

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 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus feet, and wiped them with her hair." – John 12: 3

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: Herzlich thut mich verlangen – J.S. 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)

- Patti Polowick

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

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

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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.

We confess we often struggle to decide what to give and 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.

Lead us to learn from and follow the pattern of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time/Affirmation of New Members

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.

Praise: *"Jesus, remember me"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21

- Patti Polowick

Psalms 126 Refrain 1

Philippians 3: 4b- 14

John 12: 1-8

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Recognize"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Herzlich tut mich erfreuen – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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: *"Lord Jesus, think on me"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Herzlich thut mich verlangen – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Potluck Luncheon & AGM



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

Today we are excited to welcome five new members to the St. Andrew's family. Nicholas Lamb will be joining by Affirmation of Baptism, having taken and excelled in the new members class with Rev. Roberto these past six months (classmate Beth Brimner will be joining on Easter Sunday).

Pat Barber, Judy McFadden, Blessing Nditou, and Sharon Wiseman will be joining by transfer of membership from their previous Presbyterian churches.

Please help to welcome our newest members and congratulate them as the newest official members of our church family.

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting will take place **TODAY** after worship and lunch. Following the potluck luncheon served by the Youth Group, we will re-gather in the sanctuary at 1:30pm for the meeting. AGM packages, accountant's statements, and the proposed budget for 2025 can be found on the entranceway table in the narthex.

Those worshipping from home can also access the meeting on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88640935514?pwd=Ma6lVZbifiYaDzXs3KWIRxhraBab38.1>

Meeting ID: 886 4093 5514

Passcode: 159605

Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Roberto

All who are interested in studying Scripture and praying through Lent together are invited to contact Rev. Roberto. We will follow a daily schedule of readings and gather weekly to discuss and pray together. Date and time TBD based on availability (Lent begins March 5). Please contact Roberto at

revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca



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 import healthcare decisions in the future. The event will be held in the Lower Hall. We hope to see you there!



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.

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



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



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th – Passion/Palm Sunday, 11 am Worship

Thursday, April 17th – Maundy Thursday, 7 pm at St. Paul's United Church

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday, 10:30 am Worship

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday, 11 am Worship, Holy Communion

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

Goforth Hub Club at Calvin Goforth on Monday, April 7. 1:30 p.m. Activity sheets & visit with your neighbours. 2:00 p.m. Exercises: Stretching & Flexibility 2:30 p.m. PRESENTATION "Homes for People, Community and the Planet" by Mark Prebble, B.P.A. Hot Cross Buns, Tea, Coffee, etc. available.

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/>



PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

Rev. Brown was a great scholar and had studied all aspects of past and present politics. He believed that the root of the injustice problems was a form of a governship called Monolistic Capitalism. E.g. bread industry controlled by four main flour companies.

His concept of a new social and economic order was based on co-operation and righteousness. He found his views aligned with an emerging political party called The United Reform Movement.

He also knew that some of the church members would not like his involvement in politics. He described, in his diary, his dilemma when asked to run as a Federal candidate in the 1938 election. He knew that some members of the church would be against it.

He called a special meeting of the Congregation to explain his position. Then, he retired from the room. Two hours later, Rev. Brown was told the Congregation would support him. There were some defections. Then, a by-election was called for December 18, 1939. Three days before polling day, Rev. Brown's forces packed the Legion Hall with over 1,000 people. Rev. Brown won with 10,766 votes while his opposition got 5,757 votes.

An interesting account of the night of his victory tells of a torchlight parade, while the St. Andrew's pipe band "piped" him to the radio station where he spoke briefly.

On January 25, 1940, Rev. Brown took his seat in the House of Commons. Then, William Lyon Mackenzie King called a snap election.

Rev. Brown's health had been deteriorating and he was too sick to come back from Ottawa to campaign but retained his seat with 13,620 votes. Niderost, his Opposition, had 8,163 votes.

Rev. Brown died in Ottawa on April 1, 1940.

On April 7, 1940, St. Andrew's held a Memorial Service that was broadcast. Rev. James Alan Munro delivered the Sermon.

The loss of their beloved Minister sent the Congregation into a period of adjustment.

A Rev. Bradley had been serving the Church in Rev. Brown's absence. Never was a Minister so disliked. His Sermons were so different from Rev. Brown's moving messages, based on reverence of God, and righteousness. (Bradley delivered an address to the YPS about psychology and dream interpretation.)





Fifth Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: Anointed before his death by a faithful
woman disciple,

**All: but betrayed by a self-serving disciple,
Jesus confronted death.**

One: But through his death on the cross and the
power of the resurrection,

**All: in faith we believe that Christ has made us
his own.**

One: And so with shouts of joy we declare
God's praise

All: for the Lord has done great things for us.



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Lilawati Stands Against Child Marriage



Sixteen-year-old Lilawati Kumari is an active participant in the Adolescent Girls Group classes in her village. Facilitated by the Duncan Hospital in northern India, these sessions explore crucial gender justice issues. In one class, Lilawati learned about early marriage, its effects, prevention, and the helpline number people could call for help.

At the same time, her parents were considering arranging her marriage. When Lilawati found out, she stood her ground, "I aspire to pursue my education and fulfill my dreams, not to have my life predetermined in this way."

Through conversations with her parents about child marriage, the laws against it, and its effects on girls, Lilawati helped them understand the negative impact of early marriage on a child's life, and on the broader society. They are now supportive of Lilawati as she pursues her education.

"I have taken the first step in my family and will be a role model to other girls so that they can take a stand against child marriage in their homes and work towards fulfilling their dreams," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to raise awareness on gender issues and create a more equitable and just world for girls.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 6

PWS&D works with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana to advocate for the rights and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. The Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre offers life and vocational skills



training. Tilata Mahama, a 40-year-old, shares her experience: "I could not move due to my disability. The CBR program, supported by PWS&D, came to my aid with a tricycle and trained me in simple trading skills and the capital to start a business. Now, I can go to church to worship God with the aid of the tricycle. I also own and run a shop where I sell confectionaries and other items to support myself and my children. I am so grateful to the CBR and PWS&D for coming to my aid."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 6 (5th Sunday in Lent) We pray for the staff of The Presbyterian College, Montreal who support the running of the school on a day-to-day basis.

Monday, April 7 (World Health Day) On World Health Day, we pray for PWS&D partners who walk alongside those living with tuberculosis, HIV, leprosy and malaria, providing support and hope as they strive toward a healthy future.

Tuesday, April 8 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Paris in Ontario.

Wednesday, April 9 We pray for graduates from Vancouver School of Theology, that God may lead them into thoughtful, engaged and generous ministry in the church and the world.

Thursday, April 10 We pray for farmers as they prepare for the upcoming growing season, that they might feel your presence in the land as keenly now as at creation. May they know times of rest and rejuvenation even in the midst of their work.

Friday, April 11 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society as they meet to review their past year's work and plan upcoming meetings & events.

Saturday, April 12 We give thanks for the growing diversity within congregations and the denomination that enriches us and helps us reflect the intercultural family of God.