

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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January 10th, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

"God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day." – Genesis 1 : 5



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Morning has broken"

#814

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird; praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass; praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning; born of the one light Eden saw play; praise with elation; praise every morning God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession:

God of majesty and mercy, forgive our wrongdoing: things we have done unknowingly, things we have left undone, and those hurts we have inflicted intentionally. Forgive our acts of selfishness, harmful things we have done to please others, and those we have done to please ourselves. In the week and year ahead, help us always to choose you, and follow in your ways. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"

#399

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep, and over the aeons you called to each thing: wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land, and when they were blinded with their idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still, and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes; with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalms 29

Mark 1: 4-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "A New Day"

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Invitation to the Offering

Solo: "River of Glory"

Dan Schutte

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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 GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Christ, when for us you were baptized"* **#183**

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you the beloved Son, called you the servant true: sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call, freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Benediction and Sung Response (#376):

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Postlude: "Down to the River to Pray" Trad. Spiritual, arr. McDonald



Announcements

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note that due to the recent local uptick in Covid-19 cases, St. Andrew's will be closed to in-person worship until further notice. We will continue to meet online at 11:00am every Sunday on our website (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!

ZOOM MEETINGS this week – **Board of Managers** on Monday, January 11; **Session** on Tuesday, January 12; **Choir** on Thursday, January 14.



#1 – There have been reports that some people have stopped receiving emails from the church. Perhaps only bulletins. This seems to happen exclusively with sasktel.net addresses. Something changes in how you are able to receive emails. If this happens to you, contact SaskTel.

#2 – Offering envelopes are available in the church office. More and more people are using electronic methods for offerings, but if you would like to have offering envelopes, please let Dorothy know.

#3 – “These Days”, the daily devotional has arrived in the office! For January, February and March.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **NEXT SUNDAY**, January 17th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

In Our Wider Community



It is 2021 and with a New Year comes a new challenge! Saskatoon Council on Aging has asked teams in Saskatoon to walk **The Great Trail** (formerly known as **The Trans Canada Trail**) and contribute all our kilometers to the collective total of 27,000 km that will cross our nation from sea to sea to sea. I look forward to having you all walking, jogging, hiking, snow-shoeing, swimming, biking, paddling or any other exercise to travel those km. It is your choice which part of The Great Trail you decide to travel. I have indicated an interest as the St. Andrew's Walking Group and offer to be your Team Captain. Please let me know by Tuesday January 12 if you are joining the group so that

I can register us and send you information that will be of interest. You can email me at lauralene66@gmail.com or phone/text me at 306-229-7846. Blessings upon your day! Laura



SAVE THE DATE!

Please consider participating in Saskatchewan's first ever **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** virtual 8-day Bible study sponsored in partnership with

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches

This year, due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold our regular events and so the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and Regina Council of Churches have decided to partner and hold an 8-day virtual Bible study series based on the themes for Week of Prayer 2021 which will run Monday January 18th- Monday January 25th from 12:15-1:00pm daily over Zoom.

The theme for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 is "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*" (John 15:5-9) and materials have been prepared by the *Monastic Community of Grandchamp* in Switzerland. This theme is developed through a series of reflections which extend over eight days and will be the basis of the Bible study. Each day will be led by a different denominational leader.

The daily themes are as follows:

Day 1 - Monday, January 18th: **Called by God**: "You did not choose me but I chose you" (John 15:16a)

Day 2 - Tuesday, January 19th: **Maturing Internally**: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4)

Day 3 - Wednesday, January 20th: **Forming One Body**: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12b)

Day 4 - Thursday, January 21st: **Praying Together**: "I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends" (John 15:15)

Day 5 - Friday, January 22nd: **Letting Oneself Be Transformed by the Word**: "You have already been pruned by the word..." (John 15:3)

Day 6 - Saturday, January 23rd: **Welcoming Others**: "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16b)

Day 7 - Sunday, January 24th: **Growing in Unity**: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5a)

Day 8 - Monday, January 25th: **Reconciling with all Creation**: "So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11)

Further details and registration information will be released early in January.

Mark Saturday January 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. on your 2021 calendar.

Camp Christopher is hosting a "virtual" Robbie Burns night. You can even order a Burns Dinner!!

How? Fill out the form attached to this email and order a dinner and zoom event **or** only the zoom event. **Make cheques payable to Camp Christopher**. Two days before the event you will receive the Burns Zoom event link- *ps. you are welcome to call Martha 306 270 2378 for a zoom practice session.*

The Program is being woven together as we speak!

Featuring MC Rev Roberto DeSandoli

But, will there be an Ode to the Haggis? YES

Will there be a wee bit of bagpipes? YES

Will I learn about bit more about Camp Christopher? YES

also.....

-A Minister from Scotland saying the Grace..

- some virtual Highland Dancing as well

We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne

Join us to raise monies for Camp Christopher and have some truly Scottish fun.

Questions? Contact Donna Wilkinson, Shelia Coulter or Heather Kolojay

