

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Soloist: Laurien Gibson

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin." – Psalm 146: 9*

*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: O Come, O Come Emmanuel – Traditional, arr. Paul Suchan

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Lighting the Candle of Joy

- Evelyn Suchan, Martha Fergusson

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel!"***

**#122**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Gracious Judge,**

**we look around us and we are not proud of what we see.**

**People criticize each other and listen only to those who agree with them.**

**We grumble and think the past holds the solutions,  
forgetting its inequities and iniquities.  
We are impatient for things to improve  
but we do not want to change our ways.  
Forgive us for sharing in the unhappy mood of our times,  
and renew in us the joy and gratitude we once knew  
for your gifts to us in Christ Jesus.**

Assurance of Pardon

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.**

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

**Praise:** *"Hark the glad sound"* **#118**

*(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

- Vickie Drover

Psalms 146: 5-10 (Refrain 1)

James 5: 7-10

- Doug Drover

Matthew 11: 2-11

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Joyful News"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind be Opened...He Shall Feed His Flock, from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel

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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:** *"People, look east"* **#125**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Laudate Dominum – W.A. Mozart

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**Greeters and Collectors:**

**Rose Drebit, Orlanda Drebit**

**Lock up:**

**Heather Reichert**

**Church School Leaders:**

**Lena Jang, Martha Fergusson**

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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*



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.

The two poinsettias in the sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God, one in memory of the Stewart family, and one by Laura Van loon.



### MONDAY NIGHTS DURING ADVENT WITH REV. ROBERTO

Author Adam Hamilton's book "Faithful" a view from Joseph

*From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Adam Hamilton examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never*

*spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity-review*

All are invited to join in the remaining three sessions, December 12, and 19th as we discuss the role of Joseph in this seasonal story. Send request for the zoom link to Rev Roberto.

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 #10.

10. We call on the federal government to draft new Aboriginal education legislation with the full participation and informed consent of Aboriginal peoples. The new legislation would include a commitment to sufficient funding and would incorporate the following principles: i. Providing sufficient funding to close identified educational achievement gaps within one generation. ii. Improving education attainment levels and success rates. iii. Developing culturally appropriate curricula. iv. Protecting the right to Aboriginal languages, including the teaching of Aboriginal languages as credit courses. v. Enabling parental and community responsibility, control, and accountability, similar to what parents enjoy in public school systems. vi. Enabling parents to fully participate in the education of their children. vii. Respecting and honouring Treaty relationships.



### **'Tis the season-- for baking**

The mini bake sale that began on the first Sunday of Advent continues. Please check out the table in the entranceway for this week's offerings of baking, jams and jellies. All proceeds go to the General Fund. For more information on how to participate through contributions, check out the recent newsletter.

The Advent Walk to Bethlehem continues and you can pick up a copy of the scripture readings and walking log in the narthex on the back table or look it up in your Saints Alive Newsletter. Please let Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse know if you are walking, jogging, swimming, riding a stationary bike or whatever you are doing so we can tally the kilometres altogether. Call 306-229-7846 for information.



**2023 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.***

**TONIGHT - ST. ANDREW'S/ ZION YOUTH GROUP** 5:30- 8:30 p.m.

Advent, Dinner, Social Justice, and Bible Study; Rev. Roberto will be part of the evening  
RSVP Martha 306 270- 2378 for meal confirmation. Pasta Bar!

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

### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

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



## 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 23 – January 2, inclusive.
- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2022 charitable donation receipt, they must be received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.

### ADVENT APPEAL

Another year has passed and the season of Advent is upon us once again. This year's Advent Appeal will be a hybrid appeal. Those attending the Sunday service will be able to provide physical gifts if they wish, and those worshipping from home can monetarily supporting the agencies. For of those attending Sunday services, there will be a basket in the entryway filled with ornaments for them to select. As we don't have enough ornaments for the listed needs of all the agencies, we have arbitrarily selected gifts to attach to the ornaments. The entire list is shown below, and will be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. From the basket you can select the ornaments by size, color, or shape, or you can read what is on the tag and find an item that suits your personal gifts. Take the selected ornament home and complete the tasks on the tags. If it is a gift, peel the back off of the tag and attach it to the gift, bring the gift AND the ornament back to the church, and place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide a wonderful visual progress report of this years Advent Appeal.

For those worshipping from home, please take a look at the items shown below for a list of items needed by each agency. You can then make a cash donation by e-transfer or by going to our church website and clicking on the donate button. Which ever way that you donate, please add a note to say your donation is for the Advent appeal, and also add the name of the agency where you would like your donation directed. We will add an ornament to the tree for each \$10 donated.

Below you will find a list of all of the items that the agencies are asking for. Please take a look at. You will notice some numbers in brackets. These provide a very approximate value for the items. If there is something in the list that you don't see, please let Al Ireland know. If there is something that you would like to donate and you don't see a tag for it, again, please let him know. Custom tags are always available.

