

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

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January 17th, 2021

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away." – Psalm 139: 1-2

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Will you come and follow me"

#634

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we have settled for much less. We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts. We ignore the pain of others, and turn our faces from injustice. At times we have hidden from the truth, especially when it calls us to do what we are afraid to do. Forgive us, Oh Lord; that knowing us and seeing us, you would guide us to live more faithfully into the fullness of life you intend for us. We pray this all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Open my eyes, that I may see"

#500

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear, and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 28: 10-17

Psalms 139: 1-18

John 1: 43-51

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Fully Known"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: "Fly Like a Bird"

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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:

"Lord, you give the great commission"

#778

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour, draw us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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: "Here I Am, Lord"

Schutte, arr. Schrader



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!



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, 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.



#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!



Happy new year from the Board of Managers. We are delighted and humbled to report to you that during the month of December the Church received donations totalling \$23,582: thank you tremendously! God will, we are sure, bless all those who gave so cheerfully before the end of a very strange year.

As you might expect, 2020 did pose a huge challenge financially. To date, it appears that we will end the year with a deficit of \$6500. This amount of shortfall is serious, but we know that it could have been much worse, and that our church is by no means the only one so challenged.

We ask you to keep the Board and the Session in your prayers as preparations begin on the budget for 2021 and the Annual meeting. Please watch out for announcements about the Annual meeting, which will occur virtually. We also ask for your continued support of the church's work by your donations. Every little amount given makes a huge contribution.

Peace of Christ,

Matthew Neufeld for the Board of Managers.



The next edition of “**Saints Alive**”, the church newsletter, will be sent out for Sunday, February 21, the first Sunday in Lent. All submissions **MUST** be received by Monday, February 8th.



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

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2021



WPCU Bible Study 2021

A daily Bible study on the theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Monday, January 18 to Monday January 25 from 12:15-1:00pm CST (except Sunday, Jan 24 at 1:00pm CST)

Register at [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721)

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Hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches, this study is free and open to all. A different Christian leader will guide us each day as we explore the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9).

The 2021 theme calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

WPCU Online Ecumenical Service

You might also want to register for the WPCU Online Ecumenical Service planned by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism (Montreal) on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3pm (Eastern). The service is bilingual. Register to receive the Zoom or YouTube links

at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvWflnQX5_187OOoiXcWKWgmDkwGJXY5mYZHSNJXq9Njp-GA/viewform



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.

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 before that night.*

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

Sunday, January 17

MISSION MOMENT

Prayer We give thanks for the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon, and pray that they receive the resources and support needed to provide life-changing vocational training to youth and refugees.



Paving the Way for a Brighter Future

Anxious and unsure about his future, Abdul was 14 years old when he joined the electronics and computer program offered by the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) in Lebanon. Now 19 years old and equipped with a diploma and five years of experience, he has a good job and an income to support his family. JCC's vocational training programs teach marketable skills and offer hope for many young Palestinian refugees who are out of school and living without a dream or ambition. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC has been supporting this lifegiving program since 2018. Sylvia Haddad, JCC Director, shared that "equipping youth, and especially refugees who have nothing, with a skill or vocation is very important. The challenge is great, but we cannot give up and are grateful for your support."

DAILY PRAYERS

Monday, January 18 We pray that God give those gathering in ecumenical services during the World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity a strong sense of God's presence and the unity of Christ.

Tuesday, January 19 We pray for the congregation and community of Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation, Sask.

Wednesday, January 20 We pray for the Rev. James Douglas who serves as the convener of the Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry in Ont.

Thursday, January 21 We pray for all camp leaders and boards as they plan for 2021.

Friday, January 22 We pray that people struggling with their experience of the church will be opened to God's love and grace so that any pain the church has caused will be healed.

Saturday, January 23 We pray for Cariboo Presbyterian Church in Nazko, B.C., and their new leader, the Rev. Mark Carter. May their outreach ministries flourish as they connect with new families.