

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Nicole Lindgren

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

December 29th, 2024

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3: 16

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 Favorites Medley

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

(written by Meth Merrill Neel. Used with permission)

One This day is a gift from God;

All: A day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

One This time teaches us to pause from the hustle and bustle

All: A time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

One So let us sing and listen and pray,

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

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Oh come, all ye faithful"

#159 vs. 1,4,5

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of our lives and the time in which we live,

we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth,

and our plans to your purposes for us and the world.

We shrink from costly discipleship

and we seek cheap grace.

Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms

and our shallow commitments,

and guide us always

so that we might walk in your way

**and follow the way of your son now and always;
through the steadfast grace of Christ, Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

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.

Praise: *"What child is this"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3: 12-17

- Laura Van Loon

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Showing

-Nicole Lindgren

Hymn: Joy to the World #153 (verse 1 and 2)

Scripture Reading

Reflection: Speaking

Hymn: Joy to the World #153 (verse 3)

Scripture Reading

Reflection: Calling

Hymn: Joy to the World #153 (verse 4)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: This Endris Night - Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Good Christians, all rejoice"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High - Traditional

Greeters & Collectors:

Coffee Hosts: No Coffee Time



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St.

Andrew's.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements

Financial Update

Hello St. Andrews People. We have so much for which to be thankful. Our building fund has received some generous donations to assist with current renovations. Events like our very successful Charlie Brown Christmas concert are going to support celebratory functions of the church anniversary, and donations to the church operations are going according to forecast.

So that is the good news. Now for the not so good news. Welcome to winter! I say this because clearing of the church parking lot is one of the expenses most difficult to forecast! As of today, it is looking very much like our operational expense prediction of last year will be accurate. I have just updated our budget forecasts. My best estimate means that we will have a year end deficit of about \$6,500. This is so much Better than the \$20,000 deficit we predicted last year. Thanks for your continued support.

Additionally, donations to all of the church missions are down considerably at about 75% of 2023 levels. We all realize that many people are struggling financially. We appreciate any and all gifts. We thank you for your generosity to date and ask that you prayerfully consider, what additional gift, if any, God may be calling you to make before year end and into 2025. We have a growing church - what a wonderful blessing. God Bless each of you. Do not hesitate to contact me with any question you may have. Orlanda Drebit orlandadrebit@hotmail.com



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday.

WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter.

Thank you for your support!



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the entranceway table. In each box there is a designated envelope that enables you to help offset the cost of the offering envelopes, which is \$12.29. If you would like to have your own box of envelopes, fill out the information on a Visitor's Envelope located in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or contact the church office. ***If you would prefer to make pre-authorized remittances, please fill out a blue PAR authorization form (found on the entranceway table), attach a void cheque, and place it in the offering plate.***

The church offices will be closed December 25th, 2024 to January 1st, 2025, inclusive

Any donations that you wish to have included on your 2024 charitable donation receipt **MUST** be received no later than January 15th, 2025, and be dated 2024.

Please submit all invoices for payment in 2024 to the church office asap.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive!", the newsletter
- * Annual Report & Financial Statements

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

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, December 29**

As Western culture becomes increasingly secular and Christianity occupies a more peripheral position in society, Canadian church plants are pioneering new ways to share God's love. One such initiative to encourage church planting is Cyclical PCC, supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in collaboration with



Cyclical Inc. This initiative aims to empower presbyteries and leaders within the denomination to initiate new worshipping communities. Participants in the program are part of a larger network of PCC leaders exploring their calling and taking initial steps toward launching new ministries. What exciting new forms of ministry are emerging in your local community?

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 29 We pray for those living in retirement homes who are struggling to find meaning in their everyday lives.

Monday, December 30 We give thanks to God for the generous gifts given to congregations, camps, ministries, Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D all year, and for the ways these gifts have blessed our communities, country and world.

Tuesday, December 31 As we prepare to welcome in a new year, let us reflect on the past and pray for a hopeful and peaceful future.

One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.



Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

