ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

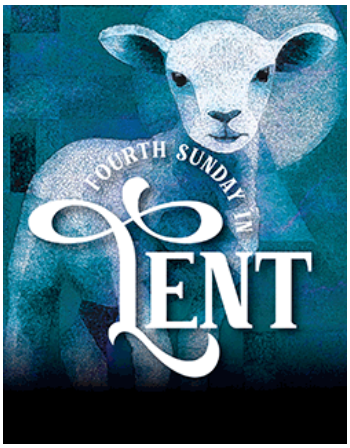
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
March 15th, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." – Ephesians 5: 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.



Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Kingsfold – Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements - Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - David & Daniel Tabien
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Be thou my vision"*** ***#461***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Healing God, the Gospels share with us many stories of the compassion and healing power of Jesus. Today, we hear the story of Jesus restoring sight to a blind man.
We confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see," we sometimes miss the truths you would teach us. When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the imprisoned, forgive us. When we praise you with our lips

but fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy, forgive us.
With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to your truth.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Breathe on me, breath of God"*** ***#389***

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:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 - David Tabien

Psalm 23 Refrain 1

Ephesians 5: 8-14 - Daniel Tabien

John 9: 1-41 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Here's Mud in Your Eye" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: May the Road Rise to Meet You – Lori True (b. 1961)

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 of Compassion,

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Put peace into each other's hands"*** ***#560***

Benediction

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

Postlude: St. Columba – Traditional Irish

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Judy & Luella

Congregational Notice – Brief Meeting on Heritage Designation
Today, **Sunday, March 15**, the congregation is asked to remain following worship for a brief congregational meeting regarding the matter of **Heritage Designation**.
At the **congregational meeting on February 22**, the congregation voted to **table a motion** concerning an application to the **City of Saskatoon for Heritage Designation**. This action was taken in order to allow time for additional information to be gathered.
On **March 1**, an information document was distributed to the congregation outlining responses to the questions that had been raised regarding the specifics of the Heritage Designation with the City of Saskatoon.
In light of this information, the **Building Fund Committee** is requesting that the congregation vote to **bring the motion back from the table**. If the motion is brought forward, the **mover and seconder intend to withdraw the motion**.
According to the **Book of Forms of The Presbyterian Church in Canada**, a motion that has been laid on the table **may be taken up at a subsequent meeting by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of those present** (Book of Forms, **Section 44**).
Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86984162334



We are pleased to share some wonderful news with the congregation. After a thoughtful search process, the hiring process is now complete and we are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms. Fafa Ahiahonu as our new Christian Education Coordinator.
Fafa has been part of the St. Andrew's church family since childhood and currently serves as one of our Sunday School teachers. She is also a professional educator and Program Manager for a charity that supports skills development for newcomers to Canada. Fafa holds a Masters degree in Education and brings valuable experience in curriculum development and differentiated instruction.
In this role as CE coordinator, Fafa will work alongside our Minister Roberto, the Christian Education Committee and our many volunteers to nurture faith formation within our congregation, particularly among our children and youth.
Let us join together in warmly welcoming Fafa to this role and please keep her in your prayers as she begins this important ministry.

Lenten Choir Evening, Friday, March 20 • 7 PM, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Lift your spirit in this special Lenten season gathering as six choirs from across our faith community will fill
the sanctuary with music that inspires, comforts, and reflection.
Featuring choirs from: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Grace Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, St. John's Anglican, St. Paul's Catholic, and Knox United.
Come for the music—stay for the fellowship.
Freewill offering. Everyone welcome!



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.



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. 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 spring 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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

One: How often, like those who wander in the wilderness, have we failed to trust God's covenant!

All: We have let God down and hurt one another.

One: But Jesus came into the world and was lifted up in order that love might be reborn.

All: Let us be glad, for we are not condemned, but held in the covenant of grace.

Assurance:

One: May God provide for our every need as we wander through our own wilderness.

All: May Christ our Saviour never condemn us, but deliver us to salvation.

One: May the Holy Bond of Love keep us in eternal care.

All: May we be empowered by embracing God's covenant and accepting God's changes.

Without Water, There is No Life



Felicita Tomás Velásquez used to have to fetch water from a source 30 minutes away because her home in Tuilelén, Guatemala, lacked piped water. Installing pipelines was too expensive for her family.

After years of effort, Felicita, who is now married with 11 children, finally obtained water access from the nearby community of La Libertad.

Since then, both Tuilelén and La Libertad have placed restrictions on new users, because water flow has decreased. That means Felicita's adult children and their families often rely on wells or neighbours for enough water.

To help address this problem, PWS&D and local partner, Maya-Mam Association for Research and Development, have installed water tanks.

Now Felicita's family and others in the community will have access to enough water.

"I am deeply grateful to the donors for providing water tanks. I recommend that the institution continue to supply other families with this type of support, since, without water, there is no life," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help communities access clean, safe drinking water and appropriate sanitation and hygiene facilities.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 15



We are a caring denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God's mission and proclaim God's love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ's love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany PCC partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 15 (4th Sunday in Lent) We give thanks for the faithful generosity of individuals and congregations who support the mission and ministry of the PCC through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, March 16 We pray for the members of the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who provide guidance and support to troops and their families, both at home and abroad.

Tuesday, March 17 Loving God, we pray for Atlantic Mission Society groups as they participate in local mission projects in their communities. Help them to show faith in word and action.

Wednesday, March 18 We give thanks for the rich diversity of ethnocultural congregations and members within the PCC; may their gifts be fully woven into the life and mission of the church.

Thursday, March 19 We pray for the newly elected officials of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod in Malawi: the Rev. R. Mangisa (Moderator), the Rev. M. Kananji (Vice Moderator), and the Rev. J. Banda (Deputy General Secretary).

Friday, March 20 We pray for The Presbyterian College Leadership Centre in its ministry of nurturing competent and faithful leaders for the church, for the workplace and for the broader society.

Saturday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) We ask for God's guidance in uprooting racism within our church and our society and for the strength-in-love needed to build communities free from hate and racial discrimination.