

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Guest Vocalist: Donna Fenton

January 30th, 2022

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

"For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

– 2 Corinthians 4: 6

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

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud crashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"We praise you, O God"

#425

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you; God ever-faithful, we bless you; through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, life battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, and gladly our songs of true worship we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and Loving God, we confess that even as you are renewing our spirits, even as you are turning our mourning into laughter, we continue to cling to doubts and old ways. Rather than trust in your Good News, we stoke ill feelings and fears. Rather than share this Good News with others, we remain quiet in the face of our suffering world. Help us, God, we pray. Help us to live as your loved and loving people; that your Spirit would move in us and through us, and that we would never stop praising you.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"As the deer"

#27

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 4: 1-15

John 1: 1-5

Sermon:

"Jars of Clay"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: The "Aria" from "Cathedral Suite" – Gordon Young

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:

“Lord, the light of your love is shining”

#376

Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus: 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!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory: mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus

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.





The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, February 13th. 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.



Many thanks from everyone involved with Camp Christopher, to those who took part in the Burns Supper on January 22nd. Those of us on the organising committee had lots of fun preparing the meal, and reports to date indicate that it was enjoyed by all. This year, from ticket sales and some individual donations, we were able to raise

over \$2,000 for Camp, with the proceeds going to the Furnace Replacement Fund. Thank you again for your continued support of Camp Christopher.

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



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.

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

In October 2019, a devastating fire destroyed much of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland.

But, even with this loss and devastation weighing heavy on the hearts of the congregation, they still continued their outreach ministry to support the local community.

During the pandemic, congregation members produced hats, mittens and incubator blankets for the local

hospital, and also supported the local Food Bank and Salvation Army. Now that the church building has been fully restored and the congregation is able to gather again, they continue to show love to their neighbours by exploring new opportunities for using and sharing their restored space. St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 30 We give thanks and pray for the congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as they gather and worship together in their restored church building.

Monday, January 31 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Tuesday, February 1 (Black History Month) We celebrate and give thanks for the contributions and prophetic witness of Black people in Canada.

Wednesday, February 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Thursday, February 3 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

Friday, February 4 Generous God, may your Holy Spirit form and empower the newly ordained as they share in the ongoing ministry of the Risen Christ.

Saturday, February 5 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.