ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

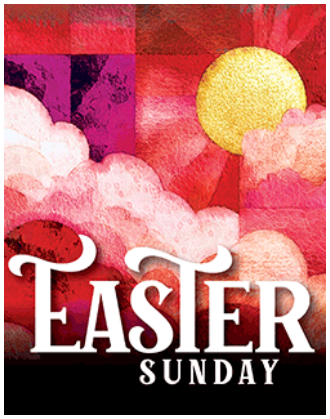
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musician: Chelsea Mahan, Soprano
April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunday

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." – Colossians 3: 1

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.



Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572

Welcome and Announcements - Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Jan Rodda
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Jesus Christ is risen today"*** ***#243***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of mercy,
we confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter.
There are times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection.
but are caught in the worries of the world.
We do not always live in the spirit of new life,

but remain discontent, grumbling, anxious.
When we face loss in our lives, sorrow can weigh us down.
Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away.
Forgive us when we do not share in the Good News.
Call us back to Your ways, O God,
to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Christ is alive"*** ***#251***

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43 - Jan Rodda
Psalm 30: 1-12 Refrain 1
Colossians 3: 1-4
Matthew 28: 1-10 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Joy Comes in the Morning" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: He is Risen! – Don Besig (b. 1936)

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: ***"Now let the vault of heaven resound"*** ***#255***

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: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
(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"*** ***#247***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Alleluia, from *Motete* – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Sharon



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.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, April 6.

NOTICE of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Saskatoon – **Annual General Meeting**



Sunday, April 12, 2026 12:30 pm
Potluck beginning following the service
AGM beginning at 1:15 pm
In person in the Sanctuary OR
By Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84264158158?pwd=fGGNmIZBrVEodWDz1Osqr1gJs9iCJN.1

Agenda and Annual Report to follow.

Kirk Ready	Jan Rodda
Convenor Board of Managers	Clerk of Session
boardchair@standrewsyxe.ca	clerk@standrewsyxe.ca

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the entranceway table.

Update on "Stop The Leak" Project:
On March 31st, we issued a Public Tender requesting responses from potential suppliers to address a number of improvements under "Stop The Leak" project - being the exterior of the Church. The tender asks for responses by 2pm on April 9, 2026.
Planning for this tender release has been filled with many hours of work by our Board of Managers and started last year. It is now time to nail down Suppliers so the work can be contracted, implemented and completed this Calendar year subject to Congregation approval.
Bob Yakubowski
Interim Project Manager

PWS&D - Annual Lenten Appeal
Every year, the Stewardship Committee promotes the PWS&D throughout the Lenten season, starting with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. Similarly, every year, the committee focusses on a specific appeal, whether it be a development project, or an emergency. The past years presented a series of emergencies, often simultaneously. This year, the committee has suggested that the money NOT be designated to a specific emergency. By leaving it as a general offering, PWS&D has the ability to be flexible in responding to both emergencies and concrete opportunities to help.
Please consider PWS&D during this Lenten season, as well as the remainder of the year. Mark your offering as PWS&D.

Save the Date – April 19 – Pastoral Care Lunch and Learn

The Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to announce that **Krista-Dawn Kimsey of the Mustard Seed Saskatoo**n will make a presentation **on Sunday, April 19 following the worship service**. Learn how The Mustard Seed (https://theseed.ca/saskatoon-shelter), which is located in downtown Saskatoon, is helping the poor and unhoused in our community. The Pastoral Care Committee will provide lunch. Please plan to join us.

The Synod of Saskatchewan through Jo Szotak, Congregational and Mission Development Coordinator has provided our congregation with the book ' Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and A Nation', by Murray Sinclair to each congregation. The Mission Committee chose to provide us with this book as part of our denomination's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of Indigenous issues. Pat Barber, our librarian is processing the book for it to be signed out. If you would like to join a Synod of Saskatchewan zoom discussion pertaining to the book it is scheduled for May 25 beginning at 7pm. For Zoom details please contact Jan Rodda, Clerk of Session.

CALLING FOR SCRIPTURE READERS! Experienced, novice or first timers: the spring sign up sheet is available on the entranceway bulletin board. Pick a Sunday when you know you'll be here and sign up with your contact information. The office will contact you with the selected passages, and will flag the Bible on the lectern with the readings. The first open Sunday is next week, April 12.

Want to donate to the church? Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:

- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.

OPERATION SANDWICHES: is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, 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.





A new coffee roster has been prepared for the period January through May 2026. This roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available so please sign up at your convenience. Unfortunately, if the coffee roster is not filled on any given Sunday, there will be no coffee hour that day. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or cell 306-361-1976.

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.

Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

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
- ❄ PAR 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 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

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information





Easter

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen! The world is forever changed.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are forever changed.

One: We need not fear, for the God of the covenant promises to be with us through every change.

All: May we always be open to new ways of living, relating, serving and seeing.

Assurance:

One: May the God of life remind us that death never has the final say.

All: May the risen Christ prove to us that violence and hatred will never win.

One: May the Holy Spirit, our advocate, lead us to advocate for others.

All: May we go boldly forward to live out the love, justice and hope that Easter proclaims.

Christ is Risen!



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

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, the church is dedicated to serving those in need with compassion, justice and love. Your faithful support through PWS&D is making a significant difference in communities around the world.

Together, we provide critical food assistance, access to health care, sanitation services and other emergency relief to those affected by crises and disasters. Our partners also work to address inequalities by strengthening communities through education, community health initiatives, sustainable agricultural practices, and skills training, while advocating for 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 5



In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Unsure how to afford secondary school, she received support to fund her studies and to pay for meals and accommodations at university. "What I've learned is to be kind—to be kind not just to people so close to you, because you guys never knew about me. You never knew I existed, but you still had a heart to give," Debora shares. She hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school." PWS&D supports the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi in this initiative.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 5 (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. Give us, we pray, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live as Christ lived, to love as Christ loved and to serve as he served.

Monday, April 6 God of justice and mercy, fill us with courage and hope as we engage in repentance, repairing and healing the harm the church has caused by excluding and marginalizing Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+ people.

Tuesday, April 7 (World Health Day) We pray for communities and individuals affected by funding cuts to vital health programs. We give thanks for the health initiatives supported by PWS&D that are making a difference during these times.

Wednesday, April 8 In this season of celebrating the resurrection and new life, we pray for congregations seeking a vision of God's future, and for those serving them as intentional interim and transitional ministers. May God's Spirit guide them as they continue in their journey of discernment.

Thursday, April 9 We pray for the Caribbean and North American Council for Mission (CANACOM) as they assist the people and churches affected by Hurricane Melissa.

Friday, April 10 We pray for the people and churches in Taiwan as they live and worship in precarious and dangerous geo-political conditions.

Saturday, April 11 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they lead worship services on Mission Awareness Sunday. May their congregations be blessed as they focus on *The Mission of Jesus...Then and Now*.