

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

January 16th, 2022

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" – Mark 4: 41

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.

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

If God is for us, who is against us?

God who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us.

Who will bring any charge against God's people?

It is God who justifies, who saves us from the time of trial.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Nothing, not powers on earth, nor powers on heaven, we are his forever.

Let us celebrate and worship God together.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Let Christian faith and hope dispel"

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Let Christian faith and hope dispel the fears of guilt and woe; the Lord Almighty is our friend, and who can prove a foe?

The Saviour died, but rose again triumphant from the grave, and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more from Jesus' saving love, or break the sacred chain that binds the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise and terrors frown, and days of darkness fall; through Christ all dangers we'll defy, and more than conquer all.

Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell, nor time's destroying sway can e'er erase us from his heart, or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless as it has blessed the past; Christ loved us from the first of time; Christ loved us to the last.

Prayer of Confession:

God of all life and our lives, we gather virtually in worship this week, keenly aware of the troubles of the world around us. As we seek your presence and tell of your goodness, our hearts also tell a story of discouragement and fear: fears for ourselves, fears for our church, fears for our world. Help us, in this time, to confess our whole hearts to you and forgive us for the times these hearts have failed to be faithful. Renew our trust in you and stay by our side. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Tell me the stories of Jesus"

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Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me: words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me about the disciples from far and near, and I will listen among them eager to hear. Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless, showing the people God's tenderness?

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea, tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee, and how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 44

Romans 8: 31-39

Mark 4: 35-41

-David and Daniel Tabien

Sermon:

"Peace, be Still"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

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

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:

"Be still, my soul"

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Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future wisely, as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that ruled them here on earth below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay from his own fullness all death takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction

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

Announcements

With the increase in COVID 19 cases, the Session of St. Andrew's has decided to temporarily suspend in-person Worship. The live stream service is available through our website.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, January 16th. 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.

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING (form attached)

Join us for a hands-free pick up of a Burns Meal and a safe but fun Zoom Event

Join us on Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, for a Robbie Burn's Night Fundraiser in support of Camp Christopher. Meals will be available for pick up in Saskatoon and Regina. A virtual program will take place on Zoom at 6:00 pm. To register submit this form AND payment.

"You are invited to join the **ST. ANDREW'S WALKERS** who will participate in the 2022 Saskatoon Council on Aging Globe Walk from January 7-April 30, 2022. Your team captain is Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, and you can sign up with her by phoning her at 306-229-7846 or emailing lauralene66@gmail.com. Find out more about this year's Great Trail Walk and the fun things to do during these next few months because - Motion is Lotion (for the bodyworks!). "

LAST CHANCE! OFFERING ENVELOPES – In 2021, less than one third of the offering envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, during Covid. The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Since paying for envelopes that are unused is not a wise use of church funds, any offering envelopes that are not claimed for 2022 will not be re-ordered for 2023.



BE PREPARED!! Have your book ready to join this study!

“Where Prayer Becomes Real” by Kyle Strobel and John Coe, Baker Books: 2021. (Widely available online and likely at Kennedy’s Parables)

Timeline: Lent 2021 (March 2 – April 14, Wednesdays at 1pm), to take place over Zoom. If the Covid situation is significantly better at that time it may be possible to switch to an in-person or hybrid format.

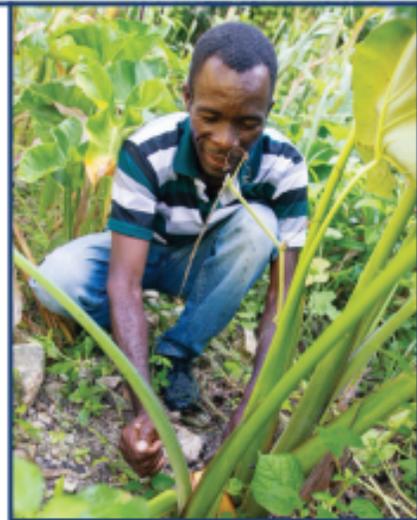
Format: The book is well laid out for a study and actually includes a guide for study leaders. As a study in “prayer” as opposed to Scripture, it teaches not only theory but practice. Readers are invited to try different methods and disciplines of prayer over time and to notice how their prayer lives grow and become informed through these practices. The first chapter sets the tone well by focusing on the things that get in the way of our prayer, or make us feel like we do not know what we are doing when we pray. Prayer practices in the book include The Lord’s Prayer, The Psalms, Prayers of Intention, Prayers of Recollection, Prayers of Examine, and Prayers of Petition and Intercession.

Please let Rev Roberto or Martha Fergusson know your intentions so we can send you the zoom link and meeting materials.

The latest “**These Days**”, the daily devotional for January, February and March, has arrived in the office. They are available on the entranceway table, or through the church office.



In Haiti, Wilner used to harvest very little, no matter how hard he worked his field. **So, in 2017, Wilner joined an agroforestry program where he received training and learned sustainable agriculture techniques to conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields.** His crop yields have now increased, and he has a greater variety of food available for him and his family. Today, Wilner has a beautiful garden with diverse crops, such as corn, pigeon peas, yam, taro, squash, okra, spinach, and forest and fruit trees. This has helped Wilner afford to pay the school fees for his four children and support his family's other needs as well. This sustainable agriculture project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 16 We pray for farmers in Haiti and give thanks for the sustainable farming projects supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that help their crops flourish.

Monday, January 17 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alberta.

Tuesday, January 18 (World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Wednesday, January 19 We pray for members of the Women's Missionary Society across the country, and we give thanks for the many ways they've dedicated their lives to serving God's mission in the church.

Thursday, January 20 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, January 21 Gracious God, we pray that you raise up gifted leaders for the church and catch them up in your work of reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 22 We pray for a world without nuclear weapons and a just peace for all people.