

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musicians: Paul Suchan, Naomi Piggott-Suchan

March 13th, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent

"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

– Psalm 27: 13-14

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.



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Sheila Coulter

Praise:

"The glory of these forty days"

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The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise, for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law, and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might, and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion,

We are creatures who seek our own comfort.

We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes.

We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first.

Forgive our fleeting commitment

and the times we have indulged our own complaints.

Have mercy on us.

Inspire us with the energy to do your will

and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"The Lord's my light"

(vs.1-4) #15

The Lord's my light and saving health; who shall make me dismayed? God is the stronghold of my life: who shall make me afraid?

Though ward arise and armies camp against me, I'll not fear; I will stand firm and confident: I know that God is near.

One thing I asked of God the Lord, and will seek to obtain, that all days of my life I may within God's house remain,

that I the beauty of the Lord may worship and admire, that I in God's most holy place may reverently enquire.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 27

-Donna Fenton

1 Peter 1: 13-21

Luke 9: 28-43

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Down from the Mountain"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

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:

“Take my life, and let it be consecrated”

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold: not a mite would I with-hold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

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

Announcements

The contact information form has been emailed. Please check your inbox! There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. We are so close to using the new PowerChurch program, and the last step is confirming everything about you. Please fill out the form, and return to the church office by Monday, March 21. Even if you're sure nothing has changed, please fill it out, and return. Thank you so much!



Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter. This year, the Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight current international needs due to natural disasters. The current PWS&D focus is on the January flood in Malawi caused by Tropical Storm Ana, a catastrophe that has not received any attention during the current busy news cycle. See the newsletter for more detail. Please prayerfully consider your Lenten offering to this dire need. Mark your offering with PWS&D-Lenten appeal.

On behalf of the joint Shrove Tuesday Team of 2022 we thank you! It was like so many great church events; some people worked behind the scenes, some people shared their musical talent, some people spoke, some people prayed, some people listened, some people donated to the cause with money. Each person made the event a success as worship, as a community, and as outreach. It was one piece of entering into the season of Lent and a great boost in raising money for Presbyterian World Service and Development. The amount so far is \$850.00. Thanks everyone.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY, SUNDAY, March 13th**. 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.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, AT 3 PM VIA ZOOM. Elders will be in touch with congregants, to make sure those wishing to attend the meeting are able. The Annual Report has been e-mailed to you, so please check your inbox. There are some hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.



We are planning a Springtime Fundraiser in the form of a British Afternoon Tea. Do you have a Cake Stand that we could borrow? If you do, please contact either Sandra 306-260-7734 or Sheila 306-280-8165 as soon as possible.



Have fun helping the **YOUTH** group raise money. Click on the links below for Purdy's chocolate or Baba's perogies. Need help? Call Martha 306.270 2378. Delivery will be Wednesday, April 13 at St Andrew's for both products.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1519742-93668>

<https://babasfundraising.com> The title says 2021 but it for 2022 as well. Pick St As YG when you checkout.

https://babasfundraising.com/?fbclid=IwAR1vloiKimOOXq396lsxnELpW2emMXFm2dh2JFPfWn9A27--M_PKW5pVUQs

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * The Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Budget
- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jan/Feb/Mar Suggested donation: \$3.00.
- * Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * The latest edition of *Saints Alive*, the church newsletter
- * Contact Information 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 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

On March 20, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held. At this time, the financial statements for 2021 will be presented. To set the stage, the church has, for the first time in many years had revenues that exceeded our expenses. This has resulted in a small year end surplus of \$3,415 that will carry forward into 2022. The bad news is that congregational givings missed our 2021 budget target by over \$21,000. Without federal government Covid assistance of \$24,000, we would have experienced another significant deficit.

For the past two years we have all lived under the dark cloud of a deadly pandemic which has created fear. Having St. Andrew's services available on line has been a key component of keeping alive our congregation and fostering our faith. Indeed, the quality of music that we have enjoyed at our church has added substantially to our services. As you are aware, the congregation's long time organist accepted another position during the year. Shortly thereafter, we also lost our choir director. Right now the Worship and Music Committee is actively pursuing options to fill one or both positions. The issue is one of sustainability for the church. Had we retained both the choir director and the organist for the past year, our small surplus would have resulted in a \$4,000 deficit. We would like to draw to the congregation's attention that the amount of funding previously attached to these two positions is significant \$5,304 for the choir director and \$16,024 for the music director. With current revenue forecasts, funding these music positions at previous levels, will again lead the church to a deficit position. We believe that it is time to take a step out in faith. Let us try to move away from the fear of the past months. We have two questions for you: 1) are you enjoying watching our services on line and 2) do you feel strongly about the future of the church music program? If your response to either of these questions is, "Yes," we need your financial help ensure the sustainability of the high quality of services that congregants have come to expect.

Orlanda Drebit, Treasurer and

Jim Fenton, Chair of Worship and Music Committee

"The **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** has unanimously recommended to Session the hiring of Naomi Piggott-Suchan and Paul Suchan to a team position of **Director of Music and Organist**. They will lead the music for our worship service March 13. Come in-person and enjoy their wonderful musical talents."



In Our Wider Community

In Conversation: Perspectives on Ecumenism, Reconciliation, and Pathways for Renewal

with Bishop Chris Harper, Anglican Bishop of Saskatoon

and Archbishop Don Bolen, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Regina

The 2022 De Margerie Ecumenical Lecture will be held **Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm** at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan.

