ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

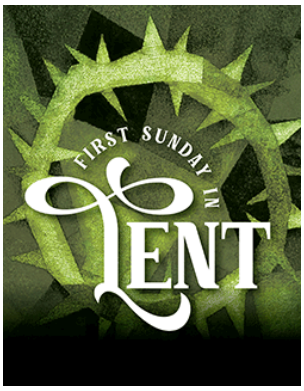
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
February 22nd, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent/Communion

"Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all." – Romans 5: 18

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.



Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Alma Redemptoris Mater, from *8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes* – Marcel Dupré

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Doug Drover
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Far across the burning desert"*** ***#188***

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.
All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
Leader: Amen
All: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.
Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
All: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time - Nicole Lindgren

Praise: ***"I hunger and I thirst"*** ***#198***

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.

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12: 15-17, 3: 1-7 - Doug Drover

Psalm 32 Refrain 2

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Into The Wilderness" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Lead Me, Lord – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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: ***"All who hunger, gather gladly"*** ***#534***

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.

Communion Music: 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: ***"You thirsty ones"*** ***#190***

Benediction

In work, rest and worship, God is with us.
Gathered and scattered, God is with us.
Now and always, God is with us.
A-men, a-men, a- - - - men

Postlude: Virgo Dei Genitrix, from *8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes* – Marcel Dupré

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga

Coffee Hosts: Congregational Meeting

The blue and yellow decorations are in remembrance and recognition of the illegal invasion of the Ukraine by the Russians.



Check your in-box for the latest copy of ***"SAINTS ALIVE!"*****,** St. Andrew's newsletter. There are paper copies available on the entranceway table this morning. Extra copies are available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS! St. Andrew's AGM is fast approaching. Dorothy needs your program and financial reports by **SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST** to prepare the report for the meeting. office@standrewsyxe.ca



Your 2025 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 today will be mailed out.

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 12:00 pm, immediately after Service, in the Sanctuary and by Zoom, at the request of the Building Fund Committee. The purpose is to discuss a single **Notice of Motion** regarding:

- The "Designation" of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, as a Heritage Property under the City of Saskatoon (CoS) Heritage Conservation Program.
- Application to the CoS for a Heritage Conservation grant of up to $75,000.

Proposed Motion: That the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, authorizes the Building Fund Committee to **apply** to the City of Saskatoon Heritage Conservation Program for:

- "**Designatio**n" of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as a Heritage Property, under the City of Saskatoon, and
- A **Grant** from the Heritage Conservation Program up to $75,000.

This Notice of Motion will run in the Bulletin for the 3 weeks prior to the meeting (February 8, 15, & 22, 2026). To log in by zoom, please follow the link below:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's - Congregation Zoom Meeting
Time: February 22, 2026, 12:00 PM Saskatchewan
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88203218528?pwd=c4baoH5zD4kCakmzhcOH30T4PKLfuW.1Meeting
ID: 882 0321 8528
Passcode: 597127

Thank you, Heather Kolojay, Chair, Building Fund Committee

Thank You
Thanks to the many dedicated souls that braved the weather, including the volunteers who set up, cooked, served and cleaned; the St. Andrew's Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper raised close to $400 for PWS&D.

To the congregation: Rev. DeSandoli will be on parental leave.
This is a note to you ALL that Rev. DeSandoli will begin his parental leave effective March 2 returning to the office on May 11.
We wish him and his wife Heather the very best on the birth of their first child.
Any "emergency pastoral care" needs contact the church office or our Pastoral Care Nurse Laura Van Loon.
All other inquiries can be relayed to the Clerk Jan Rodda or to your Session Elder. Thank you.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk
Homelessness has risen significantly in Saskatoon in the past few years. It has gone from approximately 260 people in 2008, to over 1900 in 2025. Living on the street is difficult but there are agencies trying very hard to make a difference. The Outreach committee recently received information from Mustard Seed concerning a fundraiser called the "Coldest Night of the Year" walk. It is a fundraising walk for either individuals or teams with the proceeds going towards supporting local charities. If you are interested in participating, it will take place on February 28th, starting and finishing at Forest Grove Community Center between 4pm and 7pm (a light meal is included). You can choose between a walk of either 2 or 5 km depending on your energy level, and/or the temperature. We are grateful to Laura Van Loon, who is our Team Captain for the "**St. Andrew's Walkers**" and she is happy to receive your pledges (306-229-7846 or lauralene66@gmail.com). Our goal for St. Andrew's is $250. For more information about the event, or if you wish to register/donate/volunteer, please check out the website at https://cnoy.org/location/saskatooneast, or talk to Al Ireland, Nurse Laura, or Rev. Roberto.

