

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 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

– Psalm 118: 29

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: Prelude in C Major – J.S. Bach

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

- Rehema Nyekanyeka

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"All glory, laud and honour"

#214

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of mystery and mercy,

your mercy and forgiveness is a mystery to us.

We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of our expectations.

We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble.

We prefer what is easy to what is right,

even though your Spirit draws our attention.

We seek your forgiveness, O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving.

Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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 PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Hosanna, loud hosanna"* **#218**
(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Refrain 1)

Matthew 21: 1-11

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Who cheers?" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Who is This Man – Douglas E. Wagner

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"My song is love unknown"* **#220**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor – J.S. Bach

Greeters & Collectors:

Pearson Ahiahonu, Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths



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 mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.



Sunday, April 2 – 11 am, Palm Sunday Worship
Friday, April 7 – 10:30 am, Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 9 – 11 am, Easter Worship and Holy Communion



Mark your calendars! Join the reflection!
Lent Study Group by Zoom
Host Rev Roberto DeSandoli & The CE Committee
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. March 1- April 5, 2023
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369280244>

The PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday April 5th at 1:30 in the lower Fellowship Hall of the church.



The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is **TOMORROW, MONDAY**, April 3rd.



Dear Congregation,
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Managers is providing **Notice of the Congregational AGM to be held today Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm via Zoom**. This is an important meeting to review the past year's activities and to review the 2023 year's budget as put forward by the Board of Managers.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318997708>

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jan Rodda on Behalf of the Session and Board of Managers

Copies of the annual report are available on the entranceway table.



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



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.

In Our Wider Community



Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 5,000 have been killed

and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

Please pray for all of those affected.

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

To support the response, you can give through St. Andrew's by normal procedures, go to the PWS&D website, or call 1-800-619-7301. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

Pray for those Affected by Tropical Storm Freddy

For the second time in a month, Tropical Storm Freddy has ripped through Mozambique and Malawi. Heavy rains have triggered flooding in the southern district of Blantyre in Malawi. PWS&D has made an initial contribution to our partner in the area to assist in search and rescue efforts, as well as providing food items in evacuation camps. Additionally, funds will be used to enable assessment teams to determine the best possible response effort to the disaster.

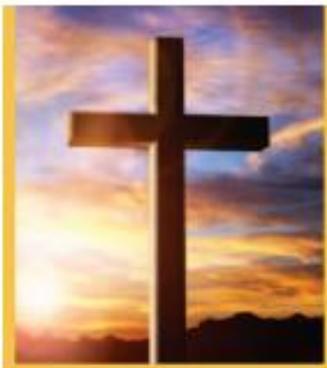
Pray with us for those who have been affected by this storm.

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.

The GoForth Hub City Club will meet on Monday April 3 at 1:30 pm at Calvin GoForth Presbyterian Church. City of Saskatoon Archivist, Jeff O'Brien will be presenting that afternoon. Have your blood pressure checked, hear from pharmacist Courtney Charles and later, exercise with a wonderful active leader. Call Laura at 306-2297846. My car holds 4 people and right now 2 of those seats are taken!! Remember, free take-home snack!!

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 #20.

20. In order to address the jurisdictional disputes concerning Aboriginal people who do not reside on reserves, we call upon the federal government to recognize, respect, and address the distinct health needs of the Métis, Inuit, and off-reserve Aboriginal peoples.



Palm/Passion Sunday

*Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Sometimes the wilderness is the city.
- P: In the city, life can be a struggle where the vulnerable are victimized by unfamiliar structures.
- L: Jesus rode into Jerusalem to reclaim the city for God.
- P: By entering on a donkey, Jesus showed that he would rule with humility and compassion.
- L: As the Church, we too bring care to those whom the city too often forgets.
- P: We remember that many are lost and alone: refugees, the unhoused, sex workers, those far from home.
- L: We cannot put the burden on the destitute to find their way through the urban maze.
- P: We come in humility to serve those whose resources are few and whose needs are many.



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In the Words of a Teenage Entrepreneur

Osline Pauleus lives in Haiti, a country which experiences some of the world's highest levels of food insecurity, caused by climate change and civil unrest.

One day Osline decided to go and see what other kids her age were doing at a youth club in her community. Intrigued by their activities, Osline decided to join the club.

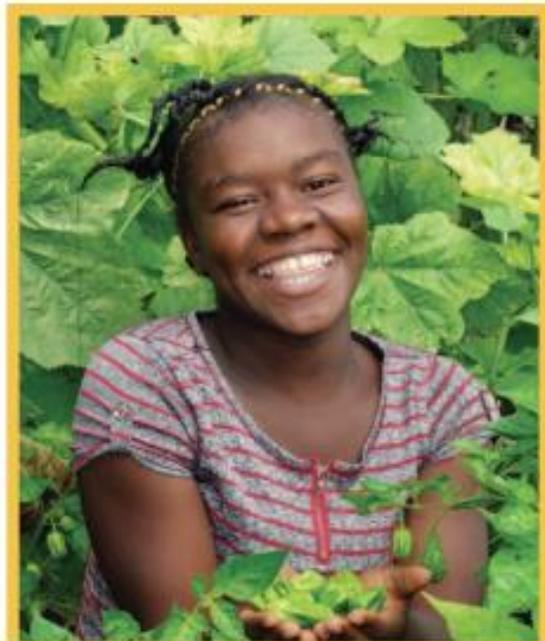
The youth club, run by PWS&D's partner in Haiti with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank, helps young people develop skills for growing food crops that are more resilient in the face of increasingly unpredictable climate patterns.

"From the club, I learned a lot of things, like how to plant my own garden and use natural resource management. After receiving some training in the club's demonstration garden, I decided to start my own kitchen garden, where I planted okra, peppers, tomatoes, jute leaves, eggplant and spinach," shares Osline.

Today, Osline's garden is fruitful. Not only does she earn an income from it, but her garden also provides healthy food for her family and inspiration to her community.

This Lenten season, help support projects that provide sustainable solutions to address food insecurity and climate change.

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Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, pastors and church workers of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Western Ukraine, have been serving tirelessly, providing spiritual support to those who remained and warmly welcoming refugees and internally displaced people from Eastern and Central Ukraine. Recognizing the dedication and work of these faithful servants, the Reformed Church in Hungary



established a solidarity fund and invited partner churches to join in providing encouragement and financial support. The PCC, through Presbyterians Sharing, along with the First Hungarian Presbyterian Church in East Toronto, Ontario, responded by contributing to the fund, which aims to support 100 pastors and church staff in Transcarpathia with a monthly financial supplement of \$360 CAD.

DAILY PRAYERS

Saturday, April 1 We pray for refugee children from Afghanistan.

Sunday, April 2 (Palm/Passion Sunday) We pray for pastors and church workers of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, serving refugees and internally displaced people affected by war.

Monday, April 3 Today, as the Moderator-Elect of the 2023 General Assembly is determined, we give thanks and pray for the Committee to Advise with the Moderator.

Tuesday, April 4 We give thanks for the leadership of the current Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Faris.

Wednesday, April 5 We pray for survivors of conversion therapy who are struggling to overcome shame and trauma. Loving God, surround them with your comfort and grace, and access to supports for healing.

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday) Give us, O God, a renewed and growing awareness, in the church and in our lives, of Christ's commandment to love as he loved and to serve as he served.

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday) Merciful God, we pray for all those who have suffered violence, and for reconciliation wherever there is division and conflict.

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday) On this day, Jesus lies in the grave. We pray for trust in the resurrection and in God's power to stir new life among and within us.