

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

December 12th, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." – Isaiah 12: 2

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: "Christmas Medley"

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Lighting the Candle of Peace
(See PWS&D insert)

-Bonnie Mahlum

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"On Jordan's bank"

#126

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace, we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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:

"People, look east"

#125

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength, the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Benediction

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

Postlude:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Organ & Piano Duet



Announcements



ADVENT IN LUKE

The Christian Education Committee invites you to take part in a four week online (Zoom) Advent Bible study beginning on Tuesday, November 30th at 2:30pm 'til Tuesday December 21st. This year we will be following the lectionary through the Gospel of Luke to prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas. To register, please contact Martha Fergusson at martha.22@live.com



Board of Managers – **HELP WANTED!!!** The Board is looking for someone to provide snow removal services. We require the person to be able to clear the snow within 24 – 36 hours after each snowfall. If you know someone who is looking for some extra income, please contact Heather at 306-229-9539.

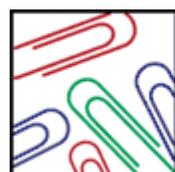
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve Worship will begin at 7pm. Come in person, or watch from home. Live streamed, and available later on YouTube.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY, December 12th**. You will receive the gift cards in time for Christmas!

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. FundScrip has some promotions on now, until the end of the year, where the church would receive a larger percentage of the sales than usual. Some of the retailers participating in this are Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Roots, Kernals, Boston Pizza, and the Ultimate Dining Card.



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 24 – January 2, inclusive.

- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2021 charitable donation receipt, they must be received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.
- ❖ Dorothy will be creating a new database in the new year, and needs your most current information!

OFFERING ENVELOPES – In 2021, less than one third of the offering envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, during Covid. The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Since paying for envelopes that are unused is not a wise use of church funds, any offering envelopes that are not claimed for 2022 will not be re-ordered for 2023.



CHANCEL FLOWERS With the reopening of St. Andrew's and the continuing increase in the number of those worshipping within our sanctuary, the Flower Fund is coming out of retirement! Live flowers and plants are always placed to the Glory of God, and to enhance your Worship experience. Please prayerfully consider donations to the Flower Fund so that we can once again bring some of the beauty of God's world into our sanctuary. Clearly mark "Flower Fund" on any donations.





ADVENT UPDATE

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who has already donated to this year's Advent Appeal, either through online monetary donations or by bringing in items to the church. Through your generosity, it has meant that on our first Sunday of Advent we were able to add around 39 ornaments to the Advent tree in our sanctuary (amazing)! This week we have increased that total to **\$860!** Thank you!

For those who worship with us online we will continue to place one ornament in various places in the online bulletin for each \$10 that has been donated. For those worshipping with us in person, we will add ornaments to the Advent tree at the front of the sanctuary.



After talking to Dylon at SNCM, we have learned that there is currently a need for toques, mitts and warm clothing, now that winter has finally arrived. If you are a knitter, here is a wonderful opportunity for outreach!

If you don't knit, you can still contribute by selecting an item for an agency that you would like to support from the list below, and then donate the corresponding amount. This can be done in a number of ways: You can go to the St. Andrew's website and donate the amount that you would spend by clicking on our website's DONATE button. Where it asks where you would like your donation allocated select 'other', enter the amount for the donation in the appropriate spot along with any other needed information, scroll down to the bottom and add a note to let us know that it for the Advent Appeal AND the agency that you would like to support. By doing this we can add your ornament(s) to the tree, and direct your donation to your preferred agency.

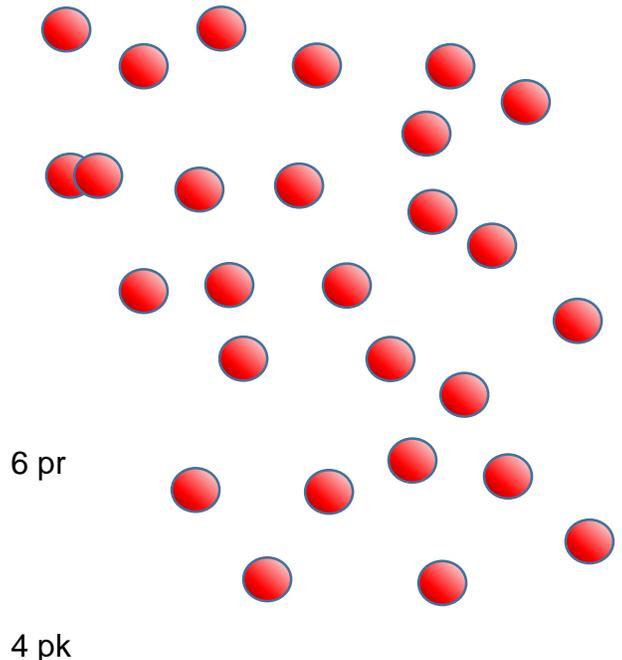
You can also donate using E-Transfer if this is a method that you are more comfortable using. Make sure that you include the same information; that it is for the Advent Appeal, and the agency to receive the donation. For those without internet connections, checks are still more than welcome.

