

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musicians: Chelsea Mahan, Soprano; Mark Oddan, Tenor; Erik Jeerakathil, Baritone

April 20th, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118: 24

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: Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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)

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

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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 come forward)

Children's Time

Praise:

(Children return to pews)

Affirmation of Baptism

"Christ is alive"

-Chef Tasty
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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 Refrain 1

Acts 10: 34-43

Luke 24: 1-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Good News"

- Fafali Ahiahonu

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: With a Voice of Singing – Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

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

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 strife is o'er, the battle done"

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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.

Communion Music: Regina caeli – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

(The Elements are Distributed)

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:

"Christ the Lord is risen today"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Alleluia, from *Exultate Jubilate*, K. 165 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Charles & Laura Roy



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

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.

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

Announcements

St. Andrew's Welcomes Beth Brimner as our Newest Member!

This morning Beth Brimner will be making her Affirmation of Baptism to become the newest member of St. Andrew's. Please take a moment to congratulate and welcome our friend Beth.

Everyone is invited to stay for coffee and cake to celebrate Margaret Munro's birthday downstairs after Worship. Margaret has been diligently submitting history information for our 100th birthday – we, today, want to take a moment to honour her as she celebrates her birthday!

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, April 21st, for Easter.

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!

Yes, we are getting ready once again to **CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN!** This is done for all of us to enjoy all the social hospitality that we are experience throughout the year. Did you know our kitchen gets used almost everyday, Sundays after worship, and for larger events like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Youth Group Spaghetti nights, evening and weekend meetings and or workshops!

CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN is scheduled for May 3 beginning at 9:30am and finishing by 2pm. Please let Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda know if you can help out. We are looking for 6 people to help make the kitchen SPARKLE!!!! Thank you.



Funeral Service for Marlene Robb: May 10 at Hillcrest Funeral Home

A service for our good friend Marlene will take place at 10am on May 10 at Hillcrest Funeral Home. We continue to pray for Colin and all of their family.



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.

Our 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025. Friday night is the kickoff event with a guest speaker and ordering dinner from one of the two Food Trucks we hope to have parked in our parking lot. September 27 includes a pancake breakfast and fellowship hour. Later in the day we will hold our Homecoming Banquet with doors opening at 5pm at the Western Development Museum. Fafa Ahiahonu will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from Vancouver School of Theology. Sunday morning worship led by the Rev. Roberto DeSandoli with a fellowship hour to follow.



Want to attend the Homecoming Weekend Banquet? Contact the church office to place your order, or fill in the Anniversary Banquet order form found on the back counter and drop it off. To place an order at the church office Call Dorothy at 306-242-0525 or email: office@standrewsyxe.ca Payment can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque. If paying by e-transfer, please indicate in the **message box** your name and names of any others you are purchasing for the Banquet.

Adult - \$35/person, Children 4-10 years of age - \$20/child, and under four years of age- FREE.

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



Translation for Regina caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.



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 2nd and 4th 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 quarter. 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



Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca 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/>

Magic Blend – AN ACAPELLA EXTRAVAGANZA – will be on Saturday, May 24th at 3 pm St. Joseph's High School. See poster for more details.

St. Andrew's is pleased to support the Micah Mission "Remember Me" Campaign

On the cross, the repentant thief pleaded with Jesus: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23: 43). Micah Mission is a not-for-profit agency that works with individuals who have served time in the criminal justice system to find community support and reduce recidivism. Since 2022, Micah Mission has received no federal funding. On Sunday, May 4th, the Micah Mission is asking Christians to please support their vital work by making a \$5 donation to the box at the back of the church. To learn more, please see the letter in the Narthex.

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

1941 to 1945 were not the best years of the Church.

Still adjusting to the loss of their first Minister, efforts and stresses of World War II, and a struggle between the “old guard” and new members was difficult: the members on Session and the Board of Managers.

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Several letters of resignation were saved, some citing loss of confidence by the Congregation. The Board of Managers seemed to be more at odds.

John L. McKinnon, Clerk of Session from 1926, seemed to be a steadying influence as well as Ed Early.

Both these men had been strong supporters of Rev. Brown’s political stance.

If one looks at the changes in the Chair of Board of Managers, one does not see stability of officers.

