

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 Soloist: Chelsea Mahan

April 9th, 2023

Easter Sunday

"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 – 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

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Thine be the glory"

#258

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of tender mercy,

we confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter.

When we face loss in our own lives, sorrow can weigh us down.

Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away.

Forgive us, O God.

Let the hope of new life in Christ assure us

that the power of your love that raised Jesus will never let us go.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Christ the Lord is risen today"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

- Fran Gordon

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (Refrain 3)

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 28: 1-10

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "He has been raised from the dead" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Run, Mary, Run – Joseph M. Martin

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

- Nicole Lindgren

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 the green blade rises"*

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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: The Call, from *Five Mystical Songs* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

(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:

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

#243

Benediction

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

Postlude: Alleluia, from *Motete* – W.A. Mozart



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.

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 10, for Easter.



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

Sunday, April 23 is the next **ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH NIGHT** at Zion with a focus on MUSIC! RSVP Martha at 306 270 2378



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.

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
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * Annual Report

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.

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 #21.

21. We call upon the federal government to provide sustainable funding for existing and new Aboriginal healing centres to address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms caused by residential schools, and to ensure that the funding of healing centres in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories is a priority

International pianist Catherine Vickers performs in the Lyell Gustin Recital Series

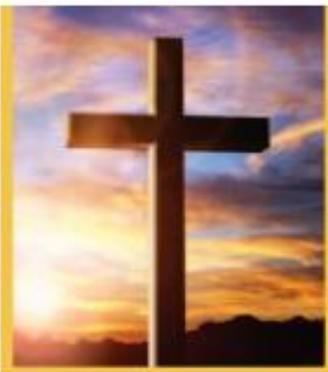
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Saskatchewan-born Catherine Vickers, her international career based in Frankfurt, Germany, is praised for artistic mastery of the classical repertoire as for interpretation of contemporary music. Returning to the Lyell Gustin Recitals in Easter week, she has designed a unique program, a soundscape of music from the late 19th century to the 21st ... Liszt, Brahms, Debussy, Scriabin, and a 2019 work by N. Huber, all in celebration of 300 years of The Piano!

Admission: \$50 regular / \$30 student; child 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin Committee, at the door, www.gustinhouse.ca





Easter

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

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: The tomb is empty.

P: Life has defeated death!

L: Rising from the grave, Jesus brings life to all the wrong places.

P: Christ lives where death has ruled.

L: Rising from the grave, Jesus brings life to all the wrong people.

P: Christ welcomes those who are often overlooked.

L: Christ's resurrection means
that we are no longer lost in the wilderness.

P: He provides us with a living hope and travels with us
to places where death had once prevailed.

L: The world has been turned
upside down.

P: Life has defeated death!
Hope has overwhelmed despair!
Joy has conquered gloom!



Christ is risen!

Every day that we respond to the poor, the hungry and the displaced, we discover God's resurrecting power. The poor are raised up, the vulnerable are cared for, and the sick are healed.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life and rooted in the living hope of Jesus Christ, our church responds to the call to serve those in need with compassion, justice and love. Through PWS&D, we are working in some of the most vulnerable communities in our global village to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all.

Thanks to your support and faith in action, we are creating positive change –with life saving and life transforming actions.

In a world filled with need, we are responding with food assistance, medical care, sanitation services and emergency relief. We are responding with educational opportunities, sustainable agriculture practices and skills training. Together, we are promoting human rights and supporting refugees.

Faithful to our calling,
we respond together.

**This Easter, please
support PWS&D.**

WeRespond.ca



Like many in Somalia, Farhan, his parents and younger sibling live in a camp for internally displaced people, having been forced from their home due to ongoing drought. At eight months old, Farhan became severely dehydrated and his life was seriously threatened.



He was admitted to a hospital and received urgent treatment. After two weeks of monitoring and treatment, **Farhan was discharged from the hospital and admitted to an outpatient clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, where he receives weekly health assessments and therapeutic and supplementary food as he makes his way to a full recovery.**

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday) God of new life and hope, fill us with joy and a desire to live in new ways guided by hope and reconciliation that reflect the good news of the gospel.

Monday, April 10 We pray for Somalia as the country faces famine. We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are providing emergency food assistance to those in need.

Tuesday, April 11 We pray for students at Knox College during exam week (April 10–13). May they feel reassured by God’s presence.

Wednesday, April 12 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry in Ontario.

Thursday, April 13 We give thanks and pray for our mission partners as they serve and care for those in need during difficult times.

Friday, April 14 We pray for presbytery and synod clerks gathering in Mississauga, Ontario, today for a consultation that will help equip and encourage them for the important service they provide to the denomination.

Saturday, April 15 We give thanks and pray for the faculty and staff at The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec, Knox College in Toronto, Ontario, and St. Andrew’s Hall in Vancouver, B.C. May God grant them wisdom to guide theological students.