

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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March 14th, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2: 8-9



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Lenten Insert

Praise:

"God is love: come heaven, adoring"

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God is love: come heaven, adoring; God is love: come earth, rejoice. Come creation, voices soaring, sing exulting with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above, God who breathes through all creation – God is love, eternal love.

God is love, whose arms enfolding all the world in one embrace, with unfailing grasp are holding every child of every race, and when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, all the sorrow, all the aching wrings with pain the heart of God.

God is love, and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life, God's eternal lovingkindness guides us through all earthly strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is love: so love forever o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, even as we praise you, we are aware of our shortcomings as your disciples. Often, we take your love and grace for granted, we are careless with our relationships, and we are more focused on ourselves than on the neighbours you equip us to serve. Our days are often filled with distractions that move our site away from you and your truth. Forgive us, O Lord, awaken in us a spirit of commitment and compassion, give us new vision and purpose, that we may more faithfully follow in your spirit of love and grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Praise, I will praise"

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Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy. Hallelujah!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy. Hallelujah!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy. Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"By Grace"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo:

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

Kaiser

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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 GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Guide me, O thou great redeemer"

#651

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore; feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: song of praises, song of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"You are My All in All"

Jernig, arr. Hayes



Announcements

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note that due to the recent local uptick in Covid-19 cases, St. Andrew's will be closed to in-person worship until further notice. We will continue to meet online at 11:00am every Sunday on our website (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85608415047?pwd=SFU3KzBlbmxczRxQkF1RIZONUhEUT09>

If you have trouble logging into the meeting call 306-270-2378 for assistance!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR ST. ANDREW'S: TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AT 12:30PM ON ZOOM

Please be aware that our 2021 AGM will take place on March 14th following the Sunday worship service on Zoom video conference. You will be able to access this meeting either by computer or telephone. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting, March 14 2021

Time: Mar 14, 2021 12:30 PM Saskatchewan



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



Presbyterian World Service & Development

PWS&D Lenten Appeal

for increased Food Security
needs during COVID

In Afghanistan, Razia and her
four children were displaced from

their home in the Waras district of the Bamyan province. Living conditions had worsened as COVID-19 caused many livelihood opportunities to disappear.

With no place to call home and abandoned by her husband, the thirty-five-year-old mother, along with her three young daughters and son, sought refuge in a nearby village. The family found shelter—making a home for themselves in a spare room of a mosque that was traditionally used to host meetings and gatherings. The conditions of the space were challenging to live in, with no electricity, gas or water supply. In the winter, the concrete room became very cold.

Still, Razia and her children tried to make the best of the situation, seeking limited employment opportunities to help sustain themselves. Najib, Razia's eldest son, runs an ice cream cart in the summer and works in a recycling shop during the winter months, earning about \$3.25 (CAD) a day. Razia and her three daughters knit and embroider handicrafts to sell. However, with COVID-19 impacting people's purchasing ability, Razia has not received many orders, making the situation extremely challenging for the family to make ends meet.

In response to the overwhelming impact of COVID-19, PWS&D's local partner in Afghanistan is distributing monthly cash transfers to 1,100 vulnerable households. The funds allow families to purchase much-needed food and essential items. The five-month project is made possible with support from partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada.

With this support, Razia and many other families are better prepared to combat food insecurity. Razia is now less stressed about where her family's next meal will come from or how she will manage her household expenses in the harsh winter months. "We were blessed this season as the cash helped us to purchase essential groceries including flour, rice, oil, vegetables, wood and gas. I have also bought warm clothing for my children so the winters will be warm and comfortable," she shares.



Do you have a difficult question for God? February 2 at 4:00pm we began a Zoom bible study titled Hard Questions. Through the bible study, a cross section of Christians from various locations will embark on a journey of exploration. The study uses videos, song, and devotions to encourage group interaction.

Each week, participants will be asked to provide bible verses that speak to them about the topic.

This will be a bible study that may be a bit out of the ordinary for us. First it is led by a lay person, namely Orlanda Drebit. Secondly, there will be no book. Third, the bible study is sponsored by St. Andrews, but will include participants from outside of the church, and in fact from outside of Saskatoon. (If you are wondering why the time, it has been established to accommodate multiple time zones.)

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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



For
by
GRACE
you
have
been
saved
through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

Fourth Sunday in Lent



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

- L: The journey to Jerusalem is long.
This is a wilderness journey and we are not always comfortable.
But we trust and we persevere.
- P: We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L: God's people are familiar with wilderness.
After Egypt, they wandered in hunger and thirst—
confused and tired—waiting for the promised land.
Our destination is different.
We aim for Jerusalem—where it all ends—
and where there will be new beginnings.
- P: We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L: Let us pray.
- All: God of the wilderness,
give us strength when we wander.
When we stray and grieve,
hunger and thirst,
you have promised to make
water spring up in the desert.
Quench our thirst.
Feed us with manna.
Strengthen us when we are tired
or lack trust.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.



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A Home Away from Home

Accused of bewitching her niece after she fell ill, Zenabu Sugri began to fear for her safety in her own home.

In Ghana, where belief in witchcraft is widespread, it is often used to explain unusual and unfortunate events. Unfortunately, older women like Zenabu, are blamed and subjected to cruel treatment and discrimination when accused.

After suffering from relentless taunting, Zenabu found sanctuary at the PWS&D-supported Gambaga Camp—a refuge for women accused of witchcraft.

Zenabu has now found a sense of belonging with the community of women. At the camp, she's learnt how to make soap and sells it to earn an income. "It is peaceful. I am in good health and getting enough to eat," Zenabu shared.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve the marginalized. Through support for PWS&D, we can combat stigma and discrimination while supporting the vulnerable to lead peaceful and secure lives.

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