

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 16th, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."

– I Peter 1: 8

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: Echo Fantasia in A – Jan Sweelinck

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

All things of God, all the heavens,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance"

#250

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God our Redeemer,
in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power
to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.
Yet when things go wrong,
we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him.
Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection.
Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us.
Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Praise: ***“At the dawning of salvation”*** **#248**

GOD’S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Introduction and Invitation

Praise: ***“Child of blessing, child of promise”*** **#521**

Presentation and Vows

When invited to respond, the congregation will affirm the baptism with the words, **“We do”**.

Apostles’ Creed

#539

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

Aaronic Blessing

#619 (sung)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalms 16

I Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“A Living Hope”

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Fantasia in the VI Tone – Giovanni Gabrieli

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

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

Praise:

“The strife is o’er, the battle done”

#257

Benediction

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

Postlude: Echo Fantasia in D – Jan Sweelinck

Lock up:

Heather Reichert



A SPECIAL WELCOME 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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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

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

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta’s underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew’s parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

Today, we are blessed to celebrate the baptism of Anika Joyce Janssens. Anika is the daughter of Ian Janssens and granddaughter of long-time members Leo and Trudy Janssens. Laura Van Loon will stand as Elder to the Janssens family.



COPIES OF "SAINTS ALIVE", St. Andrew's newsletter, are available on the entranceway table this morning. There are extra copies available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along.

A Chapel Communion Service will be held immediately after Worship. If you missed Communion last week, or would like to Celebrate the Sacrament again, follow Rev. Roberto's direction.

Heads up- If you can stay after church on Sunday April 23 we could use some simple help picking up litter around the church yard. We will provide bags and tools. Happy Earth Day Sunday.



CLEANING THE KITCHEN!!

Your Session has decided to reconvene coffee hour beginning in May. A WORK BEE is planned for April 27 at 10AM to clean the kitchen in preparation for coffee hour to reconvene. Please contact **Jan Rodda at 306-321-6369 or email clerk@standrews-saskatoon.com** if you are able to help. I need 2-3 other people to help me. Thank you for considering to give your time to lend a hand.

Jan Rodda, Clerk

Sunday, April 23 is the next **ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH NIGHT** at Zion with a focus on MUSIC! RSVP Martha at 306 270 2378





MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA. Bring someone special and enjoy a British-style Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 13th 2023, between 1:45pm and 4:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 436 Spadina Cres East (corner of Spadina Cres and 20th Street). Tickets are \$20 each. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Sandra by email to: standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com or call 306-260-7734. Seating is limited so book early. Proceeds from this Tea will go to Camp Christopher Presbyterian Church Camp.

The Stewardship Committee promoted **PWS&D** during Advent. This year the focus was on both the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the Earthquake in Turkey. A total of \$1250 was received during this period. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * Annual Report
- * 2022 Accountant Statements

In Our Wider Community

SASKATOON NATIVE CIRCLE MINISTRY Steak Night and Silent Auction: Friday, April 21st at Mulberry's, 2326 Millar Avenue. Doors open at 6, Dinner at 7. Tickets: Adults \$25, Kids Meal (4-8 years, chicken strips) \$10. For tickets speak to Sharon Nixon or Al Ireland.

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #22.

22. We call upon those who can effect change within the Canadian health-care system to recognize the value of Aboriginal healing practices and use them in the treatment of Aboriginal patients in collaboration with Aboriginal healers and Elders where requested by Aboriginal patients.

"BOOK LAUNCH" - On Friday April 21 at 7:00 PM, St. Andrew's member, Margaret Munro, has been invited to launch her first, newly released book at McNally - Robinson Book Store in Saskatoon. This book, "Through My Eyes" has been written using letters and diaries between 1908 and the end of the First World War that chronicle the early days of Saskatoon and her grandmother Belle Munro's family. Margaret insists that "turning 85 is reason enough to publish a book".

Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward.

With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 16 (Earth Week) We lift up in prayer the voices of Indigenous and racialized people, as well as the voices of people in the global south, all of whom are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis.

Monday, April 17 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan as its first in-person General Assembly since the beginning of the pandemic commences in the face of the country's uncertain future.

Tuesday, April 18 We pray for Zomba Theological University in Malawi and for Vice Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, as the university hosts a research conference and stakeholders consultative meeting this week.

Wednesday, April 19 (Earth Week) We give thanks for the work of For the Love of Creation, a national faith-based coalition for climate justice.

Thursday, April 20 (Earth Week) We pray for God's wisdom to guide decision makers to respond to the climate crisis in ways that reflect justice, equity and sustainability.

Friday, April 21 (Earth Week) We pray for healing for the Earth's biodiverse ecosystems that are under threat of habitat destruction, pollution and overexploitation.

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) Creator, we pray for the Earth our home, and for all life on Earth. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us.