Beginning January 2026, all donations to **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry** must be sent directly to the Mission, as St. Andrew's will no longer be accepting and issuing receipts for SNCM. Here's how you can donate:
- Mail a cheque to SNCM, and we will issue you a tax receipt.
450 20th St. W
Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X4
- Send us an EFT at sncm1981@gmail.com, and we will issue you a tax receipt.
- Donate through CanadaHelps, and download your tax receipt.
www.canadahelps.org
Thank you for your continued support.
Blessings,
Anne Drover
Chair

Want to donate to the church? Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:
- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.

OPERATION SANDWICHES: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.



Muffins



The Outreach Committee, with your help, provides 10-12 dozen muffins for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month. If you able to help with this important ministry, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.
All muffins should be brought to the church on the date noted on the sign-up sheet and the Outreach committee will make sure that they get to where they need to go.
It is important to note that we have been asked to not provide any muffins with either nuts or icing. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach committee.



A new coffee roster has been prepared for the period January through May 2026. This roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available so please sign up at your convenience. Thanks to everyone who hosted during the period September to December 2025 as every Sunday was filled. Unfortunately, if the coffee roster is not filled on any given Sunday, there will be no coffee hour that day. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or cell 306-361-1976.

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

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
- PAR Forms

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 standrewsyxe.ca
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



First Sunday in Lent

One: God holds us in a covenant of grace. The promise to Noah is our promise too: God will never destroy the whole world in order to make things new.

All: Rather, God will work through us to make things new.

One: We need change that turns us inside out, focusing us on the needs of those around us.

All: May we embrace the changes that will leave fear behind and open up a whole new world ahead.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the rainbow assure us that the world is in good hands.

All: May Christ, who shared our humanity, open our hearts to the pain of all who suffer.

One: May the Holy Spirit give us courage and conviction to stand up to oppression.

All: May we be faithful to the God of covenant and change.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Zahra's Story



In Afghanistan, Zahra, a 58-year-old widow, became the sole guardian and provider for her children last winter. Zahra's husband died due to severe bone rheumatism exacerbated by the region's bitter cold and the family's inability to afford medical treatment. Their eldest daughter, Masuma, lives with a disability affecting her hand, while their 16-year-old is also in need of medical support after an accident.

Zahra's family struggles to earn an income. Her 12-year-old daughter, Zoohra, earns less than $30 a month as a tailoring apprentice. Given their need, Zahra and her children were selected to participate in a food assistance project supported by PWS&D, which provided cash over a five-month period to enable marginalized households to buy food.

With her daughter's monthly income and the cash assistance provided through the project, Zahra and her family's most urgent food-related challenges were eased significantly. "This assistance saved us this winter from hunger, malnutrition and even death. The aid we received was used to buy food and fuel, allowing us to care for our family without borrowing money. For this, we are truly grateful."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help nourish families by providing emergency food to families facing poverty.

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MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, February 22**



Amidst a war, political upheaval, and various challenges, a congregation in the Reformed Church of Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been providing nourishment and service to their community. The Reformed Church of Chop operates a social kitchen that serves weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly members of the community. Since 2023, Presbyterians Sharing has helped purchase ingredients and tools as well as monthly stipends for those serving in the ministry. Through grace, the number of served meals has doubled, and the community has experienced communal, physical and spiritual sustenance.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 22 (1st Sunday in Lent; Heritage Sunday; Coldest Night walks) We pray for the 26 social kitchens operating within the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine as they provide weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly community members.

Monday, February 23 We pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as the Women's Missionary Society works together for local and world mission through study and fellowship.

Tuesday, February 24 As we begin our personal Lenten journeys, we pray for all Atlantic Mission Society members as they reflect on the scriptures, pray and remember Christ's sacrifice.

Wednesday, February 25 We pray for those currently serving as General Presbyters. May God's grace and wisdom be with them as they carry out their presbytery responsibilities.

Thursday, February 26 God calls us into unity even amid diversity. May we listen well to those of other Christian traditions and other faiths, that we might build bridges of understanding, respect and peace. May our common work for justice and reconciliation witness to God's love.

Friday, February 27 We give thanks for those serving on the Crieff Hills Board of Directors. Their work in policy and strategic planning supports this important mission and helps staff serve effectively.

Saturday, February 28 We give thanks to 2SLGBTQI+ community organizations that provide support, social connection, and advocacy for queer and trans people in Canada and around the world.