

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guests: The Stewardship Committee

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

February 27th, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday/PWS&D Sunday

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

– Mark 12: 31

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.



**Presbyterian World Service
& Development**

Welcome and Announcements

-Patti Polowick

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

One: In the bulb, there is a flower.

All: In the seed, there is a tree.

One: In the midst of this community, there is a Spirit

All: That awakens us to God's vision of abundant life

O: Revealed most fully in and through Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God who creates, redeems and sustains us!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Christ, you call us all to service"

#585

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you; plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do. Fire a passion for your justice; in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the brokenhearted; to the captives bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brother, sister, side by side, equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given – man or woman, young or old; help us use each skill and talent, your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife, seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of mercy and forgiveness,
facing the light of your goodness,
we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness.
We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need.
We focus on our own disappointments
rather than trust the future you create.
We feel discouraged by the pandemic
and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ.
Transform us by your grace,
and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

- Dean Fergusson

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Lord, whose love"

#722

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed; we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Mark 12: 28-34

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "75 Years of Loving our Neighbour through PWS&D"

-Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

-Pearson Ahiahonu

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:

"Lord, you give the great commission"

#778

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour, draw us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Benediction

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

Announcements

Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter; this includes the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and all donations directed to PWS&D during this period. This year, the Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight current international needs due to natural disasters. The current PWS&D focus is on the January flood in Malawi caused by Tropical Storm Ana, a catastrophe that has not received any attention during the current busy news cycle. See the newsletter for more detail.

Please prayerfully consider your Lenten offering to this dire need. Mark your offering with PWS&D-Lenten appeal.

The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is leading Worship in Melfort this morning.

Next Sunday, March 6th, is the First Sunday in Lent, and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The year end charitable donation receipts have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you haven't received your copy yet.



TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 6 PM – The Stewardship and Christian Education Committees invite you to celebrate SHROVE TUESDAY with a pancake supper and Zoom meeting.

There are a few extra Pancake Kits available with blueberry topping, if you still would like to pick one up today right after church. Please Contact Martha (martha.22@live.com) or text/call 306 270 2378

Unless you have arranged delivery, please pick up your kit **IMMEDIATELY** after church in the lower hall (names are on kits)

**EVERYONE is welcome to join Rev. Roberto & Guests on Tuesday, March 1 on Zoom
Wear Purple, Gold or Green for a Mardi Gras Zoom screen of fun!!**

You are invited a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pancake Supper Evening with Rev Roberto & Guests

Time: Mar 1, 2022, 06:00 PM Saskatchewan

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5078619456>

Meeting ID: 507 861 9456



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, March 13th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



“Where Prayer Becomes Real” by Kyle Strobel and John Coe, Baker Books: 2021. (Widely available online and likely at Kennedy's Parables) If you still need this, Martha can arrange to have it to you this week, NOT before WEDNESDAY, but this week. Call her ASAP if you need it. Please read the first chapter before the first study. Timeline: Lent 2021, to take place over Zoom.

Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson & Martha Fergusson are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Study: Where Prayer becomes Real

Time: Starting March 2, 2022 01:00 PM Saskatchewan

Every week on Wednesday, until April 13, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)

Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13, at 1:00 pm.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUrcOqprTopEtczErVaf-UDDQIsI2rs4u7P/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqDwpG9eUsxGERpwcBI_Cb-vztn5ej7dehjr3NSFVLzbSEtNrlZstAsuE

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81673131383>

Meeting ID: 816 7313 1383

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81673131383>

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

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20.
MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.**



On March 20, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held. At this time, the financial statements for 2021 will be presented. To set the stage, the church has, for the first time in many years had revenues that exceeded our expenses. This has resulted in a small year end surplus of \$3,415 that will carry forward into 2022. The bad news is that congregational givings missed our 2021 budget target by over \$21,000. Without federal government Covid assistance of \$24,000, we would have experienced another significant deficit.

For the past two years we have all lived under the dark cloud of a deadly pandemic which has created fear. Having St. Andrew's services available on line has been a key component of keeping alive our congregation and fostering our faith. Indeed, the quality of music that we have enjoyed at our church has added substantially to our services. As you are aware, the congregation's long time organist accepted another position during the year. Shortly thereafter, we also lost our choir director. Right now the Worship and Music Committee is actively pursuing options to fill one or both positions. The issue is one of sustainability for the church. Had we retained both the choir director and the organist for the past year, our small surplus would have resulted in a \$4,000 deficit. We would like to draw to the congregation's attention that the amount of funding previously attached to these two positions is significant \$5,304 for the choir director and \$16,024 for the music director. With current revenue forecasts, funding these music positions at previous levels, will again lead the church to a deficit position. We believe that it is time to take a step out in faith. Let us try to move away from the fear of the past months. We have two questions for you: 1) are you enjoying watching our services on line and 2) do you feel strongly about the future of the church music program? If your response to either of these questions is, "Yes," we need your financial help ensure the sustainability of the high quality of services that congregants have come to expect.

Orlanda Drebit, Treasurer and
Jim Fenton, Chair of Worship and Music Committee



In Our Wider Community



NATIONAL World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service

Exciting NEWS! Our full-length WDP 2022 England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI) service video is now available on wicc.org! Watch it anytime! There will be a NATIONAL WDP 2022 service on **Saturday, March 12th at 1 pm EST**. We are looking forward to our time together! Breakout rooms before and after the service will give us a chance to "catch up", talk and share our thoughts. We will be showing

the service video produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC). Please register ahead of time to receive the zoom link.

[Register Here to join](#)

SACRED PLACES AND SPACES: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

You are invited to join in our March 2022 series of Ecumenical Stewardship seminars. We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Join us **Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm** (SK time).

Mar. 3: From Maintenance to Mission

Rev. Dr. Iain Luke will help us consider the factors in moving congregations to a more missional approach in their ministry.

Mar. 10: Greening Our Churches

Norman Lévesque will explore with us the various ways our facilities and our grounds can reduce their impact on God's beautiful Creation.

Mar. 17: Sharing Sacred Spaces – Facilities and Ministries

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall will discuss the many and varied ways denominations can work together in ministry and in the sharing of facilities.

Mar. 24: Loving Our Neighbours! (again)

Carla Leon and Zoë Chaytors will engage us in the question of how we practically interact with our communities and use our physical resources in mission for the good of all.

Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduirjluHdE69wl-4LGI5vIH00mGqViK>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net



Binda Devi lives in Karbola, India, with her husband and four kids. A year ago, the family was living a comfortable life, relying on the income from her husband's job as a labourer in a cement factory. However, one day, there was an accident that left him unable to work. With no income, the family was very worried. **Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partner staff met with the family and, together, they came up with a plan for Binda to start a small cosmetics business.** With support from the program, she is now selling cosmetic items from village to village. The business is going well, and Binda provides for her family. This livelihood initiative is supported by PWS&D.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 27 (Transfiguration Sunday) God of Glory, whose son was wonderfully transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of his life, death and resurrection.

Monday, February 28 We pray for empowered women in India, who are taking control of their futures by saving together and starting small businesses, with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, March 1 We pray for those who have chosen a discipline to follow in the season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and your grace knows no bounds. You created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Thursday, March 3 We pray for courage and grace to help establish politics that reflect God's reign in our life and the world.

Friday, March 4 (World Day of Prayer) We pray for all those who work for peace and unity in the world.

Saturday, March 5 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.