

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

January 29th, 2023

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong." – I Corinthians 1: 27

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: Sonata in F Major Mov. 1 – Handel

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)

God calls us to seek justice:

Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

God calls us to show kindness,

Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.

Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Great is thy faithfulness"

#324

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of the ages,

we confess the world's wisdom attracts us, in advertisement and argument. We fail to measure messages according to the wisdom in your Word. We find calls to do justice too demanding, for the world has taught us to look to our own interests first. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you and each other day by day. Amen.

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: *"Oh for a world where everyone"* **#730**

(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Micah 6: 1-8

- Jim Fenton

Psalm 15 (Refrain 1)

I Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

- The Rev. Ross Lockhart

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Non-sense Religion" - The Rev. Ross Lockhart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Offertoire – Peron

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: *"There is a redeemer"* **#358**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Sonata in F Major Mov. 2 – Handel

Greeters & Collectors: Sheila Coulter, Esther Efeme, Sammy Lyonga Ngombe, Prince Lyonga Ngombe, Christine Meier, Donna Bailey,

Lock up: Sheila Coulter

Christian Education Ambassadors: Lena Jang, Abby Kyei, Raechel Giesbrecht, Alicia Monson



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

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 for those who are worshipping from home.

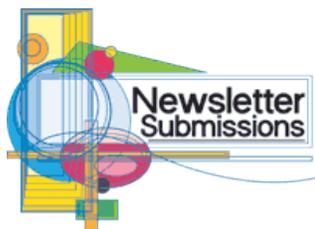
We are blessed this morning to hear the Word preached by The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart. Ross is the Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and professor of missional studies, where he also leads the Centre For Missional Leadership. He recently earned his second doctorate: PhD in Mission Studies at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. It is wonderful to have our friend Ross back with us this morning.

MEET THE MODERATOR: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Faris, Moderator of the 147th General Assembly, will be visiting St. Andrew's on Saturday, February 11th from 2:00-4:30pm. Our afternoon will include a talk by The Rev. Dr. Faris, followed by a Q&A, and a service of worship with Communion. We will close with a brief time of refreshment. To find more information on Rev. Dr. Faris and his moderatorship please visit <https://presbyterian.ca/gao/moderator/>



Year end charitable donation receipts will be available next month. If you have moved within the past year, **PLEASE** ensure that the office has that new information!



We will soon be working on the next edition of "**Saints Alive**", St. Andrew's newsletter. Please have all submissions into the office by Sunday, February 12th.

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 #16.

16. We call upon post-secondary institutions to create university and college degree and diploma programs in Aboriginal languages.



HOLD THE DATE

As we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season, please hold the date for the 2023 Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper to be held on Tuesday February 21st. This is a joint venture of the Christian Education and Stewardship Committees in support of PWS&D. As with last two years, it will be virtual, with bags of supper and Lenten supplies available. Further information on how to place an order and join the Zoom call for fellowship and entertainment will be forthcoming.

Congratulations to our member, Margaret Munro, who read from her first, newly-released book, “Through My Eyes” at the book launch on January 25, 2023. This is the story of Bella Munro, her grandmother, through Margaret’s eyes! Fascinating event on Robbie Burns Day with decorations, kilts and scones to honour the day! A wonderful audience indeed!

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday February 8th - 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the church.

In Our Wider Community

The GoForth Hub City gathering is Feb. 6 at 1:30 pm at Calvin GoForth Presbyterian Church. Valentine’s Day theme will include BP Check-ups, pharmacist and nutrition presentations, games and special treats. Call Laura for more information at 306-229-7846.

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
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes

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

One day, a neighbour asked the Rev. Tim Choi, Executive Director of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry (EUNM) in Alberta: "What difference has the ministry made after all these years?" This prompted the Rev. Tim to think about the impact the ministry has had on Indigenous people in Edmonton's Eastwood community. He reflected that the journey towards healing and reconciliation must be like a long and flowing river. The harm caused by generations past requires many future generations to heal. In this sense, EUNM is like a little brook that runs alongside this river. God has shaped this ministry into a place of hope for all who gather here. **Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping us on the path to healing and reconciliation through Indigenous ministries like EUNM.**



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 29 We give thanks and pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, a place where warm food is served, accompaniment is offered, and community is formed through prayer and a caring presence.

Monday, January 30 We pray for the members and work of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

Tuesday, January 31 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia.

Wednesday, February 1 This **Black History Month**, we give thanks to God for the many accomplishments and contributions of Black Canadians that have made Canada a multicultural, caring and thriving nation.

Thursday, February 2 We pray for theological students who graduate this spring and begin the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Friday, February 3 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Saturday, February 4 (Black History Month) We pray that all Canadians learn about the struggles and hardship of Black Canadians, who have been largely neglected throughout the history of Canada.