In the 1941 financial statement for the year, has W.B. Macdonald, 1942 - ? --- 1943 – James Tait, Chair. Secretary was A.W. Stewart.

In 1944. James Tait was Chair with D. Bruce Stewart as Secretary Treasurer.

In 1945, the Chair was S. McKercher and Secretary Treasurer was E. Ross.

The following is a “humorous” anecdote: The Women’s League was a significant financial supporter from the beginning. If there was any crisis, the League was ready with the necessary cash.

On April 30, 1945, the Secretary of the Board of Managers, E.S. Ross, responded to a letter that the President of the Women’s League, Mrs. J.H. Cameron: the League had asked how much was owing on the Manse mortgage, so, on May 4, 1945, the Secretary of the League, Mrs. Lyons, sends a cheque for the principal on the Manse mortgage and interest totalling \$160.70.

On June 19, Ross informs the League that a recent tax notice on the Manse is due and he assumes the League will pick up that tab as well.

In that letter, June 19, Ross responds to the League’s request permission to redecorate the Manse. Ross emphatically states that that is a Board decision and the League needs the Board’s permission.

On July 7, the League sends the estimate of \$248. Ross reminds them that the Board will pick the colors! Also, the League mentioned that they would like to install a kitchen window in the Manse.

A letter sent by Ross on July 13, says “A bright kitchen certainly tends to brighten the disposition of the lady of the house, not that we ascribe to the theory that the lady’s place is in the kitchen!”

In a letter on September 6, the League reports that a cheque totalling \$708.75 has been sent for Manse Mortgage principal, interest and cost of Discharge of Mortgage.

Ross does not reply with a hearty thank you, but says the Board will co-operate with any of the League’s further undertaking!”

Crossed out was a comment referring particularly “to the partaking of the League Women” – dish washing and hash-slinging abilities!



Easter

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: Words of faith's story help celebrate this day
of resurrection:

**All: God creates a new heaven and a new earth,
be glad and rejoice!**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever;
the Lord has become our salvation.

**All: The stone was rolled away—he is not here,
he is risen.**

One: We say with joy: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Easter

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the power of God's love and mercy. Every day, we witness the transformative effect of responding to the needs of the hungry, marginalized and displaced.



Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, our church is committed to serving those in need with compassion, justice and love. Your faithful support through Presbyterian World Service & Development is making a transformative impact in communities worldwide.

Together, we are restoring human dignity, alleviating suffering and fostering community cooperation. We are providing critical food assistance, access to health care and sanitation services, and other emergency relief to those affected by crisis and disaster. Our partners also work to address inequalities by strengthening communities through education, community health, sustainable agriculture practices, and skills training, while also supporting the rights and needs of refugees.

Faithful to our calling, we respond together.

This Easter, please support PWS&D.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 20

Mengesha Kebede lives with his 10 family members on a small plot of land in Tigray, Ethiopia. During the Tigray conflict, soldiers looted Mengesha's property, stealing farm tools, clothes and household utensils and destroying his home. This devastating experience left Mengesha traumatized and deeply worried. His concerns were alleviated when he was provided with seeds, farm tools and goats, helping him replace some of the assets lost during the war. Mengesha is grateful for the support he has received from this Canadian Foodgrains Bank project, supported by PWS&D, but he recognizes that the road to fully recovering from the conflict remains long and that continued support is vital.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday) God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to be new people and to live in the new life Christ gives, guided by your Spirit.

Monday, April 21 We pray for farmers in Guatemala receiving support from PWS&D to improve their harvests and be resilient to climate change.

Tuesday, April 22 (Earth Day) We pray for those harmed and displaced by pollution, environmental destruction and climate change. We pray for those working to protect vulnerable ecosystems. We ask for guidance as local and global communities address the climate crisis.

Wednesday, April 23 We pray for the congregation of Community Presbyterian Church in Almonte, Ontario as it participates in the New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern God's will for the future.

Thursday, April 24 We pray for the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets on April 25 and 26, that it may do its work with wisdom and grace.

Friday, April 25 We pray for St. Andrew's Hall, the Presbyterian Church in Canada college at the University of British Columbia, as it celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

Saturday, April 26 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they plan and hold their spring meetings.