Jesus.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

"Der Tag der ist so freudenreich BWV 605", by J. S. Bach

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 98** (*prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses*)

Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvellous things. **With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.** The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.** Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. **Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.** With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.** Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, \* when he comes to judge the earth. **In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.**

### The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

(All Stand)  
#125 v.1 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

### The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

**Gospeller:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn:

#125 v.2 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
(All Sit)

### The Homily

The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

### The Apostles' Creed

(All Stand)  
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### Prayers of the People

**Response: Lord, grant us peace.**

(Sit or Kneel)

### The Peace

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Carol:

#137 "What Child Is This"

*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:

**Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Celebrant:** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

**Celebrant:** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation.....  
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.....

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

(Sit or Kneel)  
Hymnal #684