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 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" – John 1: 29b

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.

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: Hymn to Freedom – Oscar Peterson (1925-2007)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouths shall declare your praise.
O Lord, open our eyes,
So that we may behold your presence.
O Lord, open our ears,
So that we may hear your call to follow.
O Lord, open our hearts,
So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*** ***#290***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
Faithful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost
yet it's hard to recognize we have lost our way.
We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life.
We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example.
Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit,
and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus.
Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"Brother, sister, let me serve you"*** ***#635***

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.

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1-7 - Orlanda Drebit

Psalm 40: 1-11 Refrain 1

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "We have found the Messiah" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – arr. Robert Lau

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: ***"Lord, you give the great commission"*** ***#778***

Benediction

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

Postlude: As Time Goes By – Herman Hupfeld (1894-1951)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Terry & Anne Drover

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Sunday, February 8th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca



Notice of Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 12:15 pm, in the Sanctuary and by Zoom, at the request of the Board of Managers. Agenda: Building Fund Committee (BFC) Terms of Reference; Approval of BFC slate of members; Approval of BFC Chair; Brief overview of initial fundraising. Background: The Building Fund Committee has been proposed by the Session and Board of Managers to raise funds to support the Exterior Church Repair and Upgrades, led by Bob Yakubowski (Board Member and Interim Project Manager). The first priority is to "**Stop the Leak**," which entails repairing some rotten roof rafters, repair/replace some of the roof flashing and fascia. It is estimated that this may cost as much as $200K which is needed by the end of February 2026, The Building Fund currently has about $100K. It is tentatively planned for this to go to tender by April 2026 with the repairs to be completed over the spring and summer of 2026.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's - Congregation Zoom Meeting
Time: Jan 25, 2026, 12:00 PM Saskatchewan
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83969784492
Thank you, Kirk Ready, Board of Managers Convenor

100 Years Strong! Video going ON LINE.
At our Anniversary Banquet celebration, the 100 Years Strong Video was presented. It was professionally developed through the efforts of Mark Behrend, Heather DeSandoli and William Ahiahonu. The anniversary video is going to be published and placed on our church website. If you are concerned about having your image released to the public on this platform, please let Vickie Drover know at victoria.drover@gmail.com or via phone at (306)441-5418. Due notice must be received prior to digital publication on January 31, 2026.

Beginning January 2026, all donations to **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry** must be sent directly to the Mission, as St. Andrew's will no longer be accepting and issuing receipts for SNCM. Here's how you can donate:
- Mail a cheque to SNCM, and we will issue you a tax receipt.
450 20th St. W
Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X4
- Send us an EFT at sncm1981@gmail.com, and we will issue you a tax receipt.
- Donate through CanadaHelps, and download your tax receipt.
www.canadahelps.org
Thank you for your continued support.
Blessings,
Anne Drover
Chair

Want to donate to the church? Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:
- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.

Muffins



The Outreach Committee, with your help, provides 10-12 dozen muffins for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month. If you able to help with this important ministry, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.
All muffins should be brought to the church on the date noted on the sign-up sheet and the Outreach committee will make sure that they get to where they need to go.
It is important to note that we have been asked to not provide any muffins with either nuts or icing. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach committee.



A new coffee roster has been prepared for the period January through May 2026. This roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available so please sign up at your convenience. Thanks to everyone who hosted during the period September to December 2025 as every Sunday was filled. Unfortunately, if the coffee roster is not filled on any given Sunday, there will be no coffee hour that day. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or cell 306-361-1976.

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

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
- PAR Forms

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 standrewsyxe.ca
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



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 19-25, 2026
Ecumenical Morning Prayer Services: 8am Worship, light breakfast to follow
Monday, January 19 – TBA
Tuesday, January 20 – Trinity Lutheran Church, 419 Avenue E North
Wednesday, January 21 – St. Patrick's Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive
Thursday, January 22, Grosvenor Park United Church, 407 Cumberland Ave. S.
Friday, January 23 – Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive
Closing Ecumenical Worship Service
Sunday, January 25, 3pm – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; Guest Preacher, The Right Rev. Chad McCharles, Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon

Caregiver Cafe: Staying on Your Feet
When: Tuesday, Jan 27 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Where: Meeting Room 3 in the Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Drive. FREE PARKING.
Join us to discuss falls prevention and falls risk factors. We'll also demonstrate and discuss safe ways to get up from the floor and how to assist someone else who has fallen. Information will also be provided about the "Staying on Your Feet" community-based program that is in partnership with Forever…in motion.
Presenters: Amanda Volk - Community Exercise Therapist from the Chronic Disease Management department with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
Sherri Wagenhoffer – Senior Physical Therapist from Community Services with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
Refreshments served.
Free to attend, phone 306.652.4411



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 18



In July of 2025, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, two active young adults in The Presbyterian Church in Canada attended the Starpoint Youth Festival, a biennial five-day event hosted by the Reformed Church in Hungary. Today, Christian youth spaces can feel scattered and isolated, and Starpoint provides an environment for youth to congregate and spiritually grow in community. Over 3000 participants from over nine countries gathered for worship, discussions about mental health, and recreational activities and concerts. The two young adults returned from Hungary renewed as Christians who aim to share what they have learned in their local communities.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 18 We give thanks for the Reformed Church in Hungary's Starpoint Youth Festival that brings young people from around the world together for worship, learning and recreation.

Monday, January 19 We pray for the Spirit's guidance for Women's Missionary Society groups as they consider creative ways to further their mission.

Tuesday, January 20 We pray for University chaplains who provide spiritual care and support for students from multi-faith traditions and for students curious about faith and spirituality.

Wednesday, January 21 We pray for students and professors, that their teaching and learning might be done with integrity of purpose and in the service of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, January 22 The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force on this day in 2021. We give thanks for global peace and justice advocates and pray for global nuclear disarmament.

Friday, January 23 We pray for congregations that celebrate the rich heritage of faith and their history of service in their communities.

Saturday, January 24 During the winter months, we remember dormant plants and trees, land lying fallow and animals snuggled in their winter shelters at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. May we all learn to live in the Divine rhythm that makes room for both work and rest.