ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

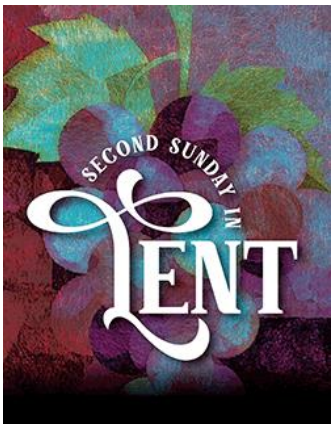
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musician: Michael Swan, Violin
March 1st, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

"I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?" – Psalm 121: 1

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: Andante Religioso, from *Pièces religieuses* – Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Rehema Nyekanyeka
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"The glory of these forty days"*** ***#192***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of mystery and mercy,
we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking deeper understanding.
We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions.
Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies.
Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ,
and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you
and your love for the world.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Who's goin' to tell the story"*** ***#761***

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:

Genesis 12: 1-4a - Rehema Kyekanyeka

Psalm 121 Refrain 2

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Matthew 17: 1-9 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Right in-front of us" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Adagio for Violin and Organ – André Caplet (1878-1925)

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: God our Companion

All: Walk with us on the Way

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"As when the Hebrew prophet raised"*** ***#189***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prière – Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Laura & Charles Roy

Chapel Communion will take place immediately after Worship.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS! St. Andrew's AGM is fast approaching. Dorothy needs your program and financial reports by **TODAY**, **SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST** to prepare the report for the meeting. office@standrewsyxe.ca

To the congregation: Rev. DeSandoli will be on parental leave.
This is a note to you ALL that Rev. DeSandoli will begin his parental leave effective March 2 returning to the office on May 11.
We wish him and his wife Heather the very best on the birth of their first child.
Any "emergency pastoral care" needs contact the church office or our Pastoral Care Nurse Laura Van Loon.
All other inquiries can be relayed to the Clerk Jan Rodda or to your Session Elder. Thank you.

GoForth Hub on March 2 at Calvin GoForth Presbyterian Church at 1:30. There will be "FUN and GAMES" on Monday. Hope to see you for your blood pressure check at 1:30 that day! Call Laura for information at 306-2297846.

The Synod of Saskatchewan through Jo Szotak, Congregational and Mission Development Coordinator has provided our congregation with the book ' Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and A Nation', by Murray Sinclair to each congregation. The Mission Committee chose to provide us with this book as part of our denomination's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of Indigenous issues. Pat Barber, our librarian is processing the book for it to be signed out. If you would like to join a Synod of Saskatchewan zoom discussion pertaining to the book it is scheduled for May 25 beginning at 7pm. For Zoom details please contact Jan Rodda, Clerk of Session.

Urgent Need for Blankets
We have learned that there is an urgent need for blankets at the St. Mary's warming shelter on 20th. Anyone wishing to help with this ministry, please bring your gently used blankets to the church and they will be delivered to their new home.



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.

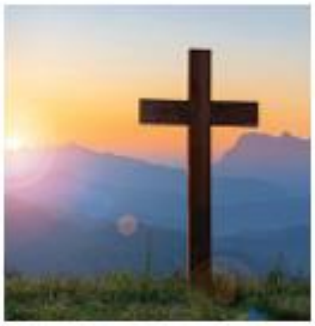
If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone 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
- 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



Second Sunday in Lent

One: God's covenant continued through Abram and Sarai.
God promised that things would change.

All: Even Abram and Sarai's names changed as a sign of God's constant presence with them.

One: The promise that God made is our promise too:
When we journey with God, God will make us fruitful
and the people of faith will increase.

All: May we embrace the changes that leave power, might and pride behind.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the covenant love us so much that
we cannot stay the same.

All: May Christ, who called people to give up everything and follow him, also compel us to follow him.

One: May the Holy Spirit of comfort assure us that
in every change, God is faithful.

All: May we hear the call of the God of covenant and change.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

From Despair to Hope in Malawi



Peter Simon is a 56-year-old father of four from Kumbewe Village in Malawi's Balaka district. Like many families in its southern region, Peter's life became more difficult when El Niño-induced droughts and floods affected the country.

"I watched almost all my fields get washed away. The little that was left did not survive," Peter shared. "Farming, which used to sustain my family, was no longer reliable."

As food became scarce and maize prices soared beyond his family's reach, Peter's once stable life began to spiral.

However, a ray of hope emerged through the El Niño Emergency Response Program. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Peter's family and 1,700 other households received monthly cash transfers to help meet their needs.

"The cash transfer changed everything," Peter said with a smile. "I was able to buy food for my family, pay my children's school fees and slowly rebuild my life. Just look at me now—so healthy!"

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to bring hope to disaster-stricken families by providing emergency food.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 1



After Susheela Devi's husband died from a chronic illness, she struggled to support her four daughters while running a small cosmetic shop. To ease her financial burdens, two of her daughters were forced into early marriage, and one tragically died during childbirth, leaving Susheela to care for the newborn. With insufficient government aid, her remaining daughters dropped out of school. Through the Karuna Project in India, PWS&D provided resources to help Susheela revive her cosmetic business, enabling her to support her family. The project also educated her on the dangers of child marriage, prompting her to re-enroll her daughters in school and invest in their futures. Determined, she says, "I will make them study well so they are capable of taking care of themselves."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 1 (2nd Sunday in Lent) We pray for people who have taken on a lenten discipline as they come by the Holy Spirit to know God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow Christ more nearly.

Monday, March 2 We pray for the wisdom, strength and health of the ministry staff and volunteers of each of the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, as they walk with and support people in the communities they serve.

Tuesday, March 3 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society's regional groups as they prepare programs for their upcoming annual meetings.

Wednesday, March 4 We pray for openness and honesty, and the willingness to change, for the sake of the future that God is bringing for the church of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, March 5 We pray for church partners in Taiwan and give thanks for our years of cooperation in ministry.

Friday, March 6 (World Day of Prayer) Let us pray for peace and act peaceably, let us pray for justice and act justly, let us pray for love and be loving. May our prayers inspire us to faithful action.

Saturday, March 7 We pray for children in Haiti who are receiving the malnutrition treatment they need to thrive and lead healthy lives at the PWS&D-supported St. Marc Hospital.