ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: Alicia Monson
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
January 4th, 2026

2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who was born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."" – Matthew 2: 1-2

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: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Traditional

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
Praise the Creator of the sun and moon and 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 first Nowell"*** ***#136***

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 resolutions for change fall short.
Forgive us for who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"We three kings"*** ***#173***

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 60: 1-6 - Pearson Ahiahonu

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12 - Alicia Monson

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Another Way" - Alicia Monson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: We Three Kings – Traditional, arr. Paul Suchan

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: ***"As with gladness men of old"*** ***#172***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Auld Lang Syne - Traditional

Greeters & Collectors: Elizabeth & Pearson Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Laura & Charles Roy



2026 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 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. E-transfers are also an easy way to donate, but please remember to use the new e-mail address: finance@standrewsyxe.ca***

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

All Donations to St. Andrew's, the national church (PWS+D and Presbyterians Sharing) and other ministries, **MUST** be in the church office no later than Thursday January 8, 2026. All donations **MUST** be dated 2025.

All church expenses must also be in to the office with supporting documentation by this date or we cannot pay them. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

The church offices will be closed over the holidays; Thursday, December 25 – Sunday, January 4, inclusive.

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.

Dear St. Andrew's Saskatoon;
"We have made it - again - without fail - for our 10th year!
During this Advent Season, starting on Nov. 27, 2025, members of St. Andrew's Saskatoon Congregation have walked 524.4 KM which fulfills the **Walk to Bethlehem** goal from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. It has been a most difficult journey for us in Saskatoon as we trudge through wind, snow, white-outs and icy conditions; however, we have arrived at the stable to rejoice at seeing the "Anointed One", "Emmanuel" (God with us), the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord".
With the weeks of spiritual preparation of **Hope** (The Prophecy), **Peace** (Our Faith), **Joy** (The Shepherd's) and **Love** (God's Love), we have anticipated the happiness of celebrating Jesus' birth.
May you all have this reason to celebrate the season.
Laura Van Loon, RN, Pastoral Care Nurse

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



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

If you would like to help with this important ministry, or if you just like baking muffins, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. Select a month that is convenient and let us know how many muffins you will be able to supply. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.



We are attempting to provide 10-12 dozen muffins to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month.

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

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

Shimmering Piano Music for the New Year!
Philip Chiu, piano

Friday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Cres. E
Philip Chiu, JUNO-winner and leading Canadian pianist of the new generation, opens the 2026 Lyell Gustin Recital Series with music that shimmers, sways, dances! Spanish rhythms in Debussy and Mompou, percussive energy in Ginastera, whispers to swirling dynamism in Schubert, and a delightful work by Percy Grainger, 100 years after he–lifelong friend of the Gustin Studios–performed at Saskatoon's Third Avenue United Church in 1926.
Admission $50 regular / $30 student . . . or, a great opportunity for 3 concerts in 2026: season tickets, $135 regular / $75 student, from St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee; more information and tickets also at www.gustinhouse.ca



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 4



The United Nations has officially confirmed famine in Gaza, with millions of civilians facing devastating food shortages. The ACT Alliance Palestine Forum declares with urgency: "This famine must be stopped. The international community cannot remain silent while the people in Gaza are starving, and it adds its voice to the voice of international agencies to reiterate the call for an immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition." Despite the obstacles to humanitarian access, PWS&D continues to respond through ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, providing food and other critical assistance wherever possible. More immediate humanitarian support is urgently needed to prevent more widespread suffering and loss of life.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 4 We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it continues to reflect on reconciliation within the Church and with Indigenous peoples. May their study and dialogue deepen our collective understanding.

Monday, January 5 We pray for Knox College students as they begin the Winter semester. We pray that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance, and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.

Tuesday, 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.

Wednesday, January 7 We pray for the eight new French-speaking students in Practical Theology at The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they complete the second week of orientation to the program.

Thursday, January 8 We pray for Sophia Kim as she begins an internship with the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Friday, January 9 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they serve congregations calling new ministers.

Saturday, January 10 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hall, as she provides hospitality, pastoral care and witness to staff and students at St. Andrew's Hall and across the UBC campus at this busy time of year.