

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 8th, 2023

1st Sunday after the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!"

– Psalm 29: 10-11

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: Largo, from *Symphony no. 9 (From the New World)* – Antonin Dvorak

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)

We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

God calls us by name because we are beloved.

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

God's name be praised!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"In loving partnership"

#759

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life.

We confess that we often prefer our old ways.

We resist the new opportunities you set before us.

**We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges,
failing to forgive one another.**

Have mercy upon us, O God,

and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord.

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: *"All who the name of Jesus bear"* **#342**

(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 42: 1-9

- Laura Van Loon

Psalms 29 (Refrain 1)

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Shall we begin?" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Berceuse – Gabriel Faure

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: *"Christ, when for us you were baptized"* **#183**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Recit de Chromhorne – Francois Couperin

Greeters and Collectors:

Rose Drebit, Orlanda Drebit

Lock up:

Orlanda Drebit



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.

Restorative Justice Event

On Sunday, January 15th 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.

"I would like to thank the congregation, staff and Memorial Committee for your generosity and support of Bethany Home. Thank you for your prayer support and encouragement to our staff and the youth who face many challenges. We hope to use the funds in the near future and will connect with you as to how they have been utilized to benefit the youth here at Bethany Home. May God bless you deeply for the ways that you show care and compassion for the vulnerable of our city." Ty McKenzie

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 #13.

13. We call upon the federal government to acknowledge that Aboriginal rights include Aboriginal language rights.



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
- 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.

Dear Friends,

Are you and your friends seeking an activity to keep yourself (selves) healthy in mind, body and spirit? Join the Saskatoon Council on Aging St. Andrew's Walking Group. You may walk, dance, bike, jog, swim and dance some more around the **GLOBE** for the **SCOA Globe Walk 2023 -**

10th Anniversary! This year's theme is **"Movement Around the Globe"**.

Please check out the first dancing lesson, a Ukrainian Dance on Jan. 9th at 1:00 PM on Zoom.

Any questions? Please call/text Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 3062297846 or email her at lauralene66@gmail.com. Check it out!!

<http://scoaglobewalk.net/2022/11/30/scoa-globe-walk-launch-2023-celebrate-ukrainian-new-year/>



The annual **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** will be observed from Wednesday, January 18 to Wednesday, January 25, 2023. In Saskatchewan we will have local prayer services in towns and cities across the province. We encourage you to gather with your neighbouring churches to pray for the unity that Christ wills. Complete resources are available for free at <https://weekofprayer.ca>

Local highlights:

Thursday, January 19 at 7pm at St. Thomas Moore College – Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, “Ecumenical Log Drivers: Forming Agents of Reconciliation for Church and World”

Friday, January 20 at 10am at St. Stephan’s Anglican Church – “Ministering Ecumenically in Our Congregations”, a workshop for clergy and pastoral leadership

Saturday, January 21 at 9am (breakfast) at St. Stephan’s Anglican Church – “Living into the Unity We Seek”, a public workshop for all people of God

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism website has a complete list of events for the week – for in person and online. <https://pcecumenism.ca/>



Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, **Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan.** "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 8 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 9 We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and other emergency situations around the world.

Tuesday, January 10 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, January 11 We pray for the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, serving as clerk for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Thursday, January 12 We pray for people, businesses and communities in Atlantic Canada who have suffered as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Fiona.

Friday, January 13 We pray for the P.E.I. Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society as members plan for their upcoming Presbyterial Service. May this be a time to meet and grow in relationship with God.

Saturday, January 14 We pray for people living in refugee camps and those whose homelands have been afflicted by violence and war. We pray for peace, understanding and safety.