

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Worship Leaders: The Stewardship Committee

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

February 11th, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday/P.W.S.&D.

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor." – Romans 8: 22

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: Elegy – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

- Orlanda Drebit

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We come as worshippers

Ready to worship Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

We come as listeners

Ready to hear the voice of the Spirit moving in this community!

We come as participants

Ready to tend to the new life that is springing up!

We come as children of God

Beloved, embraced and free!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "O Breath of life, come sweeping through us"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Generous God, you have invited us to love as you have loved.

As much as we try to imitate you, we fall short.

The earth suffers because we have not treated it gently or with compassion.

Our neighbours are hungry and lonely,

and we cannot summon the courage or the energy to help.

Despite our awe of you, we pretend that we have all the answers.

Your peace eludes us, because human beings seem to prefer violence and war.

Your whole earth groans in labour, waiting for you to do something new.

Raise up newness within us – within ourselves and within our community, so that we might find fresh life, and a renewed Spirit. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children’s Time: Storyteller

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: **“God who gives to life its goodness”**

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 1: 15-21

- Orlanda Drebit

Romans 8: 18-27

- Patti Polowick

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“Midwives Bear Witness”

- Patti Polowick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Anthem: How Can I Keep from Singing? – Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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: **“Great is thy faithfulness”**

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Benediction

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

Postlude: O, for the Wings of a Dove – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts: Stuart & Dorothy Middleton



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.

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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements



Your 2023 charitable donation receipts, for tax purposes, are now available on the entranceway table. Please check that your address is correct, and notify the office of any changes. Any receipts that haven't been picked up by February 25 will be mailed out. If you would like your receipt mailed out before then, please let Dorothy know.

2024 Lenten Book Study

All are invited to join the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Roberto on Mondays at 7pm for our 6-part Lenten Book Study. Meeting by Zoom from February 19th to March 25th, we will be exploring N.T. Wright's "Lent for Everybody: Year B." The book is available both digitally and in print and we have purchased a number of hardcopies for those who want one. Please email Rev. Roberto at roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com to sign up.

Book link: <https://www.amazon.ca/Lent-Everyone-Mark-Year-B/dp/0664238947>



Next Sunday, February 18th, is the 1st Sunday in Lent, and we will share in Holy Communion.

On Sunday, February 25th at Coffee Hour, Dylon Nippi, Executive Director of SNCM will be speaking to us about staying safe while serving in downtown Saskatoon.



**Presbyterian World Service
& Development**

PWS&D Lenten Appeal

Every Lenten period, St. Andrew's promotes the work of PWS&D around the world and highlights one aspect of this

work. This year, after several years of emergency relief, the focus during 2024 is on maternal care. While improvements in diet and health care over the century have made maternal mortality a rarity in Canada, concerns over survival still run high in developing countries.

During this Lenten period, all donations to PWS&D from St. Andrew's, including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, will go towards the maternal health program, unless a donation states otherwise. Please see the upcoming newsletter for more detail.

This year we have Youth attending LIFT Conference July 3-7, 2024. One way to support Youth Ministry is to use your Easter chocolate dollars in our campaign From now until **Sunday March 10** you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.



What you'll need to order: (they arrive **March 24, 2024**)

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311232-116407>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating! Martha Fergusson 306 270 2378

CORRECTION:

Last week it was announced that there would be a Women's World Day of Prayer service at St. Andrew's on March 1st. Please note that this event is no longer taking place at St. A.'s.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto

HOLD THE DATE:

Shrove Tuesday - February 13th, 5-6:30 pm (in person)

Communion Sunday - February 18th, 11:00 am Worship

February 25th - Learn about safety with Dylon Nippi, Executive Director of SNCM, at Coffee Hour

Palm Sunday - March 24th, 11:00 am Worship

Good Friday - March 29th, 10:30 am Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31st, 11:00 am Worship & Communion

Engage in these special programs:

Lent Bible Study: Mondays, February 19 - March 25 at 7pm

St A's & Zion Youth Group - February 18, March 17th



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 #60.

Church Apologies and Reconciliation

60. We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2024 Offering Envelopes

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:

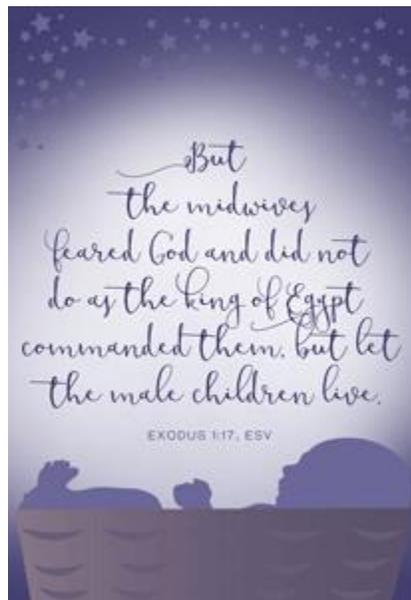
- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin

In Our Wider Community

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY FLAG RAISING EVENT FEBRUARY 22, 2024 – CITY SQUARE AT CITY HALL - 12:00-12:15 PM, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

We will then walk to a Church Service at St. Paul's Cathedral to follow at 12:30 PM.

Call Laura for more information at 306-229-7846



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, February 11

In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their stories and seeing first-hand how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 11 (Transfiguration Sunday) God of glory, whose son was transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of life, death and resurrection.

Monday, February 12 We praise God and pray for the people who tirelessly volunteer their time in our congregations. As the hands and feet of God's mission, their gifts put faith into action across Canada.

Tuesday, February 13 We pray for the growing community of international students at Presbyterian College, Montreal, as they adjust to a culture and climate vastly different than home. We pray especially for those whose homelands are in turmoil and civil strife.

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, your grace knows no bounds. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Thursday, February 15 We pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and the people it serves through prayer, counselling, food, clothing and a weekly worship Circle.

Friday, February 16 We give thanks for the ministry and mission of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Bathurst, NB as they bless and serve their community through simple, everyday acts of kindness.

Saturday, February 17 We pray for the people in Winnipeg who are committed to dealing with hatred and violence towards Indigenous women and girls. We pray that their pleas for the recovery of bodies in landfills be heard and responded to.