The last way of donating is through our FundScrip program. Not only do you support the agencies, you support St. Andrew's as well.

SNCM

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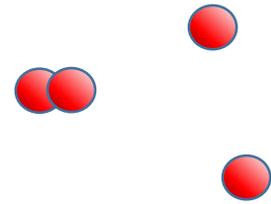
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| dish towels | \$5.00-\$20.00 |
| gently used shoes and warm boots | \$0.00-\$50.00 |
| Gift Cards (SuperStore) | \$10.00-\$100.00 |
| long johns | \$10.00-\$20.00 |
| mittens | \$0.00-\$10.00 |
| Monetary | \$1.00-\$100.00 |
| Donate money for sandwiches | \$1.00-\$100.00 |
| new and gently used back packs | \$0.00-\$30.00 |
| new and gently used blankets | \$0.00-\$30.00 |
| New dish cloths | \$4.00-\$12.00 |
| printer paper | \$8.00-\$40.00 |
| scarves | \$0.00-\$8.00 |
| Sleeping bags | \$29.00-\$60.00 |
| socks | \$12.00-\$20.00 |
| tarps | \$5.00-\$15.00 |
| toques | \$0.00-\$10.00 |
| underwear | \$15.00-\$20.00 |
| Winter jackets, ski pants | \$0.00-\$50.00 |
| women's tights - all sizes | \$10.00-\$20.00 |



Haven Family Connections (Crisis Nursery) Suggested

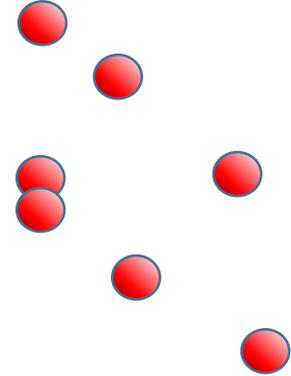
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| toilet paper | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| Kleenex | \$8.00-\$20.00 |
| paper towels | \$15.00-\$25.00 |

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| Fruit | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| cheese | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| yoghurt | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| veggies | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| snacks | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| SuperStore Gift Cards | \$25.00-\$100.00 |
| Childs outerwear | \$5.00-\$50.00 |
| children's boots | \$5.00-\$50.00 |
| children's pants, shirts socks etc. | \$5.00-\$20.00 |



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| Friendship Inn | <u>Suggested</u> |
| canned goods | \$1.00-\$5.00 |
| conditioner | \$4.00-\$8.00 |
| deodorant | \$4.00-\$10.00 |
| Diapers | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| flour | \$8.00-\$15.00 |
| Formula | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| juice boxes | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| rice | \$6.00-\$25.00 |
| shampoo | \$4.00-\$10.00 |
| soup stocks | \$2.50-\$5.00 |
| toothbrushes | \$12.00-\$15.00 |
| toothpaste | \$4.00-\$7.00 |
| vegetables | \$5.00-\$10.00 |

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| Interval House | <u>Suggested</u> |
| Gift cards | \$25.00-\$100.00 |
| Night lights | \$5.00-\$10.00 |
| dish sets, pots and pans | \$25.00-\$50.00 |
| pots and pans | \$50.00-\$125.00 |
| house coats | \$45.00-\$60.00 |
| pillows (new) | \$10.00-\$50.00 |
| twin bed sheets, comforters | \$30.00-\$60.00 |
| socks, underwear (new) | \$5.00-\$15.00 |
| shampoo and conditioner | \$4.00-\$10.00 |
| pyjamas | \$5.00-\$25.00 |
| laundry baskets | \$12.00-\$20.00 |
| baby monitors | \$20.00-\$70.00 |



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| Egadz | <u>Suggested</u> |
| Cash donations (for gifts) | \$30.00-\$60.00 |
| feminine hygiene items in packaging | \$5.00-\$25.00 |
| pens/pencils/erasers | \$2.00-\$10.00 |
| loose-leaf | \$2.00-\$12.00 |
| calculators, geometry sets, rulers, etc. | \$5.00-\$30.00 |
| markers, pencil crayons | \$7.00-\$15.00 |
| alarm clocks | \$6.00-\$10.00 |
| quilts/duvets, sheets, pillows | \$25.00-\$60.00 |
| Thermometers | \$8.00-\$40.00 |
| Teethers | \$5.00-\$15.00 |
| Baby bottles/nipples | \$7.00-\$20.00 |
| Baby towels | \$10.00-\$20.00 |



