

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Choir Director and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

December 20th, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

"For nothing will be impossible with God." – Luke 1: 37



Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Hope is a Candle

Love is a candle whose light makes a circle,
Where every face is the face of a friend.
Widen the circle by sharing and giving -
God's holy dare: love everywhere.

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

-Mary Kyei

Praise:

"Long ago, prophets knew"

#121

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new,
bear all people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Refrain: Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when
he comes, who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come as a man, born
himself of woman, God divinely human.

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed; she obeyed. In her womb, God is laid till the
time expected, nurtured and protected.

Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar Bethlehem Shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar:
unborn son of Mary, Saviour do not tarry!

Final refrain: Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes,
when he comes, we will make him welcome!

Prayer of Confession:

God of mystery and mercy, you came to be with us and offer us new life in Christ, and yet we often stray from your side. You came to offer us love, but we confess that we are often slow to share this love with others. You came to reconcile all people, but we confess that we often resist making the first step to repair relationships. Forgive who we have been, O Lord, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be; through Jesus Christ who reaches out to us from the manger and the cross.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Praise: ***"The angel Gabriel from heaven" vs. 1&2*** **#156**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O Lowly maiden Mary," most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be, all generations praise continually, your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold," most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Luke 1: 26-38

- Bonnie Mahlum, Melle McPhee, Alicia Monson

Children's Christmas Narrative:

During the instrumental musical pieces, the congregation is welcome to read the lyrics on the slide and sing along.

O Come O Come Emmanuel: piano duet Rehema Nyekanyeka & Gillian Lyons

Narrator: Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

Away in the Manger: solo by Alicia Monson

O Come All Ye Faithful – music by Jada Mahussier

Voice of the Shepherd: Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Angels we have Heard on High – music by Jada Mahussier

Voice of the Angels: Ramona & Rianne Nyekanyeka

Silent Night - music by Ayen Malek

Voice of the Wisemen: Jada & Sam Mahussier

Go Tell it on the Mountain – drumming by Prince and Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

Merry Christmas from the Zoom Sunday School Class

Invitation to the Offering

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:

"Prepare the way, O Zion"

#129

Prepare the way, O Zion: your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; Christ comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Saviour's rule embrace, and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Benediction

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come and do not delay.

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

Musical Postlude

"Joy to the World"

- Samuel Mahussier, piano



Announcements



#1 – There have been reports that some people have stopped receiving emails from the church. Perhaps only bulletins. This seems to happen exclusively with sasktel.net addresses. Something changes in how you are able to receive emails. If this happens to you, contact SaskTel.

#2 – Offering envelopes are available in the church office. More and more people are using electronic methods for offerings, but if you would like to have offering

envelopes, please let Dorothy know.

#3 - The end of the year is quickly approaching! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.

#4 – The church offices will be closed over the holidays. December 25 – January 3, inclusive.

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note that due to the recent local uptick in Covid-19 cases, St. Andrew's will be closed to in-person worship until further notice. We will continue to meet online at 11:00am every Sunday on our website (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!



The offering will go to the St. Andrew's Session Benevolence Fund, which is used to offer assistance to people with urgent financial needs.

The Christmas Eve Service begins at 7 pm. Please join us on line.

Mark Saturday January 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. on your 2021 calendar.

Camp Christopher is hosting a "virtual" Robbie Burns night.

You can even order a Burns Dinner!!

How? Fill out the form attached to this email and order a dinner and zoom event **or** only the zoom event.

Two days before the event you will receive the Burns Zoom event link- *ps. you are welcome to call Martha 306 270 2378 for a zoom practice session before that night.*

The Program is being woven together as we speak!

Featuring MC Rev Roberto DeSandoli

But, will there be an Ode to the Haggis? YES

Will there be a wee bit of bagpipes? YES

Will I learn about bit more about Camp Christopher? YES

also.....

-A Minister from Scotland saying the Grace..

- some virtual Highland Dancing as well

We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne

Join us to raise monies for Camp Christopher and have some truly Scottish fun.

Questions? Contact Donna Wilkinson, Shelia Coulter or Heather Kolojay

The **PASTORAL CARE** Team thanks all of the St. Andrew's Walkers for texting, phoning and emailing the KM that they have completed these past weeks for the advent Walk to Bethlehem. Some Parish nurses from other churches have joined us as well. Don't give up yet! We have to travel the 118 km by December 25th.

As we walk, jog, walk treadmills, bicycle, swim or do any exercise that brings us on our journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, we thank God for our marvellous bodies that have been created in his image. (Genesis 1:27 NLT; 2 Corinthians 3:18). To continue to be strong in this hemisphere reminds us of the nutrition we need because our engines sputter and weaken if we do not feed our bodies and souls. During these dark, shortened days of light, please consider taking Vitamin D which is a group of fat-soluble secosteroids responsible for increasing intestinal absorption of calcium, magnesium, and phosphate, and improving the immune system. In humans, the most important compounds in this group are vitamin D₃ and vitamin D₂. It is also produced endogenously when ultraviolet (UV) rays from sunlight strike the skin and trigger vitamin D synthesis. In our climate, you need the supplement and you can use a UV light which can be bought at several outlets.

For more information, please contact the Pastoral Care Nurse, Laura at 306-229-7846.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Love



Written by the Rev. Kristine O'Brien
(Director of Crieff Hills)

- L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's love.
- P: Soon we will welcome
the beautiful and radical love of God
as Jesus Christ comes to live among us.
- L: We embrace our identity as God's beloved children
and let this truth guide our decisions and relationships.
- P: In our homes and in our church
we offer hospitality,
welcoming those we don't know, those who are in need,
and those who are different from us.
- L: We demonstrate our care for creation
in real and tangible ways through the products we buy,
the food we eat, and the way we live every day.
- P: Together, we are a sign of God's love for the world.

(The candle is lit)

- L: Let us pray:
- P: God of extravagant generosity,
in Jesus we discover
the depth of your care
and the lengths you will go to save us.
Forgive us when we ignore those in need,
trample your creation
and refuse to share
all that we receive from you.
Teach us to love our neighbours,
caring for each other
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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A Mother's LOVE

In Afghanistan,
Murzia had several difficult pregnancies,
including two miscarriages.

When Murzia learned that she was pregnant with her fourth child, she was determined to have a different experience.

In Afghanistan, late-night deliveries are often not attended by health care professionals. Even during times when medical staff are available, many women do not have the transportation or finances necessary to access their services.

Murzia's determination paid off when one of her peers advised her of an affordable treatment option, close to her home.

She decided to visit the PWS&D-supported health centre. There, she was able to receive months of neonatal support and was assisted with a prompt and hygienic delivery of a healthy baby boy by the dedicated staff.

"I am a very happy mother. My newborn is healthy, and my health has improved, too," Murzia enthusiastically shared.

This Advent season
help mothers deliver
healthy babies with
access to safe,
clean and affordable
maternal health
services.

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ADVENT BOOK STUDY Martha Fergusson and Rev. Roberto invite you to take part in our new online advent book study. The last study is tomorrow, Monday, December 21st at 7pm on Zoom. This year the Presbyterian Church in Canada is studying Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. To learn more and get an e-copy of the book, please visit presbyterian.ca/reads. Please email roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com to sign up!

Although 2020 has been a difficult year for all of us, we have been blessed in many ways. It's true that we have been isolated from friends and family and are unable to take part in many of the daily rituals and events that we now look at with fondness but we still have our health, and we have been able to worship as a community through the efforts of Rev. DeSandoli and some very hard-working volunteers. And now, there is new hope on the horizon with the rollout of a number of vaccines. Please take a moment to consider those who have not been as fortunate in their circumstances, and think of yourselves as the hands if not the feet of God during these hazardous times.

As of now, there are over 70 ornaments on our tree, which is a wonderful testament to the generosity of our congregation. This total does not include the gifts that have been donated to agencies without notifying either the church office or the Outreach committee (and we know that you are out there). While we will not be accepting any more off-line gifts, we would just like to let everyone know that you will still be able to make on-line donations until Christmas. If you haven't already, please take a moment and select something from the items listed below and then donate that amount to the agency using the St. Andrew's donate button. Thank you for making the 2020 Advent Appeal such a wonderful success!

| SNCM | <u>Suggested</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 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 | 6 pr |
| 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 | 4 pk |

| Crisis Nursery | <u>Suggested</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| toilet paper | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| Kleenex | \$8.00-\$20.00 |
| paper towels | \$15.00-\$25.00 |
| Fruit | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| cheese | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| yoghurt | \$1.00-\$10.00 |
| veggies | \$1.00-\$10.00 |

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| 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 |

Friendship Inn

Suggested

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| 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 | 6 pk |
| toothpaste | \$4.00-\$7.00 | |
| vegetables | \$5.00-\$10.00 | |

Interval House

Suggested

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| 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 |

Egadz

Suggested

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| 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 |
| Baby wipes | \$3.00-\$10.00 |
| sleeping bags | \$29.00-\$60.00 |
| diapers | \$15.00-\$30.00 |
| baby/toddler clothing | \$10.00-\$20.00 |

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| 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

| | <u>Suggested</u> |
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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

| | <u>Suggested</u> | |
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| backpacks/totes | \$0.00-\$25.00 | |
| body lotion | \$7.00-\$15.00 | |
| bodywash/showergel | \$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 | |
| 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

- Set the table during Lent
- 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 her room.
- Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent.

Suggested
Priceless!

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SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

WEDNESDAYS (Thursday this week!)

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

Hope is a Candle - GALLOWAY TAM

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