#### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

#### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan Organist: Paul Suchan

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour." — Psalm 25: 4-5

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Prelude: March of the Priests, from Athalie – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- Martha Fergusson

#### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert)

- Rehema Nyekanyeka

**Prayer of Adoration** 

Praise: "Ride on, ride on in majesty"

#217

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a saviour, a saviour—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time - Martha Fergusson

#### The Lord's Prayer:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Praise: "Hosanna, loud hosanna" #218

(Children remain- they can do the worship-enhancing activities in the green bags on the front pew after the children's story- extra crayons and paper are available in the narthex)

#### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination Scripture Readings:

Psalm 25 Isaiah 50: 4- 9 Luke 19: 28-40

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Sermon: "the king arrives" - Martha Fergusson

Readings:

The Arrangement by Avis Palmer
The Children Song by Avis Palmer
Palm Sunday Collect by Kathy

Prince Ngombe
 Grace Drover

The Drover FamilyRehema Nyekanyeka

- Martha Fergusson

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#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Hosanna, Hosanna We Sing – Stan Pethel (b. 1950)

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People - Rehema & Ramona Nyekanyeka

#### WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: "All glory, laud and honour" #214

#### Holy Week Poem excerpt Ann Weems

-Martha Fergusson

Our hosannas sung, our palms waved, let us go with passion into this week.

It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit; a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is a time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One, to lavishly break our alabaster and pour perfume out for him without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation.

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is almost here.

Eat, drink, remember

As each of us asks ourselves, "Is it I who will betray you?"

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree and watch the dying if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday, Only then will the alleluias be sung; Only then will the joyful dancing begin.

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a- - - - men

Postlude: Erbaum dich mein, O Herr Gott – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Richard & Jan Rodda



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

<u>A SPECIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St.

Andrew's.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca; email: office@standrewsyxe.ca

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

## <u> Announcements</u>

#### Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Roberto

All who are interested in studying Scripture and praying through Lent together are invited to contact Rev. Roberto. We will follow a daily schedule of readings and gather weekly to discuss and pray together. Date and time TBD based on availability. Please contact Roberto at <a href="mailto:revroberto@standrewyxe.ca">revroberto@standrewyxe.ca</a>



#### **PWS&D - Annual Lenten Appeal**

While the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper has been completed, the annual Lenten Appeal for PWS&D continues until Easter. This year's proceeds will go towards PWS&D work in responding to emergencies, both natural and manmade.

Please consider PWS&D during this Lenten season, as well as the remainder of the year. Mark your offering as PWS&D.



Join us for a Lunch & Learn hosted by the **Pastoral Care Committee** on April 27th, following the service. The topic will be Advance Care Planning - insights in planning for important healthcare decisions in the future. The event will be held in the Lower Hall. We hope to see you there!



Save the date: Mother's Day Tea. Saturday, May 10th, 1:45-4pm. Tickets are \$30 each. To book a reservation, contact Sandra Monson at standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com or 306-260-7734. See poster for more details.

#### Socks for SNCM 2025

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

#### May 10 - June 16, 2025

There are two ways to donate: (1) **Donate online or in person**— Funds will be given to SNCM for purchasing suitable socks. (2) Purchase a pair of socks and put them in the sock box located in the Narthex. Note: These socks should be durable-long lasting socks.

#### St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee











**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per guarter. Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca







## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Passion/Palm Sunday, 11 am Worship

<u>Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup></u> – Maundy Thursday, 7 pm at St. Paul's United Church

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday, 10:30 am Worship

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday, 11 am Worship, Holy Communion

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Email Margaret Wilson at: <u>ma.wilson@shaw.ca</u> More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

#### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- **⋄** Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive!", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

#### Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrewsyxe.ca
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)\_bulletin" to see the bulletin

# In Our Wider Community

#### Justice and Hope for All: A 2025 Federal Election Resource

Canada's next federal election is scheduled for April 28. Democratic institutions rely on informed citizens' engagement. The PCC has produced a resource which contains questions about issues that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has spoken on. Grounded in our understanding that the church's role in society is to pursue love and justice for all of God's creation, this resource is intended to support personal reflection, conversation within congregations and advocacy with candidates. Please check it out for your topics of interest; there are questions that you can ask candidates when they come to the door. https://presbyterian.ca/2025/03/27/justice-and-hope-for-all-a-2025-federal-election-resource/

#### PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

Still healing from the loss of Rev. Brown, the Church struggled on. There are no records to show why Rev. Inkster left, but one small newspaper clipping gives a hint:

"At a regularly called meeting on Monday evening of the Church Board of St. Andrew's Church, a motion vigorously protesting the action of the Presbytery and of the Church Session in placing the Rev. Inkster in the Church pulpit was passed!" The report goes on to state that this action did not have the whole-hearted support of the Congregation. At the beginning of 1942, the Annual Treasurer's Report states that Rev. John Hardwick was called Minister-In-Charge. Then, in the Treasurer's Report covering 1942, Hardwick was identified as "The Moderator". Other Records state that Rev. Hardwick was the Minister from 1942-45.

