

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." – Mark 1: 15*

*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: March, from *The Nutcracker* – Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Preparation for Worship: We invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Comfort, comfort you my people"***

**#113**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**God of mercy,**

**We confess that we resist change,  
even when your Word compels us  
to reconsider our actions or opinions.**

**We are set in our ways,  
and prefer to consider the changes others should make.**

**Forgive us.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
give us new eyes for seeing, new ears for hearing  
so that we follow Jesus more faithfully day by day.**

Assurance of Pardon

Manger Pantomime – See Insert  
(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:** *“On Jordan’s bank”* #126

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalms 85: 1-2, 8-13 (Refrain 1)

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“The Time is Fulfilled”

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Silent Night – Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863) – Sung by the children of St. Andrew’s  
Church School

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

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:** *“There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”* #128

Sung Benediction Oh Come, oh come, Emmanuel #122

**Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

Postlude: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy from *The Nutcracker* – Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Host:

Jan & Richard Rodda

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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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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

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

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## Announcements

### Mini Christmas Bake Sales

During Advent, some bake sale items may be available for purchase. Stock will vary each week.

For those donating their time and talent:

- Keep volumes small.
- Price your own items (or ask for help), keeping in mind that ingredients have gone up in cost over this past year. Place them in the entranceway.
- Label with any common allergens (wheat/gluten, eggs, nuts, dairy, MSG, cinnamon, mustard, artificial colouring).

For those who may consider purchasing items:

- Bring small bills and coins of various denominations, as there may not be change available.
- Items that arrived this week will be in the entranceway before the service and moved to the lower hall after.



Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM and to share in the **Memory and Light Service**. This is a time for reflection of losses and bereavement and the hope for light out of the darkness. Music, scripture readings, lighting candles in remembrance, and Holy Communion will all help us to walk through the shadows but see the glow of light shining through. The service will be on-line thanks to our volunteers. If you have any questions, please call Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846.



**Advent Walk** An Advent Pilgrimage, commences on Sunday Dec. 3 and ends on Dec.24. You will find the daily scripture readings and the walking log at [presbyterianchurch.ca](http://presbyterianchurch.ca) or pick up the copy in the narthex. Please let me know if you are participating so that collectively we can add the km to see whether we can all walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

If you would like it mailed to you, please let me know.

You can call/text me at 306-229-7846, or email me at [lauralene66@gmail.com](mailto:lauralene66@gmail.com). Thank-you.



**2024 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. 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.***

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #51.

51. We call upon the Government of Canada, as an obligation of its fiduciary responsibility, to develop a policy of transparency by publishing legal opinions it develops and upon which it acts or intends to act, in regard to the scope and extent of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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



## 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 22 – January 2, inclusive.
- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2023 charitable donation receipt, they must be received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.

### AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- ✧ These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- ✧ Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- ✧ Contact Information Forms
- ✧ The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter

### ADVENT APPEAL



We are entering the season of Advent, and with it we will be celebrating our annual Advent Appeal. If you worship in person, please take the time to search through the ornaments found in the entryway of the church OR, if you are worshipping from home simply browse through the items listed below to see what the downtown agencies are looking for this year, and then make a donation where you feel it is most needed. We have included approximate prices for the items, but this is more to give you an idea what the agencies will have to pay for them. We have no way of directing what your donations will go towards. The agencies will purchase the items most needed at the time. Please donate what you feel comfortable with.

If you worship in person, select an ornament that has a gift of Advent attached and take it home. (Feel free to select more than one) Complete what is on the tag and bring it back to the church. Place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide us with a visual progress report on this year's appeal. Copies of the Wish List are available on the entranceway table.

If you worship on line, select an agency that you would like to support. You can check the costs of items,

or you can just donate an amount that you are comfortable with. Make your donation through the church website, or by e-transfer. In either case please make a note where you would like to direct your donation, and that the donation is a part of our Advent Appeal. For each \$10 donated we will add another ornament to the tree.

We have tried to make it as easy as possible but if you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach Committee. Please don't feel that you have to pick up an ornament if you worship in person (the agencies are always looking for monetary donations), and if you worship from home, arrangements can always be made to pick up any physical donations. If there is a gift that you would like to contribute, but you can't find it on the list, please contact Al Ireland and he will add it to the list and can custom-make an ornament if needed. We feel that the most important part of our appeal is to share the bounty with which we've been blessed, and to perhaps enjoy doing so.

Have fun!

We are Al Ireland, Linda Dietz, Donna Fenton and Rachel Giesbrecht.

