

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 31st, 2021

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever." – Psalm 111: 10

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O for a world where everyone"

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lives and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Prayer of Confession:

God, we confess that there are times when we turn away from you. We forget food for the body and for the soul comes from your goodness. We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help and healing you offer. We seek wisdom and meaning in wrong places. We confess that we can be cruel to one another and ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, open our eyes to your wonder and wisdom. Give us the courage to live lives that overflow with your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Silence! frenzied, unclean spirit" (Tune: Ton Y Botel #429) #729

"Silence! frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One. "Cease your ranting! flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun." At Christ's voice the demon trembled,

from its victim madly rushed, while the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving in the grey cells of the mind: tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind, doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight, guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit in our mind and in our heart; speak your word that when we hear it, all our demons shall depart. Clear our thought and calm our feeling, still the fractured warring soul; by the power of your healing, make us faithful, true and whole.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Be Silent"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Trio: "Jubilate Deo"

M. Lightfoot

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: "One more step along the world I go"

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One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go. From the old things to the new keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn. More and more about the world I learn. All the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me.

Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good keep me traveling the way I should. Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep my loving though the world is tough. Leap and sing in all I do. Keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me. Ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Shackley



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 \$24,482: 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 \$7238. 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.

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
- 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



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.



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



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.



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 with highlighted by Rev Roberto's message & Gillian Lyons's musical guests. 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, & 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):

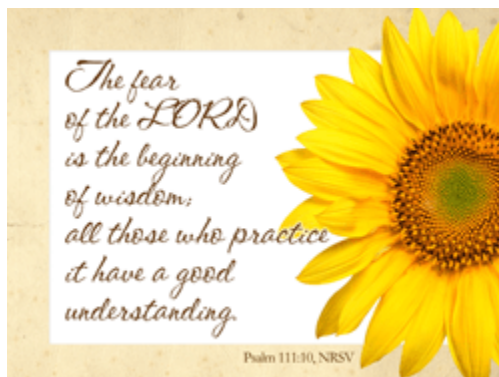
Kits need to be picked up at the church parking lot (*details of the no contact process will be sent to you*)

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

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

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

For those of us who have looked forward to this day, the first patients will arrive at the Hospice at Glengarda on Wed. Jan. 27. This free-standing 15- bed hospice is the first for Saskatoon. Some of us have been involved and are aware of the long difficult journey it has been to finally have this complement to the Palliative Care Unit at St. Paul's Hospital. You can have your own private virtual tour of Glengarda by going to www.closetohome.fund. Scroll down to the end of the information part.



Sunday, January 31

MISSION MOMENT

We celebrate in prayer that vulnerable families in Nicaragua are being empowered through PWS&D-supported programs to help with their babies' growth, and the overall health of their families.



Knowledge Nourishes Babies and Families

When Cristina Flete gave birth to her first baby, she wasn't aware of how crucial exclusive breastfeeding and developmental activities could be to her child's long-term health. When her second child was born, Cristina attended a workshop facilitated by Presbyterian World Service & Development's (PWS&D) local partner in Nicaragua. With other mothers, Cristina learned the importance of breastmilk for a child's developing brain and how to create materials to stimulate her child's mind. Additionally, culinary classes empower parents with tools to help with their families' overall health. With PWS&D support, families are combating malnutrition and chronic illness, giving their babies the best chance for a future of good health.

DAILY PRAYERS

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 1 We pray that God nurtures and grows our practice of hospitality so that we might offer our time to those in need of friendship and compassion more easily and often.

Tuesday, February 2 We give thanks and pray for all frontline workers who support and serve under difficult circumstances.

Wednesday, February 3 We pray for the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon, and for Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST, as the school continues its recovery efforts after the explosion in Beirut's port in August.

Thursday, February 4 We pray for church secretaries and custodians and all those who support the worship and mission of the church in ways that are too often overlooked.

Friday, February 5 We pray for all those affected by COVID-19, including international partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development who continue to respond.

Saturday, February 6 We give thanks for the people in our lives who have mentored and nurtured us in Christian faith and discipline.