

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Pianist: Fran Gordon

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

*"He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!" – Psalm 148: 14*

*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.*



Welcome and Announcements

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship:

One Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

**All: Praise God, sun and moon!**

One God's name alone is exalted;

**All: God is above the earth and heaven.**

One Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

**All: Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Joy to the world"***

**#153**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing. and heaven and nature sing. and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns: let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy. repeat the sounding joy. repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found. far as the curse is found. far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love. and wonders of his love. and wonders, wonders of his love.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of our lives and the time in which we live,  
we know you are with us through thick and thin,  
in times of great joy and at moments of disappointment.  
We confess we sometimes feel let down when the joy of Christmas day has  
passed.  
Forgive us when our faithfulness flickers like a Christmas candle burning down.  
Renew our hope and energy for the year ahead  
through the steadfast grace of Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Praise:** ***"Oh come, all ye faithful"*** **#159**  
Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain: Oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore  
him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of light, born unto Mary, the virgin blest, very God, begotten, not  
created:

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks draw nigh with  
holy fear; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: "Glory to  
God in the highest!"

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word  
of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 148

-Laura van Loon

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon: "The Boy in the Temple"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

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:**

***"Away in a Manger"***

**#149**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

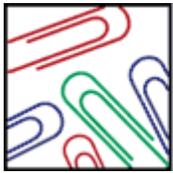
Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Benediction

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

## Announcements

The latest “**These Days**”, the daily devotional for January, February and March, has arrived in the office. They are available on the entranceway table, or through the church office.



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.



Yellow = \$100  
Blue = \$50  
Red = \$10

Our Advent Appeal Christmas Tree! The ornaments on the Christmas tree are a visual representation of our annual Advent Appeal. \$1800.00 total! These are donations made 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!

## Giving Gifts through Service

For Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, the practice of gift giving is a year-round commitment. Every day, the congregation provides “gifts” through programs and services to families living on the Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern

Saskatchewan. The ministry’s elders also share gifts in less tangible but equally important ways. The congregation is blessed with wise, strong leaders who act as role models for Mistawasis’ youth, helping to provide them with a solid foundation in spirituality and education. Youth programming offers teachings from the medicine wheel as well as instruction in music and Bible study—gifts that will serve the youth well as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow. Mistawasis Memorial PC is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, December 26 (Boxing Day)** For Christ, there was no room in the inn; we pray for those who seek shelter. Christ had to flee his birthplace; we pray for those who seek refuge. Christ read scripture as a child; we pray that God’s wisdom will enlighten our minds and direct our paths.

**Monday, December 27** We pray for the ministry and mission of Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church of the Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation in Northern Saskatchewan.

**Tuesday, December 28** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia.

**Wednesday, December 29** We pray for theological students who graduate this spring and begin the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

**Thursday, December 30** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

**Friday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve)** We end the year in praise for God’s loving kindness and care, and we pray for peace in the world.