

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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Guest Vocalist: Donna Fenton

January 23rd, 2022

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

"Let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good." – 1 Peter 4: 19

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:

One: Let us bless the Lord at all times

All: His praise shall continually be on our lips

One: Our souls shall make their boast in the Lord alone

All: Let the humble hear and be glad

One: O magnify the Lord with me

All: And let us exalt his name together

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Let Christian faith and hope dispel"*** **#816(tune #275)**

Now that the daylight fills the sky, we lift our hearts to heaven on high, that God, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm this day.

Our hearts and lips may God restrain; keep us from causing others pain, that we may see and serve the Son, and grow in love for everyone.

From evil may God guard our eyes, our ears from empty praise and lies; from selfishness our hearts release, that we may serve, and know God's peace,

that we, when this new day is gone, and night in turn is drawing on, with conscience free from sin and blame, may praise and bless the holy Name.

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, you tell us openly of the suffering you have taken on our behalf, and of the cross that we must take up in order to follow you. Like Peter, we do not want to hear this truth. Preferring our own ways and comforts, we choose ways that focus on our desires rather than the needs of others, our safety, rather than the very lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord, teach us again to take up our cross and follow you. That in losing our lives, we may gain them.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"In suffering love"

#696

In suffering love the thread of life is woven through our care, for God is with us: not alone our pain and toil we bear.

There is a rock, a place secure within the storm's cold blast; concealed within the suffering night God's covenant stands fast.

In love's deep womb our fears are held; there God's rich tears are sown and bring to birth, in hope newborn, the strength to journey on.

Lord, to our hearts your joy commit, into our hands your pain, so send us out to touch the world with blessings in your name.

In suffering love our God comes now, hope's vision born in gloom; with tears and laughter shared and blest the desert yet will bloom.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-13

Psalms 34

1 Peter 4: 12-19

Mark 8: 31-9:1

-Jim Fenton

Sermon:

"Suffering"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

#611 "For all the Saints"

-tune Sine Nomine by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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:

"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.

Benediction

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

Postlude: #407 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

- Organ & Piano Duet

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.



**Presbyterians
Sharing**

Even during the challenges of COVID, Presbyterians Sharing has been able to join Canadian Presbyterians together to share the Christ's ministry. In 2021, St. Andrew's Saskatoon contributed \$14,600 to this important program of the church. While this was short of the Stewardship Committees aspirational goal of \$16,000, it did

meet the expectations set in the budget by the Board of Managers. A thank you video has been produced featuring some of the recipients of your generosity. You can also view the video at home at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovMliCINJVg> - you can skip the ads! See the difference our gifts make when we work TOGETHER.

Giving at St. Andrew's

January is well under way and most New Year's resolutions have probably gone by the wayside. Now is the time to make conscious decisions on our offerings for the year. Remember that in giving, we should do so being grateful for what we receive and cheerfully in proportion to what we have been given. It should be a regular habit, as well as off the top---not from the leftovers. It should also be intentional. When was the last time you reconsidered your giving patterns?

Remember---It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go.



"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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Sunday, February 13th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



The latest "**These Days**", the daily devotional for January, February and March, has arrived in the office. They are available through the church office.

“Here I am, Lord,” rang out at the 88th Commencement Service of the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Lebanon, a seminary supported by Presbyterians Sharing. NEST graduates, Jamil, Khalil, Shant and Asadour, will serve churches



in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon—three of the most troubled countries in the Middle East that are rife with violence, oppression, occupation, and severe economic, social and political crises. The hymn was their bold response to God’s calling. NEST President, Dr. George Sabra, declared, “If our seminary is able to continue graduating students with such commitment, then we must go on with our mission no matter what befalls us and our countries.”

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 23 We pray for graduates of the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon, who are responding to God’s call and serving churches in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon.

Monday, January 24 We pray for ministers and elders. May God keep them safe and give them energy and wisdom to lead their faith communities.

Tuesday, January 25 (Conversion of Paul the Apostle) We pray for those who violently persecute the church in attempt to destroy it. May they, like the Apostle Paul, have a change of heart.

Wednesday, January 26 We give thanks for mothers, like Eunice, and grandmothers, like Lois, whose faith inspired mentors such as Paul to Titus (2 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 3:15).

Thursday, January 27 We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Friday, January 28 We pray for the wisdom to see the reality of racism and bigotry in the institutions of our country so that we may work to challenge and uproot these concepts in ourselves, our churches and our society.

Saturday, January 29 We pray for congregations as they gather for their annual general meetings.