

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 19th, 2023

PWS&D Sunday

"Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed." – Exodus 16: 18 (NIV)

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: Sicilienne, from *Pelleas et Melisande* – Gabriel Faure

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

- Patti Polowick

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We come to worship God.

God is just. God is compassionate. God is love.

Where will we find God?

God is among the hungry and thirsty.

God wears the face of a stranger and reaches out to us in the despairing hand.

How can we serve God?

**Give food to the hungry and water to the thirsty;
welcome the stranger and comfort the despairing.**

Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

Let us worship God who is just, compassionate and love itself.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"We cannot own the sunlit sky"

#717

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of mystery and mercy,

**we confess we sometimes mistake our own desires for your will.
We are reluctant to hear a word that challenges our assumptions.
We seek assurances that we are right,
and resist insights from the experience of others.
Forgive us, O God.
Shape our will to yours,
so we can dwell more closely with you and with one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time – Chef Tasty (Dean Fergusson) and Friends

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: ***“Worship the Lord”*** ***#555***

(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 16: 1-18

- Fran Gordon

Psalms 65: 1-13 (Refrain 2)

Matthew 14: 13-21

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: **“Manna Matters”** (modified from J. Bannerman) - Patti Polowick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine – Gabriel Faure

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: ***“Guide me, O thou great Redeemer”*** ***#651***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Nocturne, op. 84 no. 8 – Gabriel Faure

Lock up:

Colin Robb



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

We thank the Stewardship Committee for leading the PWS&D Service today. The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is leading Worship in Melfort this morning.

Next Sunday, February 26th, is the First Sunday in Lent, and we will celebrate The Sacrament of Holy Communion.



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.

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on **Sunday, April 2nd**, following the worship service. In preparation, all committees and groups are asked to submit a report to the church office by **Monday, March 5th**. This is a hard deadline!



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March 5th

In Our Wider Community

On Sunday, February 26, 2023 the congregation of St. Andrew's will acknowledge the one year anniversary of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. Please wear your symbolic Ukrainian flag from last year if you still have it (some will be available in the Narthex). For those who are interested in donating visit the PWS&D Ukraine Crisis Appeal link below

<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis/>



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."

The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon wrote a letter to Saskatoon City Council on December 6, 2022 in cooperation with other churches and non-profit organizations requesting Feb. 22 to be proclaimed Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Saskatoon, SK. Please be aware that this was approved by City Council.

The **first Saskatoon Human Trafficking Awareness Day** complete with a Flag Raising Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 12:00 pm -1:00 pm in the Saskatoon City Square (at City Hall). Please feel free to bring other interested individuals with you. Contact the Dorothy at the church office if you wish to receive an agenda.

Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a global food crisis where 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia—countries where hunger needs are worsening daily. This crisis has disproportionately adverse effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. **With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed.**



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 19 (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 20 (World Day of Social Justice) We give thanks for human rights defenders who work to protect the rights, safety and dignity of all people.

Tuesday, February 21 We pray for the Knox College community during Winter Reading Week (February 20–24).

Wednesday, February 22 (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, February 23 (Black History Month) We pray for Black Canadian women and youth organizations, and we give thanks for the many ways these organizations promote equality, human rights and inclusiveness.

Friday, February 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, February 25 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.