## **WISH LISTS**

### Friendship Inn

If you are going to donate food items, please bring the items in on the last Sunday (Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Eggs
- Bread and buns
- Mustard
- Powdered soup bases (beef and chicken)
- Vanilla
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala
- Non-stick cooking spray, or canola oil
- Diapers, Pull-ups and wipes \$20-\$40
- Baby formula \$20-\$60
- Socks \$5-\$20
- Tooth brushes & paste \$5-\$25
- Shampoo & conditioner \$5-\$10
- Deodorant \$2-\$10
- Razors \$2-\$10

### Egadz

#### Hygiene

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste \$5-\$25
- Shampoo, Conditioner \$5-\$10
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors \$2-\$10

\*Health Regulations require that these items be unopened and/or in their original packaging

#### School Supplies

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases \$2-\$10
- Looseleaf \$10-\$20
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. \$5-\$50
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. \$5-\$15

#### Bed and Bath

- Quilts and Duvets > \$50
- Sheets and Pillows >\$30
- Towels \$10-\$30
- Sleeping Bags \$25-\$60
- Alarm Clocks \$5-\$25

#### Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing \$5-\$30

- Strollers \$60-\$200
- New Car Seats \$70-\$200
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) \$20-\$60
- Disposable Diapers \$20-\$40
- Toys and Games \$5-\$50
- Quilts and Blankets \$5-\$30

#### Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) >\$20
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants >\$20
- Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands \$5-\$30
- Socks \$5-\$15
- Shoes, and Boots \$20-\$40
- New Underwear \$10-\$20

#### Sport/Recreation/Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies \$5-\$15
- Sleeping Bags \$30-\$60
- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies \$5-\$15
- Paint and Paint Accessories \$1-\$10

#### Interval House

##### ALL ITEMS BELOW SHOULD BE NEW ITEMS

- Socks and underwear \$5-\$20
- Nail files/Clippers \$5
- Winter Boots \$20-\$50
- Hats/Toques/Mitts/Gloves \$5-\$10
- Cell phone chargers \$5-\$20
- Lamps/Nightlights \$5-\$15
- House Coats \$15-\$30
- Children's clothing (all sizes) \$5-\$50
- Tupperware containers \$5-\$30
- Pencil crayons/markers \$5-\$15
- Paints/brushes \$5-\$10
- Women's sweatpants (all sizes) \$5-\$20
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Baby cloths \$5-\$10
- New sheets for twin bed \$15-\$50
- Pajamas for women and children \$10-\$20
- Dish sets \$25

#### Haven Family Connections

##### Gift Cards

- Grocery store gift cards \$20-\$100
- Gift cards/certificates for children's outings and events.  
Bowling, minigolf, swimming, movies and kid's play villages \$20-\$50
- Co-op \$20-\$100
- McDonald's \$10-\$50
- Tim Horton's \$20-\$50
- Canadian Tire \$20-\$50
- Home Sense \$20-\$50
- Fuddruckers/RUCKERS \$20-\$50

##### Household items

- Non scented laundry detergent pods \$15-\$25
- Non scented fabric dryer sheets \$5-\$10

- Paper towels/Kleenex \$5-\$15
- S-M-L Zip lock bags \$5-\$15
- Non scented baby wipes \$5-\$15
- Coffee K cups \$10-\$25
- Dish soap and hand soap \$5-\$10
- Dishwasher pods \$10-\$25
- Large fluffy towels and pillows \$10-\$30
- DISNEY+ (Annual Subscriptions) \$120

#### Food Items

- Baking supplies, pasta, rice \$5-\$20
- Cereal (no nuts-low sugar) \$5-\$15
- Canned goods, including canned fruit \$5-\$10
- School lunch snacks and juice boxes \$5-\$10

#### Clothing items

- Boys underwear Size 4-12 \$10-\$20
- Girls underwear size 4-12 \$10-\$20

#### Elizabeth Fry Society

Elizabeth Fry is hoping to provide small Christmas gifts to women and gender diverse people who are incarcerated. Some ideas for gifts are in the following list, but don't feel limited by them. If there is some small item that you feel is appropriate, please go ahead.

- Fuzzy socks \$5-\$15
- Lip balm \$5-\$10
- Calendar (no coils) \$15-\$20
- Notebook (no coils) \$5-\$10
- Chocolate bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Candy canes \$5-\$10
- Granola bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Hot chocolate (individual packets \$5-\$10)
- Housecoats \$15-\$30
- Feminine Hygiene Products

\*If you would like to do something on a continuing basis, Elizabeth Fry is constantly in need of feminine hygiene products. You can donate these items during Advent, but if you feel that you can supply them at other times of the year please contact someone on the Outreach committee and we will either drop them off for you, or will put you in touch with someone at Elizabeth Fry who would be more than happy to take them off your hands.

#### YWCA Crisis Center

- New or gently used bowls, cups or mugs \$0-\$20
- New or gently used cutlery, spatulas, mixing spoons etc \$0-\$20
- Dish cloths and dish towels (new) \$5-\$10
- Bedding for single beds (new) \$15-\$50
- Towels and face cloths \$10-\$30
- New Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Feminine Hygiene Products \$10-\$30
- Pajamas (new) for women and children \$10-\$20
- New socks for women and children \$5-\$15
- Disposable diapers (sizes 4-6) \$10-\$40
- Baby bottles/nipples (new) \$5-\$20
- New swim suits for women and children \$10-\$40
- Combs and brushes \$5-\$10
- Disposable razors \$2-\$10
- Epsom Salt \$5-\$10

