

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day/New Year's Day/Epiphany**

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."*

*– Isaiah 60: 1*

*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: Prelude – Anton Bruckner

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)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon; give praise, all shining stars!**

Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

**Give praise, hills and mountains.**

All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

**Let us worship God!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** *"The snow lay on the ground"*

**#157**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of light and life,**

**you have come to us in Christ Jesus to open a path to new life,  
but we fall back on what is familiar.**

**We confess that we are in love with our old ways and  
our resolution for change is all too short.**

**Forgive us when our resolve wavers**

**and shine your light on the way we can follow into your future.**

Assurance of Pardon

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.**

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

**Praise:** *"Jesus, our brother, kind and good"* **#150**

*(Children return to pews)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 (Refrain 1)

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon "The Gift of the Magi"

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: I Wonder as I Wander – John Jacob Niles

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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

**Praise:** *"Angels from the realms of glory"* **#146**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Auld Lang Syne – Traditional

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**Greeters and Collectors:**

Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu,  
William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

**Lock up:**

Colin Robb

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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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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

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

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## *Announcements*



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.

### Restorative Justice Event

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's will be part of a leadership team that is hosting an "Interfaith-Ecumenical - Everyone is Welcome" - Youth Night at Zion Lutheran. Our guest will be Dave Feick from The Micah Mission. Our theme is Restorative Justice which also- the theme of the 2023 Week of Christian Unity

Two key activities happening at this event.

1. "**You Got Booked**" is played as a life-sized board game, facilitated by MCC staff. The activity highlights the racial disparities within the criminal justice system and outlines how people find themselves in a criminal or poverty cycle. STR8 UP is a gang exit strategy that uses story sharing as a model for accountability, capacity building and healing for its members. STR8 UP members tell their personal stories of crime, violence and gang affiliation which offers a first-person perspective to a lived experience that is explored through You Got Booked.

2. "**Hat, scarf & glove**" toss- we will be tossing these items along the river into trees and bushes with the words "this item is for you- you are loved". These items are for the unhoused citizens of Saskatoon.

RSVP: Sunday, January 15, 2022,

Dinner provided

The Event is 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran

Contact Martha 306 270 2378 to confirm attendance

NOT a youth? - you can bring in a HAT, SCARF, or set of gloves to donate to the laundry basket in the Narthex- Youth members will toss your items on Jan 15th.

### CE Leaders

**Dec 25 & January 1** - We encourage families to worship together, a worship bag and plan paper with crayons are also in ample supply on the CE cart in the Narthex. We welcome little hands to be busy while their ears and hearts are with us in worship. Thank you to the CE Leaders who teach our little people throughout the year, may you rest and enjoy the season break.

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #12.

12. We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate early childhood education programs for Aboriginal families. Language and culture



**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the entranceway table. In each box there is a designated envelope that enables you to help offset the cost of the offering envelopes. If you would like to have your own box of envelopes, fill out the information on a Visitor's Envelope located in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or contact the church office. ***If you would prefer to make pre-authorized remittances, please fill out a blue PAR authorization form (found on the entranceway table), attach a void cheque, and place it in the offering plate.***

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

- \* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jan/Feb/Mar Suggested donation: \$3.00
- \* Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter

#### **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***

**GoFORTH HUB CLUB** Come and join in the first hub club gathering of the new year on Monday, January 9 from 1:30 to 4 pm. Calvin-Goforth has informally partnered with St. Andrew's as we become more missional and develop outreach initiatives in the community. Our hub club is a way to provide a fun afternoon for seniors - including time to socialize, wellness information from a pharmacist, entertainment and educational presentations, a chance to check your blood pressure, some exercise time and healthy refreshments. On Jan. 9, we have a presentation by the Saskatoon Fire Dept on how to prevent injuries from fires and falls. Come to Calvin-Goforth Presbyterian Church and join in the fun! Free parking! You can contact Laura at 306-2297846 for more information.



When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith. **Together, we continue Christ's ministry by engaging in vibrant and faithful ministries in our communities, our country and around the world.**

Together, we call for justice and act with compassion. We support ministries with Indigenous people, both in and outside

Canada. We send mission staff to accompany international partners. We support ministries that provide aid for refugees, people involved in the sex trade and all who are vulnerable to exploitation. We start and build new faith communities and encourage and support congregations renewing their ministries. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are Presbyterians Sharing!



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)** We give thanks for the start of a new year. May God give us hope, joy and peace for the year ahead.

**Monday, January 2** We give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

**Tuesday, January 3** We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families.

**Wednesday, January 4** We give thanks and pray for Bishop István Csúry of the Királyhágómellék District of the Reformed Church in Romania as he retires after 12 years of faithful service.

**Thursday, January 5** We give thanks for the many contributions of migrant workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will support legislation that opens pathways to permanent residency for migrant workers as well as better protection of their rights.

**Friday, January 6 (Epiphany)** Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, January 7** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.