

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*"Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart." – Psalm 119: 1-2*

*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: Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C Major, BWV 564 – Bach

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**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

How blessed are we when we meditate on God's teachings;  
**and when we desire God with our whole hearts.**

Let us praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,  
**for we are God's servants, working and praying together.**

So let us worship God and praise God's holy name.

**Let us seek God's path and listen for God's call.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**#321**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God who is all in all,**

**You call us to choose life and walk in your ways,**

**but we are tempted by short cuts and easy solutions.**

**You ask us to turn from anger and settle our differences,**

**but we cling to grievances and point fingers at others.**

**You ask us to be true to our word,**

**but we prefer to keep everyone happy.**

**Forgive us, O God;**

**and give us courage to follow the paths you set for your people.**

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:** *"Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth"* **#80 vs. 1,4,5**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

- Allan Ireland

Psalm 119: 1-8 (Refrain 2)

I Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

"Paid in Full"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Stewardship Moment

- Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Grace Alone – Wesley Scott Brown and Jeff Nelson

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:** *"Word of God, across the ages"* **#497**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Amazing Grace – Traditional

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Lock up:

Sheila Coulter

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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.



Your 2022 charitable donation receipts, for tax purposes, are now available on the entranceway table. Please note that in each envelope there are **two** receipts. Because we changed computer programs mid-year, one receipt is for the first half of the year, and one receipt is for the latter half. Add the totals on each receipt for your 2022 donation on your income tax return.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES!**

During the 2022/23 Program Year, St. Andrew's is intentionally giving thanks to the volunteers who make the life and mission of our church possible. This week, we give thanks for the time, work, and imagination of our Stewardship and Communications Committees. Please take a moment following the service to sign the "Thank You" cards in the Narthex and speak with a member of these committees to learn more and get involved.



We will soon be working on the next edition of "**Saints Alive**", St. Andrew's newsletter. Please have all submissions into the office by **TODAY**, February 12<sup>th</sup>.



## **ORDER TODAY! TUESDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup> AT 6 PM –\_Have you booked yet?**

The Stewardship and Christian Education Committees invite you to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper and Zoom gathering on Tuesday February 21st. Contact Martha ([martha.22@live.com](mailto:martha.22@live.com); text 306-270-2378) or Patti ([plpolowick@sasktel.net](mailto:plpolowick@sasktel.net)) to order your kit, or for more details. The Kits contain all the fixings to make pancakes (and more!), Lenten devotional items for your age range and outline for the Zoom

event. Free will donations to support PWS&D can be made through the normal St. Andrew's procedures; please mark donations with PWS&D/Lenten appeal. The deadline for ordering is this Thursday, February 16 (noon).

Please indicate **Shrove Tuesday** in the subject of the email or text.

Tell us your:

**Name:**

**Phone:** (cell preferred, if possible)

**Email:**

**Household size** of people needing pancakes - for example, 2 people, 5 people etc. (include the number of children and ages). List requirement for gluten-free pancakes.

**Preference for topping:** Apple or Blueberry

**The Shrove Tuesday Kits** will be ready for pick-up Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> before and after the morning service (starting at 10:00 a.m.). If necessary, alternate arrangements can be made for Monday or Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You can also register if you only want to attend the event without the pancakes.

## *In Our Wider Community*



### **Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response**

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 5,000 have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

**Please pray for all of those affected.**

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

**To support the response**, you can give through St. Andrew's by normal procedures, go to the PWS&D website, or call 1-800-619-7301. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

In many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church,



many have not received formal theological training. **To equip these lay leaders with helpful tools for effective ministry, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through Presbyterians Sharing.**

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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, February 12** We pray for wisdom and strength for lay leaders of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana who provide spiritual leadership in small rural communities.

**Monday, February 13** We pray for congregations exploring ways to better support and include LGBTQI2+ people and their loved ones within their communities.

**Tuesday, February 14** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Wednesday, February 15 (Black History Month)** We pray for systemic change that eradicates anti-Black racism and builds a society that prioritizes the well-being and advancement of Black Canadians.

**Thursday, February 16** We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

**Friday, February 17** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

**Saturday, February 18** We pray for people around the world who are facing severe hunger, and we give thanks for the food assistance provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development and their partners, with support from the PCC.