

ASSISTING TODAY

4:30PM

LECTORS: 1. Richard Moriah
2. Lere Oladitan
INTERCESSOR: Richard Moriah
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Wilbur Anderson

7:30PM

LECTORS: 1. Cindy Browne
2. Shreena Talbert
INTERCESSOR: Richard Moriah
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Alexandra Browne & Kathyann Sandiford

UPCOMING EVENTS

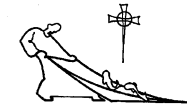
Sun., Dec. 28	10:00-11:30am	First Sunday After Christmas
Tues., Dec. 30	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 31	10:00-10:30am	Mid-Week Eucharist
Wed., Dec. 31	10:30-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew's Room
Mon., Jan. 5	10:00am-12:00pm	Monthly Meet & Mingle – Parish Hall

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 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.

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.*

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH A BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE AND CAROLS

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:30PM & 7:30PM



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

Please take a candle from a sidesperson before the service starts.

Prelude: "Fantasia on Greensleeves", by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome: The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

(Please Stand, as able)

Opening Carol: #118 vv.1-3&5 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Blessing of the Crèche:

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the one whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.

All: Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh

All: And dwelt among us.

(At 4:30pm, the Christ Child is placed in the Crèche)

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol: #135 vv.1&4 "Shepherds in the Field Abiding"

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.**

(All Sit)

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Hymnal #685

All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

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 at your pew, please notify a sidesperson.

Communion Carol: #140 vv.1-3 & 5 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Choir: "In the Bleak Midwinter"
(words by Christina Rossetti; music by Harold Darke)

(All Stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

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.

Blessing

Sending Carol: #138 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "In dulci jubilo BWV729", by Johann Sebastian Bach

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;..... 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:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Hymnal #683

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

(Please sit, kneel, or remain standing, as is your preference.)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, 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 to you, Lord of all; 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 forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Hymnal #684

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading:

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 97: *chanted by the choir*

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side. His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly. There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

The Second Reading:

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(All Stand)

Gradual Carol

#126 vv.1-2 "Away in a Manger"

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Carol

#126 v.3 "Away in a Manger"

(All Sit)

The Homily

The Rev. Jake Cunliffe

(All Stand)

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: I believe in God,

All: the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

After the Apostles' Creed, there is a period of silence. As the organ introduction to "Silent Night" begins, please light your candle.

Carol:

#119 "Silent Night"

(All Sit)

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

(At 7:30pm, the Choir sings Carol #148, "See Amid the Winter's Snow")

(All Stand)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you on this holy night, and always!

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Carol:

#139 vv.1-3, 5-6 "The First Nowell"

A collection is taken during the Offertory Carol. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews, or e-transfer to envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca.

Your support of our church's ministries is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Over the Gifts

All: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.