Elizabeth Fry has a wonderful program called the Storybook Program that donates a book to a child of a sister, mother, aunt or grandmother that has been incarcerated, along with a recording of that person reading the book, so that the adult and child can connect during this season when family is so important. If you wish to help support this, please click on the link below to you're your donation, or you can you're your donation through the church.

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### **EGADZ**

#### Nutrition

- Fresh/Canned/Frozen Fruit & Vegetables (5-50)
- Fresh Bread, Buns (5-50)
- Dried goods (pasta, rice, tacos, etc.) (5-50)
- Chickens, Turkeys, and Ground Beef (labeled & dated)
- Wild Meat and Venison (labeled & dated)

#### Hygiene\*

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo, Conditioner (5-50)
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors (5-50)

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

#### School Supplies

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases (5-50)

- Looseleaf (5-50)
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. (5-50)
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. (5-50)
- Alarm Clocks (5-50)

#### Bed and Bath

- Quilts and Duvets (>50)
- Sheets and Pillows (>50)
- Towels (>20)
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Alarm Clocks (10-50)

#### Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing (>50)
- Strollers (>50)
- New Car Seats (>50)
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) (10-50)
- Disposable Diapers (>20)
- Toys and Games (10-50)
- Quilts and Blankets (>50)

#### Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) (>50)
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants, Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands (20-100)
- Shoes, and Boots (>50)
- New Underwear (>15)
- Socks (>15)

#### Sports, Recreation, and Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies (15-50)
- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies (20-100)

### **INTERVAL HOUSE**

- Stockings (10-50)
- Nail Clippers (10-20)
- Winter Boots (>50)
- Hats/Toques (10-50)
- New Android and I-phone chargers (20-50)
- Nightlights (15-50)
- Lamps (20-50)
- dish sets (Corelle bowls, cutlery, glassware) (>20)
- brooms (>15)
- housecoats (>20)
- movie passes (>10)
- new pillows (>20)
- journals/agendas (>10)
- large bath towels (>20)
- laundry baskets (20-40)
- women's sweat pants (15-50)
- wrapping paper/gift bags (5-20)
- nail files (10-20)
- mitts/gloves (5-50)
- winter jackets/pants (>30)
- baby clothes (>20)
- twin sheets/comforters etc. (>40)
- socks/underwear (15-50)

- slippers (15-50)
- board games (15-50)
- pyjamas for women and children (>20)
- children's clothes all sizes (>20)
- gift cards (any denomination)
- outside play toys (no weapons) (>20)
- new boots/women's and children's (>20)
- baby monitors (20-90)

### **KIDS HAVEN CONNECTIONS (CRISIS NURSERY)**

- Monetary Donations (any amount)
- Grocery gift cards
- gift cards for events
- children's clothing (new or gently used)

### **SNCM**

- gently used shoes and warm boots
- Gift Cards (SuperStore)
- New long johns (all sizes) (>20)
- Mittens (5-50)
- monetary donations
- new and gently used back packs
- new and gently used blankets
- New dish cloths/towels (10-50)
- printer paper (20-50)
- scarves
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Socks (15-50)
- tarps (>15)
- toques and headbands (5-20)
- underwear (new) (15-50)
- winter jackets, ski pants (>20)
- women's tights - all sizes (>20)
- gently used boots
- pants, shirts (>20)

### **FRIENDSHIP INN**

- Eggs (5-15)
- canned/dried beans and legumes (2-15)
- Pantry staples: cooking oil, sugar, ketchup, salt and pepper (5-25)
- Chicken or beef stock base (powdered) (5-15)
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala (5-15)
- Diapers: especially sizes 4 & 5 (>20)
- Pull-ups: especially 3T, 4T & 5T (>20)
- Baby formula (20-50)
- toothbrushes/paste (10-50)
- deodorant (10-30)
- feminine pads (10-50)
- men's razors (10-50)
- shampoo/conditioner (5-50)
- unisex t-shirts (15- 50)

## **ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY**

- Monetary donations
- Donations for Storybook Program so that mothers can read to their children.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo and conditioner (either small or regular size) (5-50)
- Combs (5-10)
- Deodorant (5-20)
- Soap, body wash/shower gel, and body lotion (5-50)
- Feminine pads and tampons (>15)
- Underwear (all sizes) (>15)
- Socks 10-50)
- Mittens (10-20)
- Journal notebooks (10-50)
- Reusable water bottles, travel mugs, and bags/totes (5-50)
- Backpacks (>30)
- Stamps and envelopes (10-50)

## **YWCA WOMEN'S CRISIS SHELTER**

- New pillows (>50)
- New bedding for single beds (fitted and flat, children's bedding) (>50)
- New bath towels and face cloths (>20)
- New bowls, cups and mugs (microwave safe) (>20)
- Cutlery and kitchen supplies (>20)
- Pots and Pans (>20)
- New dishcloths and towels (15-50)
- New full-size and bulk containers of shampoo, conditioner and soap bars (unscented) (10- 50)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss (10-50)
- New pajamas, socks and underwear for women and children (15- 50)
- New sweatpants and leggings of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- New sweatshirts and t-shirts of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- Grocery and phone gift cards of any denomination
- New swimsuits for women and children

## **Other suggestions**

- 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 still 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.

