

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

January 24th, 2021

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news." – Mark 1: 15

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O God beyond all praising"

#448

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay, for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour; accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour may serve you as our king, and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Confession:

God of all the ages, we gather in worship week by week, hoping to encounter your presence. But we confess it's not easy to hear your voice. Sometimes we get distracted by what's happening around us. Sometimes we get confused by conflicting views of what you expect from us. Sometimes we feel challenged and resist a new word from you. We confess that it is hard for us to turn our lives around and follow you alone. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; interrupt our busy thoughts and call us again to follow you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"You walk along our shoreline"

#753

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea. We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgement heal us so that we all may be one.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 62: 5-12

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Follow Me"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo: "Follow Me!"

South Carolina Spiritual, arr. Carter

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:

"I'm gonna live so God can use me"

#648

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

Benediction and Sung Response
Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude: "Lord of the Dance" Shaker Melody, adapted by Carter, arr. Hayes



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!



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 \$24,432: 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 \$6792. 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.



Do you have a difficult question for God? February 2 at 4:00pm we will begin a Zoom bible study titled Hard Questions. Through the bible study, a cross section of Christians from various locations will embark on a journey of exploration. The study uses videos, song, and devotions to encourage group interaction.

Each week, participants will be asked to provide bible verses that speak to them about the topic.

This will be a bible study that may be a bit out of the ordinary for us. First it is led by a lay person, namely Orlanda Drebit. Secondly, there will be no book. Third, the bible study is sponsored by St. Andrews, but will include participants from outside of the church, and in fact from outside of Saskatoon. (If you are wondering why the time, it has been established to accommodate multiple time zones.) It is anticipated that the session will run 6 weeks. If you are interested, please email Orlanda at orlandadrebit@hotmail.com no later than January 31. We hope that you can join us.



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.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Care Committee welcome Mary Jane Hanson to our committee. Mary Jane is accepting the Card Ministry and the transfer from Laura Van Loon will take place shortly. Thank you and welcome, Mary Jane.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet by conference call on Monday, Jan. 25th at 2:00 PM.



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





On Tuesday February 16th @ 6:00 p.m. the Stewardship and Christian Education Committees invite you to celebrate **Shrove Tuesday with a Zoom evening**. Join us for an evening, highlighted by Rev Roberto's message & Gillian Lyons's musical guests. The Moderator, The Rev. Amanda Currie will be dropping by.

You can also order a small (up to 3 people) or large (up to 6 people) **Pancake & Lent Kit**. These kits will contain the ingredients to make pancakes for your household, dry pancake mix with fruit toppings, a hash brown, & an orange for each person. Included in the kit will be the 2021 Daily Devotion items for the season of Lent for the various targeted age groups. This event is a free will offering. All proceeds will be for Presbyterian World Service and Development; you can donate to the church thru your favourite donation method with the words PWS&D.

How to Order by Friday February 12 at noon

Send an email to martha.22@live.com

Subject line: **Pancakes 2021**

Then send this information

Name:

Phone:

Number in your household:

Topping choice: Blueberry or Apple (one choice per kit):

Kits need to be picked up at the church parking lot (*details of the no contact process will be sent to you*)

Sunday February 14, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Questions? email **Patti Polowick** plpolowick@sasktel.net, text **Martha Fergusson** 306 270 2378 or martha.22@live.com

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

Walk to Bethlehem

Ten people accepted the challenge for the advent "Walk to Bethlehem". Required 118 km and the total walked was 887 km. Thanks everyone for participating. Laura

Sunday, January 24

MISSION MOMENT

Prayer We pray that, with the support of food baskets provided by PWS&D partners, the many Syrians facing food insecurity due to ongoing conflict will find the sustenance they need.

Providing Food for the Displaced

In Syria, conflict continues to plague the population, causing over six million people to become internally displaced. As a result, many people are faced with a lack of access to food, loss of employment, high prices and inflation, making them very vulnerable. COVID-19 has only exacerbated the situation. Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food baskets to 7,400 families to help meet daily food requirements. During these times of uncertainty, the food baskets will provide a source of sustenance for the families.



DAILY PRAYERS

Monday, January 25 We pray for children, and that their parents and guardians demonstrate the kind of love we have been shown by God.

Tuesday, January 26 We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

Wednesday, January 27 We pray for vacant congregations; may they find ministers who will help them faithfully live out Christ's calling.

Thursday, January 28 We pray and give thanks for Phulu Rai, manager at the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center in Nepal, and the staff, for their dedication as they care for residents.

Friday, January 29 We pray for healthcare workers who put their own health and life at risk every day to bring healing and comfort to people who suffer.

Saturday, January 30 We pray for the staff and volunteers serving in the Presbyterian Church Archives as they preserve the church's historical records.