Two bishops -- one Anglican, the other Roman Catholic, one Indigenous, the other from a Settler background -- will enter into dialogue and share their journeys towards reconciliation. While confronting the truths of the past, they will reflect on their interrelated commitments to ecumenism and reconciliation. Together, they will help us dream new pathways forward.

To register: <http://bit.ly/bishops2>

Attend in-person or view on livestream.

Sponsored by the Les and Irene Dubé Chair in Catholic Studies at STM College and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

SACRED PLACES AND SPACES: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

You are invited to join in our March 2022 series of Ecumenical Stewardship seminars. We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Join us **Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm** (SK time).

Mar. 17: Sharing Sacred Spaces – Facilities and Ministries

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall will discuss the many and varied ways denominations can work together in ministry and in the sharing of facilities.

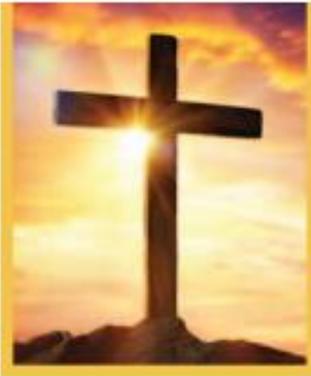
Mar. 24: Loving Our Neighbours! (again)

Carla Leon and Zoë Chaytors will engage us in the question of how we practically interact with our communities and use our physical resources in mission for the good of all.

Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduirjluHdE69wl-4LGI5vIH00mGqViK>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net





Second Sunday in Lent

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

One: During Lent, we remember God's justice is being established and the oppressed are set free.

All: Let us submit our lives to Christ and be liberated from the patterns and sins that keep us captive.

One: God's grace brings justice and is at work within us, encouraging our relationships and challenging the flawed systems we are part of. Sometimes, change is gradual and sometimes change happens quickly.

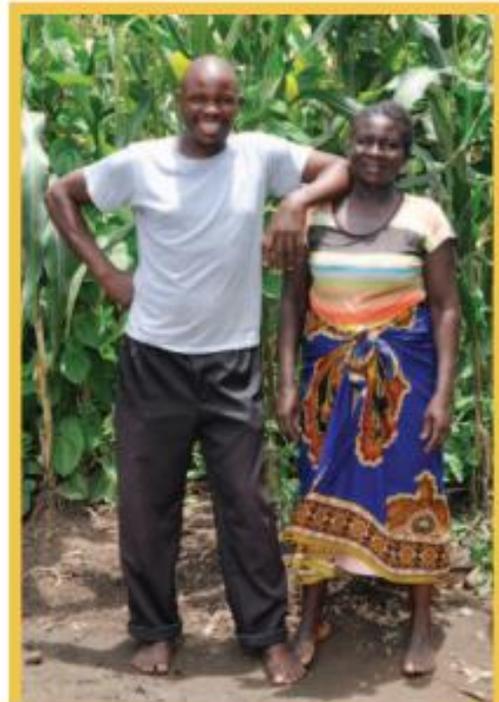
All: All things are possible with God.

One: Let us pray.

All: Liberating God, you call us to seek that justice in the world which reflects the divine righteousness revealed in the Bible.

When it is difficult to see your grace and justice at work, let us feel a strong sense of your presence and you at work in the world.

Keep us focused on the one who is the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



New Technique, New Hope

To Memory Nthakomwa, a young farmer from Malawi, it seemed like the upcoming farming season would be as difficult as the rest.

She had witnessed what climate change had done to previous crops—with inconsistent weather and floods, crop production had drastically decreased, yielding very little.

Then, Memory was introduced to a new farming method known as conservation agriculture. She learned the importance of rotating crops and how to intercrop seeds so that even when the effects of climate change did occur, she would be better prepared.

Memory was very hesitant to try the new technique. But after learning more at a workshop hosted by PWS&D's local partner, she grew more optimistic.

Today, she has not only increased the amount of land she farms using conservation agriculture, but Memory is equipped with the tools and techniques she needs to combat the effects of climate change and recurring hunger.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve the poor. Through support of PWS&D, we can help vulnerable families better address the impacts of the climate crisis.

WeRespond.ca



In Afghanistan, Fatima had always dreamed of attending school.

However, most schools were far from her home and, as a girl, it was unsafe for her to travel to them. At the age of 10, Fatima's dreams finally came true. She learned about a school near her village and persuaded her father to enroll her. "After completing my studies, I will become a teacher and become a role model for other girls and women in our village," Fatima shared.

Though the current political situation in Afghanistan has left many children uncertain about their futures, Fatima prays that she will be able to continue her education beyond primary school. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 13 (Second Sunday in Lent) Loving God, nurture our faith so that we may love you and trust you more fully.

Monday, March 14 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Tuesday, March 15 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Wednesday, March 16 We pray for professors and students at the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia.

Thursday, March 17 We pray for those who receive and count our offering. May they feel God's blessing as they do these important tasks for God.

Friday, March 18 We give thanks for the support the church provides through Presbyterian World Service & Development to facilitate access to clean water and sanitation training sessions that help communities stay healthy and prevent the spread of disease.

Saturday, March 19 We pray for church planting initiatives in the church.