

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

April 17th, 2022

Easter Sunday

"We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear." – Acts 10: 39-40

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.



EASTER SUNDAY

Prelude: "There is a Redeemer" - Melody Green

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: Lenten Insert - Alicia Monson

Praise: "Jesus Christ is risen today" #243

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah! unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah! now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as his love; hallelujah! praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Loving and life-giving God,
you raised Jesus from the grave
and shattered the powers of sin and death.
But we confess that we remain captive to fear,
resisting the hope that new life is possible for us.
We hide in tombs of indifference,
seeking comfort rather than justice in this world.
We cling to resentment and disappointment,
refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness.
Forgive us, O God,
and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10: 34-44

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20: 1-18

-Patti Polowick

-Fafali Ahiahonu

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"The Good News of Jesus Christ"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

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 – Virtual Choir

"He is Risen"

– Don Besig

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The 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.

Praise:

“The Son of God proclaim”

#558

The Son of God proclaim, the Lord of time and space; the God who bade the light break
forth now shines in Jesus' face.

Behold his outstretched hands! Though all was in his power, he took the towel and
basin then, and serves us in this hour.

He, God's creative Word, the church's Lord and head, here bids us gather as his friends
and share his wine and bread.

The Lord of life and death with wondering praise we sing; we break the bread at his
command and name him God and King.

We take this cup in hope; for he, who gladly bore the shameful cross, is risen again and
reigns forevermore.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: “... we join with the whole creation to lift our
hearts in joyful praise.”*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: “... we proclaim the mystery of faith:”

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology
and the people say: **Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

**Loving God,
you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance"*** **#250**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

Benediction

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

Postlude:

"Because He Lives"

-William Gaither

GREETERS AND COLLECTORS: Desiré Ngalaria, Henriette Mukayirere, Judy McFadden, Pat Barber



Announcements

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, April 18th, for Easter.



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.



MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA. Treat your Mother, Aunt or Good Friend to an enjoyable British-style Afternoon Tea.

On Saturday May 7th 2022, between 1:45 and 4pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Spadina Cres and 20th St. Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 for two, if treating a Mother. Reservations are required. To book a reservation, contact Sandra standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com or

call 306-260-7734. Seating is limited so book early. The Proceeds from this Tea will go towards the purchase of an AED for the church.

The 2021 statistics show that St. Andrew's has a congregation of **158**. Dorothy has received contact information for **71**. You will have noticed that Worship is returning to what it used to be, before COVID. People are again reading Scripture, greeting, ushering, collecting the offering. Hopefully, a return to a coffee/fellowship time after Worship will also be in our future. We want to create schedules again, for the people willing to help in these areas. The best way for us to know who you are, and how you're willing to help, is for you to fill out the **CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**. Even if you're sure nothing has changed, **PLEASE** fill it out, and return. *So much information was lost when the computer crashed in 2020, so we may not have the information you think we do.* Thank you so much!

There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, or a form e-mailed to you, please contact the church office. We are so close to using the new PowerChurch program, and the last step is confirming everything about you!



CHURCH PARKING - LET'S WORK TOGETHER! BOARD OF MANAGERS

Some years ago, the church started to rent parking spots to generate new revenue. At the Annual General Meeting this year, the rental of the last 4 north facing numbered parking spots was approved. (non-church spots located facing the condos). The



unnumbered/congregational spots on the south (church) side of the building have NOT been rented. This activity will generate an additional \$7200 of needed income each year. With this in mind, please be reminded that there is NO day time parking on the far side of the lot. Also, during the past months of Covid, the church has been empty and people have gotten out of the habit of using a St. Andrew's sticker when using the congregational parking spots. The use of this sticker requires that the model and licence of your vehicle be registered with the church office.

We are returning to more life as normal. This means that there will be days when, due to a combination of church staff, music and other rehearsals, and maintenance issues, when **ALL** of the spots next to the church building are full - as they were one day last week. It would be ideal, if you know that you would like to occasionally park at the church, if you call the office to find out if parking is available. Everyone being as courteous as possible will go a long way toward avoiding a situation where someone nips in to an apparently vacant paid spot, only to have the renter return from lunch and have no where to park! We appreciate your cooperation in implementing these parking lot goals.

\$10 parking stickers are available through the church office during the week, or from a Board member on Sundays.

Courtesy parking is available on Sunday mornings next door, at the underground parkade of the Delta Marriott Hotel. A parking pass must be displayed on your dashboard. Ask for a pass from a helpful person in the entranceway.

