

# 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

Guest Musicians: Fran Gordon, Piano; Peter and the Wolfettes, Bassoon Quartet;

Members of the Prairie Virtuosi Orchestra

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

*"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God." – Isaiah 61: 10a*



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Once in royal David's city"***

**#166**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Christ came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, sheltered by a humble stable, cradled in a cattle stall: with the poor, oppressed and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy,

and our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; there god's children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Prayer of Confession:

**Source of all hope, you invite us to live in the light and discover the splendor of your glory. We confess we often choose to remain in darkness instead. We allow our fears and hurts to hold us hostage. Our expectations of life prevent us from seeing new and real possibilities. You offer us unconditional love, but we expect others to earn our love. Forgive us. May the new life born in the manger awaken new life in us and allow hope to dawn in the year ahead. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:** ***"Good Christians, all rejoice"*** **#141**

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today, ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this. He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save, calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 10- 62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40

Sermon: "Praise the Lord" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" -Spiritual, arr. Hayes

## 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:** ***"Lord, dismiss us with your blessing"*** **#468**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh refresh us, oh refresh us, traveling through life's wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. May your presence, may your presence with us evermore be found,

so that when your love shall call us, Saviour, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever live in you in endless day.

Benediction and Sung Response (#114):

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.**

**God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

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

Musical Postlude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

- Traditional, arr. Quigley



## **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](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)). We hope to see you again soon!



**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 bit 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**



## **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**

**06:15 PM**

**Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool** – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650