

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day/Epiphany Sunday**

***"Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" – Matthew 2 : 11b***



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"As with gladness men of old"***

**#172**

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright: so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore, so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way, and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds of glory hide.

In that heavenly country bright need they no created light: thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing hallelujahs to our King.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of mercy and loving kindness, you sent Christ among us to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins hide the brightness of your light that you made to shine through us. We confess that in our wasting of gifts, ignoring cries for justice, and harming one another, we obscure your work in us. Forgive us, O Lord, make in us a clean heart that loves mercy, does kindness, and witnesses your true light, always. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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

**Praise:**

***"What star is this"***

**#170**

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed," and lo! the Eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three-in-One, may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7; 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The Mystery of Christ"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo: "The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us"

Stuempfle Jr., arr. Keesecker

## **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:**

***"Arise, your light is come"***

**#712**

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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: "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Spiritual, 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](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)). We hope to see you again soon!



#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 is en route, but hasn't arrived yet. We will keep you posted!



## 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

## WEDNESDAYS

**06:15 PM**

**Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool** – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

## *In Our Wider Community*



### SAVE THE DATE!

Please consider participating in Saskatchewan's first ever **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** virtual 8-day Bible study sponsored in partnership with

**The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches**

This year, due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold our regular events and so the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and Regina Council of Churches have decided to partner and hold an 8-day virtual Bible study series based on the themes for Week of Prayer 2021 which will run Monday

January 18<sup>th</sup>- Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-1:00pm daily over Zoom.

The theme for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 is *"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"*

(John 15:5-9) and materials have been prepared by the *Monastic Community of Grandchamp* in Switzerland. This theme is developed through a series of reflections which extend over eight days and will be the basis of the Bible study. Each day will be led by a different denominational leader.

The daily themes are as follows:

Day 1 - Monday, January 18th: **Called by God**: "You did not choose me but I chose you" (John 15:16a)

Day 2 - Tuesday, January 19th: **Maturing Internally**: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4)

Day 3 - Wednesday, January 20th: **Forming One Body**: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12b)

Day 4 - Thursday, January 21st: **Praying Together**: "I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends" (John 15:15)

Day 5 - Friday, January 22nd: **Letting Oneself Be Transformed by the Word**: "You have already been pruned by the word..." (John 15:3)

Day 6 - Saturday, January 23rd: **Welcoming Others**: "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16b)

Day 7 - Sunday, January 24th: **Growing in Unity**: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5a)

Day 8 - Monday, January 25th: **Reconciling with all Creation**: "So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11)

Further details and registration information will be released early in January.



**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**