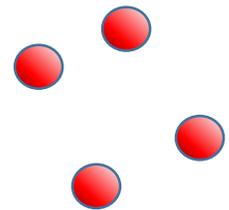
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| Baby wipes | \$3.00-\$10.00 | |
| sleeping bags | \$29.00-\$60.00 | |
| diapers | \$15.00-\$30.00 | |
| baby/toddler clothing | \$10.00-\$20.00 | |
| formula | \$15.00-\$30.00 | |
| toys and games | \$0.00-\$30.00 | |
| youth and teen appropriate clothing | \$15.00-\$50.00 | |
| new or gently used winter clothing | \$0.00-\$50.00 | |
| socks | \$12.00-\$20.00 | 6 pr |
| new or gently used shoes and boots | \$0.00-\$50.00 | |
| baby blankets | \$19.00-\$25.00 | |
| baby shampoo/lotion | \$5.00-\$15.00 | |
| Baby bags* | \$65.00-\$145.00 | |

*the baby bags consist of blankets, shampoo, lotion, thermometers, baby bottles, wipes, towels, teethingers, clippers and soothers.

YWCA Women's Shelter

Suggested

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| Baby and Toddler Clothing | \$5.00-\$25.00 |
| baby bottle nipples | \$2.00-\$10.00 |
| Baby bottles | \$5.00-\$7.00 |
| Baby Food/Snacks | \$3.00-\$10.00 |
| Disposable Diapers | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| Disposable Diapers (larger sizes) | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| Formula | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| gloves/mitts | \$5.00-\$25.00 |
| headbands | \$2.50-\$5.00 |
| New bedding for single beds | \$30.00-\$50.00 |
| new bowls, cups and mugs | \$3.00-\$25.00 |
| new cutlery | \$4.00-\$25.00 |
| new dishcloths and dish towels | \$4.00-\$20.00 |
| New multi pack generic crew neck t-shirts sizes M-XL | \$8.00-\$25.00 |
| new pyjamas for women and children | \$5.00-\$25.00 |
| new socks and underwear for kids and women | \$10.00-\$20.00 |
| New sweat pants of various sizes | \$20.00-\$30.00 |
| New towels and face cloths | \$4.00-\$12.00 |
| New, unopened shampoo and conditioner | \$4.00-\$10.00 |
| winter jackets, ski pants | \$0.00-\$50.00 |



Elizabeth Fry Society

Suggested

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| backpacks/totes | \$0.00-\$25.00 | |
| body lotion | \$7.00-\$15.00 | |
| body wash/shower gel | \$4.00-\$10.00 | |
| brushes | \$5.00-\$15.00 | |
| combs | \$2.00-\$5.00 | |
| deodorant | \$4.00-\$8.00 | |
| Disposable Razors | \$20.00 | 16 pk |
| gently used/new coats and jackets | \$0.00-\$50.00 | |
| gently used/new footwear | \$0.00-\$50.00 | |
| new undergarments (bras and panties) | \$10.00-\$20.00 | |
| new/gently used toques, mitts and scarves | \$0.00-\$10.00 | |
| shampoo/conditioner | \$4.00-\$10.00 | |
| Tampons and pads | \$5.00-\$25.00 | |



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| toothbrushes | \$12.00-\$15.00 | 4 pk |
| toothpaste | \$4.00-\$7.00 | |
| water bottles | \$5.00-\$10.00 | |
| women's tights - all sizes | \$10.00-\$20.00 | |

The Amazing Stuff

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| • Set the table during Lent | Priceless! |
| • Make your bed without too much complaining | “ |
| • Be especially nice to your sister/brother | “ |
| • Shovel the walk after it snows | “ |
| • Keep your room tidy (my wife's personal favourite) | ” |
| • Do you know someone who is isolated? Give them a call! | ” |
| • Invite someone to take part in Kidz Klub | ” |
| • Invite someone to participate in our on-line service | ” |
| • Surprise your mom and clean up <u>her</u> room. | ” |
| • Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent. | ” |



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli



VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

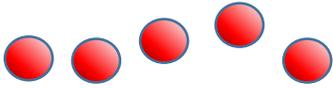
Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.

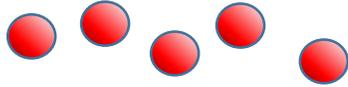




Missed out on a worship service?

