

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 18th, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent/Heritage Sunday

"He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." – Mark 1: 13

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: Alma Redemptoris Mater, from *8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes* – Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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: Lenten Insert

- Nyekanyeka Family

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"The glory of these forty days"

#192

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Wise and Merciful God,

you made a covenant with us in faithfulness,

but we confess we are not always so faithful to you.

We grow tired and restless when things don't go our way.

We lose patience with others.

We lack compassion for our neighbours in need,

and forget to express love for those closest to us.

Forgive us.

Make us prisms of your love,

with the light of Christ light shining through us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: *"Lord Jesus, think on me"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 9: 8-17

- Rehema Nyekanyeka

Psalms 25: 1-10 Refrain 1

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"The Wilderness"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



Praise: *"For the bread which you have broken"*

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology
and the people say: Amen.*

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.

Vocal Solo: Salve Regina – Traditional

(The Elements are Distributed)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Loving God,

you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Arise, your light is come"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Virgo Dei Genitrix, from *8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes* – Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Greeters & Collectors: Charles & Laura Roy, W. Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse

Lock Up: Colin Robb

Coffee Hosts: Anne & Terry Drover, and Jack



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

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, February 19th, for Family Day.

Next 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.



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.



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.



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>

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



HOLD THE DATE:

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 #61.

Church Apologies and Reconciliation

61. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for:

- i. Community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects.
- ii. Community-controlled culture- and language revitalization projects.
- iii. Community-controlled education and relationship building projects.
- iv. Regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self determination, and reconciliation.

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



First Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)

- One:** On this first Sunday of Lent, we find Jesus in the wilderness, facing temptation. And forty days in the wilderness is a long time.
- All:** **We too experience wilderness times of temptation, challenge and change.**
- One:** Yet even in the wilderness and among the wild beasts the angels cared for Jesus.
- All:** **As we make our way in the wilderness, we hear the good news that we are not alone — that the reign of God has come near in Christ.**



Support Makes Dreams Within Reach



In Malawi, 19-year-old Innocent Lazalo lost both parents at a young age. Despite the challenges this created, Innocent was determined to succeed and make a better life for himself. He knew that education was the key to his future, but he couldn't afford to pay for it.

Mulanje Mission Hospital was there to help. The hospital had established a program to provide orphans and vulnerable children, as well as their caregivers, with health, livelihoods and education support.

Innocent joined the program, and since then, the hospital has been supporting him in his studies. His dream is to study Water Resource Management and Development, and with the help of PWS&D and Mulanje Mission Hospital, that dream is within reach.

"I prayed to God to help me achieve my dreams, and I thank Him for this wonderful opportunity. My plea to the hospital and donors is that they should continue supporting other vulnerable children. Thank you very much," he shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to support those in need. PWS&D is working to provide children in Malawi with the tools they need to build a brighter future.

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MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, February 18**

Two-year-old Moriama Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriama faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community's hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a community rehabilitation program. The dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with Moriama's community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriama's mother expressed her profound gratitude: "I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriama is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 18 (Heritage Sunday) On Heritage Sunday, we pray for those who preserve church records.

Monday, February 19 We pray for the Rev. Byungho Kim as he completes his term as the General Secretary of the Korean Christian Church in Japan after 10 years of faithful service.

Tuesday, February 20 We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as ministries discern ways to live out the church's Confession to God and LGBTQI People in their communities.

Wednesday, February 21 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

Thursday, February 22 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as they meet today and tomorrow and discern how to help the church thoughtfully and faithfully point to Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing complex context.

Friday, February 23 We give thanks for God's love in action through the Women's Missionary Society and ask for guidance as they find both new and old ways to serve God and share the message of salvation.

Saturday, February 24 (Coldest night walks) We pray for all people who face housing insecurity. We pray that governments and decision makers work to remove barriers so that all people have access to affordable, safe and adequate housing.