- Small toys for children \$5-\$20
- Baby blankets \$5-\$10

**SNCM**

NEW Long underwear (all sizes) \$5-\$20

NEW Tights for women (all sizes) \$5-\$15

Warm clothing

- Parkas, sweaters, boots, snowpants, shoes etc. \$0-\$50
- Shirts, pants \$0-\$30

**The Amazing Stuff**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set the table during Lent                                      | Priceless! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make your bed without too much complaining                     | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be especially nice to your sister/brother                      | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel the walk after it snows OR sweep the walk if it doesn't | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your room tidy (my wife's personal favourite)             | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you know someone who is isolated? Give them a call!         | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to take part in Kidz Klub                       | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to participate in our on-line service           | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surprise your mom and clean up her room.                       | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent.       | “          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rake the leaves in your yard?? (Before it snows)               | “          |

**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](http://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

***In Our Wider Community***

**Micah Mission Fundraiser: Reconciliation Reels at the Roxy Theatre**

The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm  
See poster for more details.

## **Welcome to the Manger Pantomime 2023**

The Narrator will speak and prompt you to sing the first part of these hymns that will move our story of Christ Birth along. Please remain seated as the participants are hard to see.

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still,  
the dear Christ enters in.**

### **While Shepherds Watch**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

### **Angels we have heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

**Away in the Manger** please join together to sing

**Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head**

**The stars in the sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay**

**The cattle are lowing  
The poor baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes**

**The Wise May Bring Their Learning**

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their greatness, and some bring strength and health;  
We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;  
We have no wealth or learning; what shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him; we'll bring Him thankful praise,  
And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways;  
And these will be the treasures we offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even the youngest child may bring.

**Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth

rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Thank-you to musicians Naomi and Paul Suchan, Christian Education Leadership today and the Sundays leading up to today, Alicia, Lena, Grace, Rehema, Rachel, Andrya, and Doug Drover. Special thanks to our own Holy Family, Kelly, Nic baby Scarlett and brother Jason who provided real joy to all of us today.

Reminder: Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> the children are encouraged to bring their favourite adult to Sunday school.

We will have a Christmas Story Time, make a ornament for your tree and play one our favourite games **together**. You will come down when the children leave worship.

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> is the Youth Christmas at Zion come and join in at 5:30 -to 8:30 p.m. Contact Martha for further details on this and other CE happenings. 306 270 2378 (text/call)



# First Sunday in Advent

# Hope

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**Voice 1:** The prophets call and the psalmist sings to announce that hope comes from God.

**Voice 2:** "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence."

*(Isaiah 64)*

"We shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."

*(Psalm 27)*

**Voice 1:** The world cries for justice and transformation. Advent summons us to watch, to wait and to hope. In the destruction of the current order is the promise of a new order beyond our imagination. Signs of hope are all around us if we have the patience to wait and to see them.

**Voice 2:** Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

**All:** **Jesus Christ comes as the hope of the world.**

**Voice 2:** We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**All:** **We light this candle to bear witness to hope.**

*(while lighting the candle of hope)*

*Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star*



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# “This assistance has provided me relief”



In Pakistan, Hafiza Bibi, a single mother of four, suffered the loss of her husband and daughter and saw her home crumble before her eyes during a devastating monsoon season.

Hafiza's husband had worked as a farmer labourer, while Hafiza stayed at home, caring for her four children. "Our relatives would sometimes help us by giving wheat or money as charity. However, after the floods, everyone suffered badly, and no one we know was able to help," she explains.

Hafiza and her family were selected to participate in a food assistance project supported by PWS&D through our local partner Community World Service Asia, with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank. "I bought essential food items such as wheat flour, rice, sugar, tea, milk and vegetables. This assistance has provided me with some relief and allowed me to put food on the table for my children," she shares, with peace of mind.

**This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide comfort by ensuring families have the necessary resources to sustain their lives.**

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In northern Ghana, people living with disabilities face a range of issues, such as widespread poverty, limited access to livelihood opportunities and health care, and social barriers to full inclusion. Political, environmental, and economic challenges work together to create those difficult conditions. PWS&D works with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana



in a Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program to address these challenges through vocational skills training programs such as soap and pomade making. Ateni Lois, a participant in the soap-making class, expresses her gratitude, stating, "We are so grateful to the CBR program and PWS&D for equipping us with the skills to be able to produce soap and pomade for money. Very soon, we will be in good business and will be out of poverty in our respective communities."

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**DAILY PRAYERS**

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**Sunday December 10 (Human Rights Day)** Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 11** Let us take time during this consumer-driven Christmas season to think about and be thankful for what it means to have "enough".

**Tuesday, December 12** This Advent, we give thanks for PWS&D's global partners equipping marginalized communities as they discover hope, peace, joy and love.

**Wednesday, December 13** We pray for ministers and professional church workers who will be retiring from active service.

**Thursday, December 14** We give thanks for LGBTQI2+ community organizations that provide support, social connection, and advocacy for queer and trans people.

**Friday, December 15** We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

**Saturday, December 16** Bless those who teach and those who learn in our theological colleges with humility, good humour and joy.