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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

In Our Wider Community

FROM TY MCKENZIE AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

1. Carolling and Cookies at The Lighthouse

- We are reaching out to each of the churches to invite them for a time of carolling on Thursday, December 16th from 7:30-9:00pm in our dining hall.
- We will limit the number of volunteers to 12, first come first serve for those who contact me by email ty.mckenzie@lighthousesaskatoon.org
- They must be vaccinated and wear masks while they are in the building
- They can bring baking if they would like to, but we will also have some available

2. Packing Christmas gifts at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

- St. Andrew's has generously donated space for our donated and purchased gifts to be stored
- On Wednesday, December 22nd, we will be packaging up gifts at St. Andrew's throughout the day. Volunteers who would like to join us at any point during the day for packing are welcome.
- Please have proof of vaccination and be prepared to be masked while in St. Andrew's church

3. If churches or members would like to donate to The Lighthouse during this time, please consult our website: <https://www.lighthousesaskatoon.org/donate/>



Third Sunday in Advent

Joy

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

L: Joy is the celebration given by God.

P: Joy is the celebration
at the birth of the Christ Child.

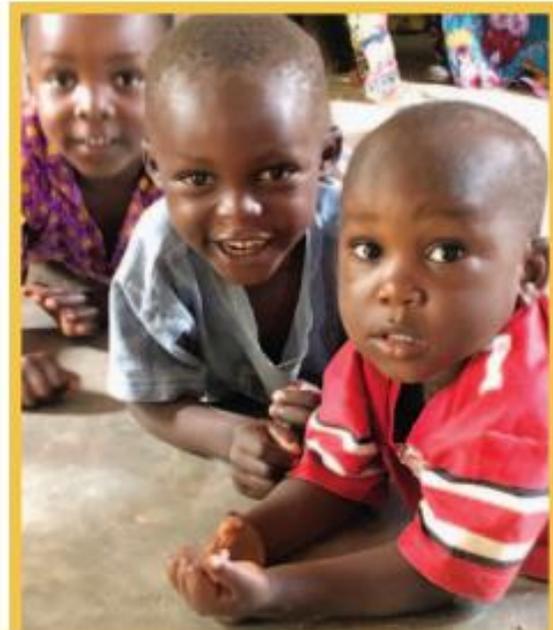
L: Joy is the celebration
when the angels sing
"Glory to God in the highest."

P: We celebrate the joy of Christ coming again.

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray:

P: Source of light,
shine in our lives
and in your world with
your life-giving joy.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



Maternal Health Today and Tomorrow

In Malawi, the rates of infant and child mortality are incredibly high.

For many pregnant women, access to health services like prenatal check-ups, delivery support and immunizations for their newborns and themselves are not easily accessible.

Through ongoing work, PWS&D is improving health services, encouraging their use and helping ensure the consumption of nutritious foods for mothers, newborns, pregnant women and children under five.

We are working to share necessary knowledge and information about maternal and child health practices while empowering pregnant women and mothers to make informed decisions about their own health and that of their children.

Additionally, construction and improvement of labour and delivery wards and maternity centres staffed with knowledgeable midwives are nurturing long-term, sustainable care for mothers and babies.

This Advent season, help give moms and babies the best chance for a healthy future by building support for maternal and child health care among families and communities.

WeRespond.ca



From Hopeless to Hopeful

"I didn't have any hope of living a meaningful life. My left leg was deformed by poliomyelitis at a young age, and I grew up with this challenge," said Monica Akamb, a 45-year-old woman living in northern Ghana. "My biggest challenge, however, transcends the impairment. It has been the negative attitudes and stereotypes of community members and even within my immediate family." Monica explained how her experience with the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR) made a tremendous difference in her life. "Thank God that CBR and PWS&D came to my rescue. They taught my family and the community to treat persons with disabilities with dignity. I learned gardening skills and now grow vegetables for a living. I am able to produce onion, cabbage and lettuce for food and income." The Presbyterian Church in Ghana, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, manages this project.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 12 (Third Sunday of Advent) We pray for a sense of joy at the dawn of a new day that is initiated by the birth of the Christ child among us.

Monday, December 13 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Tuesday, December 14 We pray for the Indigenous community of Nazko in British Columbia, and that hope will abound, and lives will be healed through relationships with the Creator's son, Jesus.

Wednesday, December 15 We pray for members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are deployed and may face loneliness and hardship.

Thursday, December 16 We pray for support for local food banks as staff and volunteers strive to provide food, toiletries and other essential items this winter.

Friday, December 17 We pray that parents and caregivers of children and youth are blessed with wisdom and patience.

Saturday, December 18 (International Migrants Day) We pray for the safety and well-being of all migrant workers and their families and encourage governments to protect the rights of migrant workers.