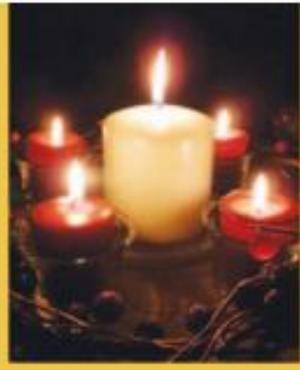
## **Missed out on a worship service?**

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



# Third Sunday in Advent

## Joy

Written by the Rev. Mavis Currie,  
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

Reader 1: We are people of joy.

Reader 2: God causes flowers to bloom in the desert; the wilderness is glad and breaks into song.

**People: We open our eyes and we are surprised by joy in our lives!**

Reader 1: The third candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of joy.

Reader 2: We light this candle, recalling moments of laughter, great beauty and deep faith.

*(Light the candle of joy)*

Reader 1: Let us pray:

**People: Holy One, regardless of what happens in our lives or in our world, may we reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of joy and life in our community. Amen.**

*Sing verse 3 of #119  
Hope is a star*



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# From Outcast to "Owner" in Ghana

When Aruk was a small child, he contracted polio, losing partial use of his legs. For a long time, when people looked at him, they only saw his disability.

One day, a staff member from the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation program in Ghana noticed Aruk during a survey of his community. Aruk received a tricycle through the project, as well as the opportunity for an education.

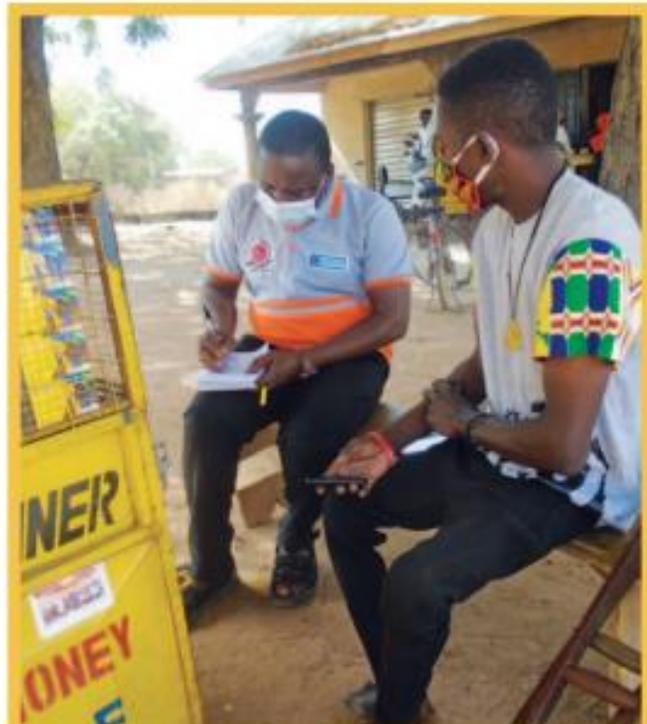
Support for small business development through the Garu program meant Aruk received a loan and training to start a business. Aruk started small—selling mobile phone credits, under a simple umbrella. Now Aruk has earned enough money to move into a permanent shop space.

Reflecting on the help he received through the Garu program and what is now possible for him, Aruk comments, "I am so grateful."

**This Advent season, faithfully respond to those in need with compassion and justice. Through support for PWS&D, we are helping create a world where everyone can realize their full potential.**

*The Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation project is a program of The Presbyterian Church in Ghana and supported by PWS&D.*

[WeRespond.ca](http://WeRespond.ca)



In Nepal, 70-year-old Dhani Gharti found a boil on the sole of her foot. When she sought treatment, Dhani received a diagnosis of leprosy. Despite taking medication for a year, Dhani's wound kept coming back. One day, Dhani's friend told her about the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital, a Christian hospital run by the International Nepal Fellowship, where she thought Dhani could get more successful treatment. **"Every time I visit the Shining Hospital with my wounded foot, the nurses always welcome me and give the best medical care.** They always show love and care while dressing my wounds," shared Dhani.



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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)** Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 12** We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Tuesday, December 13** We pray for chaplains serving in hospitals, retirement homes and other health-care facilities across Canada.

**Wednesday, December 14** We pray for Indigenous women in Guatemala as they learn their rights and are empowered to exercise them with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Thursday, December 15** We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Friday, December 16** We pray for those struggling with spiritual and mental health during the holidays. May they reach out for help and find faithful and supportive spiritual care providers.

**Saturday, December 17** O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness and restore its unity as we continue Christ's ministry.