

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." – Luke 4: 18a*

*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.*

Prelude: Complainte, from *24 pièces en style libres* – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

There is one true God

**whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.**

God creates all that is.

**The whole universe displays the majesty and power of its Maker.**

We worship God as the source of all life.

**With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"In Christ there is no east or west"***

**#480**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of grace and harmony,**

**we confess we can be divisive when you call us to unity,**

**quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace,**

**and critical rather than caring.**

**We have grown used to our own ways**

**and cannot imagine you would ask us to change**

**even for the sake of the gospel.**

**Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth.**

**Show us how we can witness to your love**

**through working and worshipping together. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

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.**

**Praise:** *"Who's goin' to tell the story"*

**#761**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

- Ramona Nyekanyeka

Psalms 19 Refrain 1

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Sight to the Blind"

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### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Berceuse, – from *24 pièces en style libres* – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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

Prayers of the People

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:** *"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"*

**#374(tune #730)**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Coffee Hosts: Laura Van Loon



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St.

Andrew's.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: [www.standrewsyxe.ca](http://www.standrewsyxe.ca)

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

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## *Announcements*

Church Archivist Margaret Munro will be available at coffee hour today following the service to share information about St. Andrew's archives and history. All are welcome.

### **Downtown Talks: February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Andrew's**

All who live downtown, work downtown, or love the downtown are welcome to join us for our third Downtown Talks event "Protecting Downtown." This event will focus on those who serve and protect all who call downtown "home"; from Fire Community Support to the Meewasin Valley Authority. Please join us for expert panel discussion, Q&A, and a time of fellowship over refreshments.

### **St. Andrew's Leaders Workshop: Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm with The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau**

All St. Andrew's Session Elders, Board Members, and Committee Convenors are invited to take part in this workshop with special guest The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. Through his lived experience of 30 years as a pastor in Vancouver's Eastside, Rev. Tim will seek to widen our imaginations in ways that St. Andrew's might be moved to explore new trajectories: from isolation to community to radical hospitality; from homogeneity to diversity to integrated multicultural living; from charity to advocacy to seeking justice for the least; and from confronting idolatries to repentance to deeper life in Christ.

With the start of a New Year we are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter. Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. We would like to thank everyone who hosted in 2024 and hope you will continue to sign up in 2025. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or [cl.roy@shaw.ca](mailto:cl.roy@shaw.ca)



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** A HUGE thank you to everyone who increased their donations to the Sandwich Fund for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry over the past year. It has allowed us to finally resume our pre-Covid commitment to the Mission to supply 12 dozen sandwiches twice each month. Our new year's resolution for 2025 is to cheerfully hold our sandwich making parties on the second and the fourth Sundays of each month.

Our first sandwich making party of 2025 will take place on **TODAY, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, and we will start our new schedule on February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with the sandwiches, please come and join us in the kitchen after the service.

### **WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE**

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all winter.

Thank you for your support!



**Prayer Requests:** Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:ma.wilson@shaw.ca) More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive!", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

### **Missed out on a worship service?**

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit [standrews-saskatoon.com](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)\_bulletin" to see the bulletin

## ***In Our Wider Community***

### **PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON**

On Sunday morning, January 18, 1925, the Masonic Temple was quickly filled.

The organist was Miss Elizabeth Pilbeam. The leader of hymns and soloist was Mr. Thomas Skinner.

They had no hymnals so Miss Dorothy McFarlane mimeographed sheets.

Rev. Donald Munro preached at both morning and evening services. His words were full of encouragement. The politics of the struggles were not mentioned.

He helped make the services feel like a new beginning and the purpose was to worship God.

John Porteous carried his large family Bible for scripture readings.

A congregational meeting was held after the evening service.

John L. McKinnon made a motion to officially form a new presbyterian church: the name St. Andrew's was chosen. The decision was made to open a roll for signatures of those who wished to identify themselves with the new congregation.

(On October 18, 1925, the list of Charter Members was officially opened and closed December 27, 1925.) A Provisional Board of Managers agrees to act from January to October.

At the first meeting on January 18, 1926, the Provisional Board of Managers was elected, consisting of:

John Porteous	George Riddell
John Morrison	Dr. G.A. Munroe
Alex Campbell	D.L. Stewart
J.B. Young	J.H. Young
Andrew S.S. Sibbald	

Sunday School and Young Peoples Society Committee was formed January 18:

J.H. Cameron, Chair

Miss E. Pilbeam

Dr. Hedley

Mrs. J.H. Erwin

Mrs. A. Grace

Miss Dorothy MacFarlane

Miss C. McFayden

Mrs. T. McClocklin

Frazer MacDonald

A motion was made by John Porteous/Seconded A. Munro that 250 copies of the Presbyterian Book of Praise be purchased.

The formation of the Boys' Club was the first organization to be formed within the congregation. On January 18, 28 teenage boys met at the home of Fraser MacDonald.

All in all, this was a special day, remembered for many years by those who attended.

This was the beginning of something new and enthusiasm and commitment were high.



# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 26

Georgina Musah became physically impaired due to polio at age five. She was stigmatized due to her disability and prevented from attending school in her community of Suamvuus in northern Ghana. Identified in a community survey by the PWS&D-supported Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program, Georgina received physiotherapy and a tricycle for mobility. Georgina also took part in



training in climate-resilient farming and dressmaking, enabling her to generate an income and improve her life. "My profound gratitude to the CBR and PWS&D for changing my life through well-structured interventions. I have enough from my livelihood activities to fend for myself and my children and to support my husband. God bless and sustain your work," she shares.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, January 26** Praise God for PWS&D partners walking hand-in-hand with those suffering from leprosy in Nepal and India as they journey to health and prosperity.

**Monday, January 27** We pray for God's continued blessings on the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Tuesday, January 28** We give thanks for the generous donors and dedicated volunteers of food banks and pantries whose efforts have made a significant impact in the fight against poverty and hunger.

**Wednesday, January 29** We give thanks for organizations responding to the needs of 2SLGBTQIA+ people through social services, community programming and political advocacy.

**Thursday, January 30** We pray for Dr. Martin Accad, the new President of the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon, and for the impact of NEST in the region.

**Friday, January 31** We pray for the mentoring program of The Presbyterian College, Montreal, that it will continue to be a support for graduating students as well as seasoned leaders.

**Saturday, February 1 (Black History Month begins)** We give thanks for Black History Month events that honour and celebrate the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.