The following report is to show the financial picture of the Church:

Cash On Hand in Bank,

January, 1941 \$ 372.76

Some of the receipts were:

General collection \$1,592.36:

Anniversary Offering \$ 567.50

Women's League had \$ 434.38 and

Total Receipts came to \$5,232.64.

Some of the disbursements were:

Salaries Rev. Bradley \$1,520.00

Rev. Inkster \$ 400.00

Caretaker \$1,920.00

Choir Leader \$ 550.00

Organist \$ 200.00

Fuel \$ 201.00

Lights and Water \$ 108.00

Taxes \$ 72.40

By the end of the year, 1941, the Bank Balance had increased to \$782.36.

Next is a review of how the various groups raised money at events:

- A dinner was put on for Sunday School teachers.
- The City Park Unit put on a Scottish Concert.
- Albert Unit held a Valentine's Tea in the Hudson's Bay Dining Room.
- The League provided the lunch at the YMCA for Armed Forces.
- The Heather Unit held a St. Patrick's Day Tea at the home of Mrs. Baird.
- The League held a Lilac Tea at the Hudson's Bay Dining Room for support for the British War Victims.
- A supper was held at the Church for the Interchurch Convention.
- A Tea and Sale of Home Cooking was held in the King George Dining Room.
- The Helen Ross Girls' Guild had a Penny Carnival.

The seven units of the League were City Park, Eastlake, Heather, Albert, Buena Vista, Pleasant Hill and West Side.

The aim of the League was to pay the taxes on the Manse and mortgage interest. They, sometimes, raised enough to pay some on the principal mortgage.

Other groups were: The Mary Sherrick Young Women's Missionary Society and the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary. The lines were blurred between WMS and Women's League. That was because so many women were active in both groups!



# Palm/Passion Sunday

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king, riding on a donkey.

All: The disciples proclaim the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

One: but the powers that be see a troublemaker, challenging their authority.

All: The prophetic traditions envision the peaceable kingdom,

One: but the empire sees a disturber of the peace, so death awaits him.

All: Give thanks to God who overcomes all the powers of death!



# An Inspiration for Change

In the quiet village of Chigwere in northern Malawi, 18-year-old Agnes Bambi found a sense of belonging and purpose as a member of the in-school youth club.



Supervised by two knowledgeable volunteer leaders trained by the project of the Livingstonia Synod AIDS Project, the youth club became a platform for empowerment and education. Working with both boys and girls, the club challenges social norms that favour men and boys and addresses the systemic marginalization of women and girls, which are especially challenging around issues of sexual and reproductive health.

Through the youth club, Agnes discovered the importance of staying in school and actively engaged in discussions about sexual reproductive health.

Equipped with knowledge, she took it upon herself to become an agent of change in her community, teaching her friends about the critical aspects of staying in school and making informed decisions for their futures.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to ensure youth are empowered with the knowledge they need to make informed choices.



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# MISSION MOMENT

#### Sunday, April 13

Dhane BK, now in his senior years, lives with his close-knit family in Nepal. Seven years ago, Dhane completed treatment for leprosy, marking a significant milestone in his journey to overcome the disease. However, his struggle did not end there. Recently, he faced a new challenge when he developed a skin ulcer. Recognizing the severity of the situation, he was admitted for specialized care to the Shining Hospital, supported by PWS&D. His treatment regimen included daily ulcer dressings



and comprehensive education on self-care practices. He learned the importance of inspecting, cleansing, protecting and caring for the ulcer—practices that promote healing and empower him to take an active role in his recovery. Today, Dhane continues to improve, with the ulcer showing significant signs of healing.

#### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)** Holy God, protect us from fickleness and help us be faithful to the calling to follow Christ, our servant king.

**Monday, April 14** We pray for the Committee on Doctrine as it prepares reports to submit to the General Assembly.

**Tuesday, April 15** We pray for congregations that are exploring ways to better support and include LGBTQI2+ people and their families within their communities. Nurturing God, encourage them to approach their discernment with grace and creativity.

**Wednesday, April 16 (Earth Week Starts)** During Earth Week, we give thanks for the gift of water, essential to all life on Earth. We pray all people have access to clean, safe drinking water.

**Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday)** Give us, O God, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live out Christ's example to love as he loved and to serve as he served.

**Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)** Merciful God, we praise you for your sacrificial love and pray for all those who have suffered violence, and for reconciliation wherever there is division and conflict

**Saturday, April 19** (Holy Saturday) On this day, Jesus lies in the grave. We trust in the resurrection and in God's power to stir new life among and within us.