

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Fran Gordon

April 3rd, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

"Thus says the Lord...I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

– Isaiah 43: 16a, 19

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Martha Fergusson

Praise:

"God is love: come heaven, adoring"

#314

God is love: come heaven, adoring; God is love: come earth, rejoice. Come creation, voices soaring, sing exulting with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above, God who breathes through all creation – God is love, eternal love.

God is love, whose arms enfolding all the world in one embrace, with unfailing grasp are holding every child of every race, and when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, all the sorrow, all the aching wrings with pain the heart of God.

God is love, and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life, God's eternal lovingkindness guides us through all earthly strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is love: so love forever o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Lord Jesus Christ,
we gather in your name today,
aware that you keep moving closer and closer to the cross.
We confess it is not easy to follow your story.
Your willingness to give yourself inspired some to give of themselves,
while others hesitated or criticized.
We confess we often struggle to decide what to give, whom to help.
We can be critical of those in need and those who help them.
Forgive us when we look for reasons not to share,
and excuse ourselves from acting generously,
as you did.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee" (vs. 1,5,7) #203***

When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee, Heal us, heal us today! the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. Heal us, heal us today! A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

There's still so much sickness and suffering today. Heal us, heal us today! We gather together for healing, and pray: Heal us, Lord Jesus!

(Children leave for Church School by the back of the sanctuary)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21

-Laura Van Loon

Psalms 126

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: **"A New Thing"**

-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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

– Martin/Gabriel

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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:

"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

#205

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought: by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death, for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad, the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Benediction

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

Postlude "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" -words and music by Meredith Willson

Announcements



The **PASTORAL CARE** team has arranged a visual representation of support for our Ukrainian friends during this time of unimaginable fear, pain, sorrow and loss. The sanctuary is displaying the colours of the Ukrainian flag, blue and yellow. Lapel ribbons in blue and yellow will be given out in the entrance way. Let's pray for peace, healing and safety.



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.

“The **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** is pleased to announce that Naomi and Paul Suchan have been hired to the position of Music Director and Organist effective June 1, 2022. Please see detailed announcement circulated with the bulletin and posted in the Narthex.”



Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter. This year, the Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight current international needs due to natural disasters. The current PWS&D focus is on the January flood in Malawi caused by Tropical Storm Ana, a catastrophe that has not received any attention during the current busy news cycle. See the newsletter for more detail. Please prayerfully consider your Lenten offering to this dire need. Mark your offering with PWS&D-Lenten appeal.



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, April 10th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details. Orders must be made through Arline, but payment goes through the church office. Please clearly mark payments "FundScrip".

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 2021 statistics show that St. Andrew's has a congregation of **158**. Dorothy has received contact information for **60**. 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!



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.



We are planning a Springtime Fundraiser in the form of a British Afternoon Tea. Do you have a Cake Stand that we could borrow? If you do, please contact either Sandra 306-260-7734 or Sheila 306-280-8165 as soon as possible.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/June 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



UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The invasion of Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis. This devastating conflict has already displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The most urgent needs are for food, water and shelter.

To help respond quickly to the escalating situation, PWS&D is receiving donations for Ukraine.

As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we are well placed to provide

urgently needed food and non-food support.

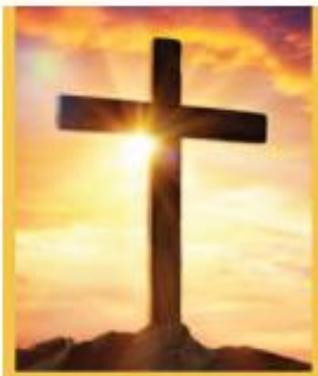
Through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) as they respond to the ever-changing situation in Ukraine. Since the beginning of March, HIA has been responding to both Ukrainians who have fled the country into Hungary, as well as those displaced within Ukraine. In Ukraine, The Presbyterian Church in Canada partners with the Transcarpathian Reformed Church.

Refugees and displaced people are receiving cash assistance and emergency mental health and psychosocial support. In total, Hungarian Interchurch Aid will assist 14,000 households.

PWS&D is helping them 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.

If you want to respond to this crisis, please mark your cheque/envelope/online donation with Ukrainian crisis. Alternately, donate directly to PWS&D through <https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-ukraine-crisis-appeal/>





Fifth Sunday in Lent

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

One: During Lent, we remember that God is revealed in surprising ways and at unexpected times.

All: All things are under the sovereign care of God's goodness.

One: None of us ever imagines that God goes to such lengths to show us the height, depth and breadth of God's love.

All: Christ was even willing to give up his life for us.

One: Let us pray.

All: Surprising God,
you constantly come to us
in ways that surprise us
and redeem all things.
Help us to recognize
your guiding and comforting
presence as we seek to follow
you in our journey to understand
the meaning of the life, ministry,
death and resurrection of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.



The Difference Food Security Makes

Before becoming a member of PWS&D's agroforestry program in Haiti, mother of four, Elimène Joseph, struggled to make ends meet.

"I wanted to start up my own business but couldn't because I didn't have enough money. At times, I didn't even have the money I needed to go down to the market and buy a little food for me and the kids to eat," she shared.

PWS&D's agroforestry program is helping farmers by providing seeds for black bean, pigeon pea and corn crops, which are more resilient to a changing climate. Farmers learn sustainable field management and band together in savings groups to make their earnings go even further.

Through the program, Elimène also learned how to pool her resources together with other women. With help from her savings group, Elimène started a business creating chairs and brooms out of palm branches. Then, with her profits, she began buying and selling avocados. Now Elimène can afford the school uniforms and textbooks her children need to be able to continue their educations.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to equip farmers with the resources they need to combat hunger and care for their families.

[WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca)



Amerika Tharu is a 52-year-old carpenter from Nepal. In early 2020, he developed a fever, and his face began swelling. Amerika sought help at two different hospitals, where he was misdiagnosed and underwent expensive treatment that didn't address the problem. His poor health affected every area of his life, including his career. Eventually, his son brought him to see a doctor who suspected that Amerika might have leprosy and sent him to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. The hospital's medical staff confirmed the diagnosis, and **Amerika received the treatment he needed, allowing him to return home and resume his livelihood.**



DAILY PRAYERS

Friday, April 1 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Bob Faris, nominee for Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as he prepares for the upcoming Assembly.

Saturday, April 2 (World Autism Awareness Day) We pray for children with autism and related conditions, and we thank God for church programming that supports them and their families.

Sunday, April 3 (Fifth Sunday in Lent) We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, April 4 We pray for the ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick, as they seek new ways of reaching out to their neighbours.

Tuesday, April 5 We pray for congregations that have or are seeking Interim/Transitional Ministry and give thanks for those working as interim ministers.

Wednesday, April 6 We give thanks for those who work and volunteer with food banks.

Thursday, April 7 We give thanks and pray for community health workers who help to ensure the people they work with stay healthy and have access to medical attention when needed.

Friday, April 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, April 9 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.