ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

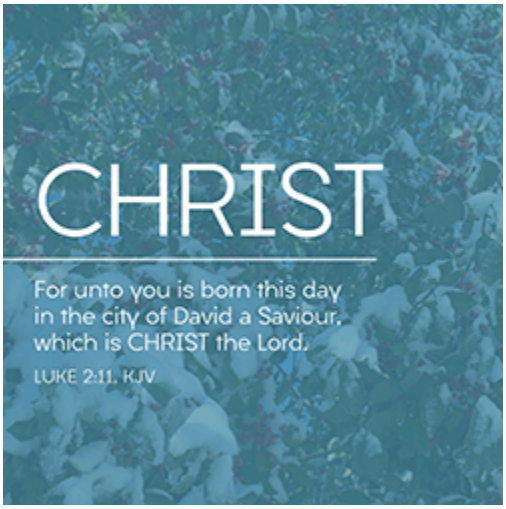
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musicians: Chelsea Jeanson, Matthew Praksas, Brenda Moats, Dean McNeill
December 24th, 2025

Christmas Eve

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" – Luke 2: 7

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.



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Prelude: O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Tonight we give special thanks to our Music Director Naomi Piggott-Suchan, Organist Paul Suchan, and the entire St. Andrew's Choir for leading us in our Christmas Eve service. Thanks and blessings to you all.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME AND PROCLAIM HIS WORD

Lighting of the Four Advent Candles – The Suchan Family

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Reader 1: It is nearly time; time for the Christ Child to be born into the world.

Reader 2: It is time to know our sins are forgiven; to be assured that God is with us.

Reader 1: Through these Advent Days and nights we have waited...

In Hope (the Hope candle is lit)

Reader 2: In Peace (the Peace candle is lit)

Reader 1: In Joy (the Joy candle is lit)

Reader 2: and in Love (the Love candle is lit), let us pray...

People: Gracious and loving God, this night we will receive from you a precious gift. The greatest gift humanity has ever received. This night we will welcome you in Christ Jesus, born to us a king in lowly manger. Open our hearts to receive this gift, as well as your gifts of grace, mercy, faith, and transformation in His holy name. Amen.

Isaiah 9:2-7 - Donna Fenton

Praise: ***"On Christmas night all Christians sing"*** ***#162***

Opening Prayer - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Children's Time - Nicole Lindgren

Luke 1: 46b-55 - Daniel Arthur

Praise: ***"What child is this"*** ***#161***

Luke 2: 1-7 - Lucy Wachowicz

Choir Anthem - A Boy is Born - Shaker Melody, arr. Wil Jordan

Lighting of the Christ Candle - Paul & Evelyn Suchan
(See PWS&D Insert)

Grace Congregation Trio: Christmas Medley

Luke 2: 8-14 - Mark Behrend

Praise: ***"It came upon the midnight clear"*** ***#148***

Psalm 96, Refrain I - Dan Wachowicz

Reflection – The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering
Choir Anthem - Canticle of Carols - arr. Linda Spevacek

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 - Bonnie Mahlum

Duet - Still, Still, Still - Austrian Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

Closing Prayer - The Rev. Vasty Ogbe

Luke 2: 15-20 – Naomi Suchan

Praise: ***"Silent Night"*** ***#154***

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction



The offering tonight will go to the St. Andrew's Session Benevolence Fund, which is used to offer assistance to people with urgent financial needs. Special envelopes are available in the pews. If you would like a donation receipt, include your contact information on the envelope.

St. Andrew's would like to extend a special welcome to all members of Grace Congregation – Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Saskatoon. Thank you for joining us. It is wonderful to be in community and fellowship with you throughout the year. Merry Christmas!

If you placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary this season and would like to take it home, please do so either on December 24 or December 28. Otherwise the poinsettia will be donated or disposed of.
Merry Christmas to you and your family

Please take a candle on your way into the sanctuary this evening. During Silent Night, leaders will come to the pews to share the light of the Christ candle. Please light your candle in the horizontal position and keep it lit vertically. The overhead lights will be dimmed once the light has been shared with all. Please extinguish your candle before leaving your pew at the end of the service.

The ornaments on the Christmas tree are a visual representation of our annual Advent Appeal. Each ornament represents $10, which has been donated by you, to aid in supplying necessities to our friends and neighbours through various agencies. The gifts were delivered this week, and you helped to make a joyous Christmas for so many. Thanks be to God!



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- The end of the year is quickly approaching! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.
- The church offices will be closed over the holidays. December 25 – January 4, inclusive.
- To have donations eligible for a 2025 charitable donation receipt, they must be dated 2025 and received by the office **NO LATER** than January 8.





The Christ Candle

Voice 1: In a land ruled by an empire, under the weight of oppression, a young couple search for a place for Mary to give birth, but there was no room at the inn.

Voice 2: In the humblest of places, the promised child is born!

Voice 1: In lowly circumstances, God fulfills the promise to all people. This is the meeting of heaven and earth!

Voice 2: The glorious light of that stable burst into the night, announcing a birth that has changed the world. On this night, we light the Christ candle.

The Christ candle is lit.

Let us pray together:

Living God, may the light of Christ find a home in our hearts, in our congregations and in our world.
Hallelujah! Christ is born!



Christ is Born!

Hope stands resilient, even in the face of poverty, injustice and adversity.

Through PWS&D, the church answers God's call to support those in need. Together, we are working toward a brighter future for our global community by fostering sustainable solutions to overcome poverty and offering support in regions impacted by disaster, whether caused by conflict or climate change.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D addresses challenges such as hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster. Our collaborative efforts aim to restore dignity, alleviate suffering and encourage cooperation within communities.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let's keep our neighbours—both near and far—in our hearts. Your support plays a vital role in the success of this transformative mission.

This Christmas, help spread hope, peace, joy and love across the globe by supporting PWS&D.

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