The **ONLINE WORSHIP COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to assist with live streaming of church services on Sundays at St Andrews. No particular technical skills are required; there will be "on-going, on the job" training every Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet at the Church office, please call if you are interested and feel led to serve the church in this way. Thank you.



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
- * The latest edition of *Saints Alive*, the church newsletter
- * Contact Information Forms

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 standrews-saskatoon.com
- 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



Larysa, her husband and daughter fled Ukraine and are now in Hungary. Credit: Antti Yrjönen / FCA

Lent is ending---but the need is not. Please continue to support PWS&D efforts in Malawi and Ukraine.

Update: PWS&D Response in Ukraine

Through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) as they respond to the ever-changing situation in Ukraine.

Since the beginning of the conflict, HIA has been assisting both those who have fled into Hungary, as well as those displaced within Ukraine. Every day people are leaving their homes to find safety.

Larysa, her husband, daughter and their cat Bella, escaped Kharkiv on March 1, after having spent four nights in the basement of their home due to bombing in the city. "Everyone wanted to travel out of Kharkov. There were a lot of people at the train station. The train ride was free of charge, but getting on the train was difficult due to the crowds," shares Larysa.

The family found shelter in a refugee centre supported by Hungarian Interchurch Aid. "We are happy to have a place to sleep and where it is warm. We get food three times a day, we can wash and do our laundry, because there is also a washing machine here."

Refugees and displaced people, like Larysa and her family, are receiving cash assistance and emergency mental health and psychosocial support. In total, HIA will assist 14,000 households. As part of this response, PWS&D is helping provide emergency food assistance and other essential non-food aid, including hygiene kits and medical supplies.

HIA is also helping to restore emergency basic services in Ukraine, including sanitation and drinking water.

Larysa hopes for peace in the future. "We would like to live in Kharkov again, but right now we can't live there because there are bombings and people are dying. It is safe here. I am glad our children are alive."

PWS&D Responds to Tropical Storm Anna in Malawi

Working with our local partner, Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), PWS&D, with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is assisting families affected by the storm—two cash transfers will be distributed. These transfers will ensure families can purchase maize, cooking oil and beans, providing immediate relief. This will prevent severe hunger and malnutrition, especially among women and children.

To help protect women and girls from gender-based violence, cash will be distributed in the camps first thing in the morning. Early distributions mean that shopping can take place during daylight hours, offering greater protection from abuse. This project will assist 2,500 households—1,125 of which will be women-headed. A female member of the household will be listed as the cash voucher recipient in the remaining households. The vouchers will provide much-needed support to families as they rebuild their lives after the disastrous event.



Easter

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One: God's son was given so that whoever believes in him
will not perish but have eternal life.
We celebrate Christ's victory and the power of God's love
to transform all things.

All: Hallelujah! Jesus has conquered death and is risen.

One: Christ is risen indeed. The old life is gone!

All: And the new life has come.

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving God,
life is stronger than death,
love is stronger than hate,
and forgiveness stronger
than bitterness.
We are an Easter people,
redeemed by the gift of God's
love through Jesus Christ.
We are an Easter people,
filled with joy and peace
in knowing our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
We are an Easter people,
filled with hope.
AMEN and AMEN.



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Christ is risen!

Every day that we respond to the poor, the hungry and the displaced, we discover God's resurrecting power. The poor are raised up, the vulnerable are cared for and the sick are healed. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life and rooted in the living hope of Jesus Christ, our church responds to the call to serve those in need with compassion, justice and love. Through PWS&D, we are working in some of the most vulnerable communities in our global village to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all.

Thanks to your support and faith in action, we are creating positive change. In a world filled with need, we are responding with medical care, sanitation services and emergency relief. We are responding with educational opportunities, sustainable agriculture practices and skills training. Together, we are promoting human rights and supporting refugees. Faithful to our calling, we respond together.

**This Easter,
please support
PWS&D.**

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In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away. When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents. **They explained the importance of education for girls from both**



human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school. Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday) We pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter and a desire to live in new ways that reflect the gospel.

Monday, April 18 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Tuesday, April 19 We pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they provide churches with wise and compassionate advice.

Wednesday, April 20 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Thursday, April 21 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Friday, April 22 (Earth Day) We pray for the well-being of the Earth's ecosystems and for those displaced and harmed by the climate crisis.

Saturday, April 23 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.