

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and nights, and afterwards he was famished." – Matthew 4: 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: Alma Redemptoris Mater, from *8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes* – Marcel Dupré

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

- Dean Fergusson

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Forty days and forty nights"***

**#197**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**God our Creator and Companion,  
you created us to be partners in creation,  
but we confess we are often reluctant to let go of control.  
We prefer to have our own way.  
We like to manage the world without your guidance.  
We are often tempted to satisfy our own desires  
without counting the cost to others,  
Lord, have mercy on us. Make us new, and help us to start again.**

Assurance of Pardon

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:**

**"Seek ye first"**

**#625**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Psalms 32 (Refrain 2)

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

- William Ahiahonu

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

"All for Us"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Humbly I Adore Thee – Liam McDonough

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.**

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: "Throughout these Lenten days and nights"**

**#196**

Benediction

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

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

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**Lock up:**

**Heather Reichert**

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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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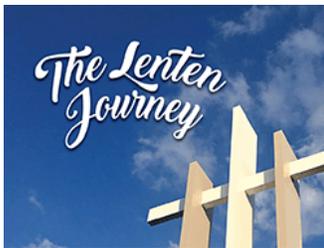
## Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face 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](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.



COPIES OF "SAINTS ALIVE", St. Andrew's newsletter, are available on the entranceway table this morning. There are extra copies available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along.



**Mark your calendars! Join the reflection!**

**Lent Study Group by Zoom**

**Host** Rev Roberto DeSandoli & The CE Committee

**Wednesdays @ 7. p.m March 1- April 5, 2023**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369280244>

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 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is a hard deadline!



## *In Our Wider Community*



An Ecumenical Worship Service for **THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be on Friday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m., at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East. All are welcome.



### **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.

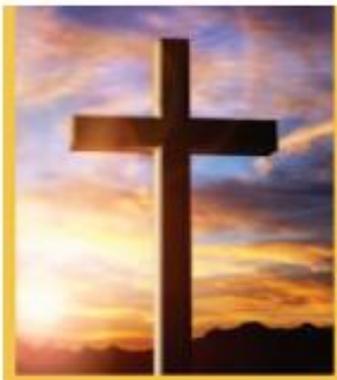
#### **Please pray for all of those affected.**

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."

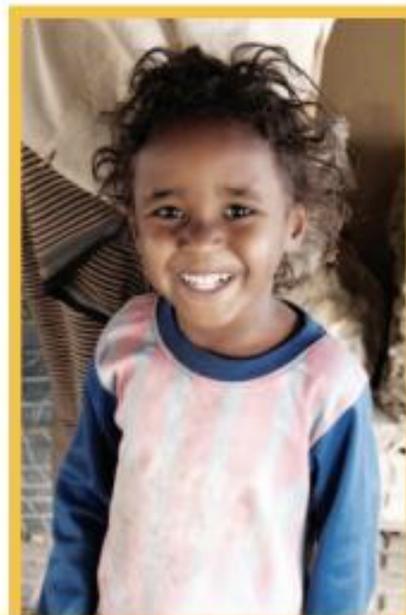




# First Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and  
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L:** Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P:** the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty  
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L:** In the wilderness, we, too, are confronted  
by our hunger and thirst.
- P:** We are tempted to grab at empty promises  
that offer an easy way out.
- L:** Like Jesus, we are tempted by power and prestige.
- P:** Unlike him, we often submit to their glamour.
- L:** We wonder whether God is with us.
- P:** We wonder whether we can trust God  
to take care of us.
- L:** We can only move forward in faith.
- P:** Let us stand on the cliff edge  
and, like Jesus, dare to trust.



# Responding to Conflict-Induced Hunger

Food insecurity around the world has many causes—including conflict. In fact, 77 million acutely food-insecure people live in countries where civil wars and religious persecution are the primary drivers of hunger.

Conflict disrupts markets, causing inflation and threatening the livelihoods of many people. Moreover, wars destroy food stockpiles and often force farmers to evacuate. As a result, people are pushed toward poverty, starvation and malnutrition.

PWS&D is responding to those in need due to conflict and hunger.

In Yemen, Ukraine, Syria and Ethiopia, to name a few conflict-afflicted places, families and individuals are receiving much needed food assistance through a combination of cash transfers, food baskets and food vouchers.

This assistance, made possible in large part through PWS&D's membership at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, ensures families have access to essential food items and helps them navigate the uncertainties they face.

**This Lenten season, help those displaced by conflict have enough food to strengthen them on the journey to find peace and security.**

[WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca)



**With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been providing assistance and spiritual care to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Peterborough, Ontario, and the surrounding**



**area since 2016.** In recent months, the Newcomers Mission has expanded to offer a Ukrainian gathering program that has reached over 40 Ukrainians who fled to Canada because of the war in their country. It provides a place of belonging and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. Many have turned to this ministry for friendly conversation over a warm meal, assistance accessing services, as well as spiritual support and prayer. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the church is helping to “welcome the stranger.”

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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, February 26 (First Sunday in Lent)** We pray that we may know the Spirit’s blessing blowing in us and through us, so that we may live out what is required of us: to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

**Monday, February 27** We give thanks and pray for the Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, providing newly arrived immigrants and refugees with support, care and a sense of belonging in Canada.

**Tuesday, February 28** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Wednesday, March 1** We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

**Thursday, March 2** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

**Friday, March 3 (World Day of Prayer)** On this day, we pray as Jesus prayed “that they may all be one” (John 17:21). We pray for our siblings in Christ throughout the world, and that we may all be one in proclaiming the good news in word and deed in this weary world.

**Saturday, March 4** We pray for God’s guidance for students studying at the PCC’s theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew’s Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia).