

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

March 16th, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

"They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem." – Luke 9: 31

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: Kingsfold – Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: (Lenten Insert)

- Laura Van Loon

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"The glory of these forty days"

#192

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

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 come forward*)

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.

Praise: *"We have come at Christ's own bidding"* **#187**
(*Children leave for Church School*)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 34: 29-35

- Laura Van Loon

Psalms 99 Refrain 2

2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4:2

Luke 9: 28-36

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Unveiled Faces"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Blessing – Katie Moran Bart

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"You, Lord are both lamb and shepherd"* **#356**

Benediction

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

Postlude: St. Columba – Traditional Irish

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

Coffee Hosts: Judy, Pat & Luella



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

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.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca; email: office@standrewsyxe.ca

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God, and in memory of Willie Wood, by the Wood family.

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 6th. After Worship, there is a potluck luncheon in the lower hall, followed by the AGM. The meeting is hybrid – in person and by Zoom. In preparation, on the entranceway table you can find hard copies of the annual report, the accountant's statements and the proposed budget for 2025.

Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Roberto

All who are interested in studying Scripture and praying through Lent together are invited to contact Rev. Roberto. We will follow a daily schedule of readings and gather weekly to discuss and pray together. Date and time TBD based on availability (Lent begins March 5). Please contact Roberto at

revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca



PWS&D - Annual Lenten Appeal

While the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper has been completed, the annual Lenten Appeal for PWS&D continues until Easter. This year's proceeds will go towards PWS&D work in responding to emergencies, both natural and manmade.

Please consider PWS&D during this Lenten season, as well as the remainder of the year. Mark your offering as PWS&D.

The **Anniversary Committee** and the **Board of Managers** are inviting you to attend a recital entitled "Dreams of Love and Spring" on Friday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30pm. This recital is being brought to us from the University of Saskatchewan, Music Department under the leadership of Dr. Betty Allison with support from Naomi Suchan. Together they are creating a repertoire of vocal music choices from their voice students. Join us after the concert for a fellowship hour in the lower hall. Donation at the door.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: A HUGE thank you to everyone who increased their donations to the Sandwich Fund for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry over the past year. It has allowed us to finally resume our pre-Covid commitment to the Mission to supply 12 dozen sandwiches twice each month. Our new year's resolution for 2025 is to cheerfully hold our sandwich making parties on the second and the fourth Sundays of each month.

If you would like to help with the sandwiches, please come and join us in the kitchen after the service on March 9th.

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter.

Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own “goodies” that is up to you. We would like to thank everyone who hosted in 2024 and hope you will

continue to sign up in 2025. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca



WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all winter.

Thank you for your support!



Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

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
- * Annual Report & Financial Statements

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

In Our Wider Community

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

While not directly related to St. Andrew's, in 1926, the Board of Home Missions opened a Mission College south of the City in the Grasswood area. It was set up by James Alan Munro with some help by University students.

Later, the charge was moved to the City and became Calvin Presbyterian Church. The Church was built on the corner of Lorne Avenue and Hilliard Street.

Charlie Parsons wrote a fine account, “The History of Calvin Presbyterian Church 1926-1972.”

Some from St. Andrew's moved to Calvin for support and development. In 1972, Calvin and Goforth Church amalgamated and the new Church now called Calvin-Goforth built a new building on the corner of Sommerfeld Avenue and 3rd Street East.

1927 – Mrs. Ben Johnston became the Supt. Of the Cradle Roll at St. Andrew's. She faithfully made baptismal certificates and annual birthday cards. There were many children, but she visited the children at home. She loved every child and kept track of "her children". She faithfully served for over 24 years.

On July 3, 1927, there was a National Thanksgiving, so the people of Canada could celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. The Government sent out an Order of Service to all churches in Canada. It specified that services were to be held at exactly 2:30 o'clock (local time) on July 3, 1927.

One major endeavour of the women of the Church (with lots of help by men) was having a food booth at the Saskatoon Exhibition.

A coal and wood range was set up at their site. Open-canvas tents with many tables were also set up. Their booth was one of the largest. Endless amounts of wood and water had to be brought to the booth – so men and boys pitched in.

A feature was the home-made pies made at the Church by the older women who would not be able to stand up to the heat and gruelling cooking and serving that was done at the Exhibition. For many years, this was an annual fundraiser. St. Andrew's was famous for good food and cleanliness.

On September 1, 1928, the Kirk Session recommended James Alan Munro to the Presbytery of Saskatoon as a student in Theology at Knox College.

In the Fall of 1928, the Brown Family moved into the Manse located at 535 – 24th Street East, Saskatoon.

St. Andrew's was thriving and growing.

Figures of Saskatoon's population in relation to Presbyterian numbers:

From the years 1911 – 1921, Saskatoon's population grew from 12,000 to over 25,000 and 30% of the population identified as Presbyterian (7,870).

The next ten years 1921 – 1931 again saw a huge population increase from 25,000 to over 43,000. However, the number of Presbyterians in 1931 decreased in number to just over 5,000.

Of course, this time frame indicated the number of Presbyterians who joined the United Church in 1925.

By 1931, the United Church claimed 13,501 followed closely by 10,313 Presbyterians (who now formed 8% of the City's population).



Second Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: As we seek your face, O God, on our
Lenten journey,

**All: may we remember your covenant of grace
with your people.**

One: Give us eyes to see your compassion and glory
in Christ Jesus

All: that we may be astounded by your greatness.

One: Help our hearts to take courage as we wait
for you, O God,

**All: so that together we can sing and
make melody.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

From Student to Teacher

Jessica is an inspiration at Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, where she teaches Grade 6.



Her journey with Francisco Coll began when she was just 11 years old, attending elementary school there. With a scholarship supported by PWS&D, she continued her studies beyond elementary school—through middle school, high school, and even teacher training.

Now, after 13 years of teaching at Francisco Coll, Jessica exemplifies the school's holistic approach to education. She doesn't just teach subjects like math, language, science and social studies, she instills values of productivity, citizenship and character development—reflecting the community.

Jessica believes in walking alongside her students and helping them apply what they have learned to the real world.

For Jessica, Francisco Coll is more than a school. It is her second home, a place where success and achievement are not just ideals but lived experiences shared with her students and community.

"What I love is to be a teacher, to be here with my students," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to open classroom doors and provide necessary supplies to help children reach their full potential.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 16

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre in Montreal, QC offers a March Break Camp and Summer Day Camps that are more than just fun and games; they are vital avenues for learning, growth, and community connection. These programs provide a safe and engaging environment where children not only enjoy exciting activities and real-life skills, but also enhance their literacy skills through initiatives like the Literacy Camp in the summer. Beyond the immediate joy, these camps play a crucial role in fostering social and skills development, teamwork, and personal confidence.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 16 (2nd Sunday in Lent) We pray for the March Break Camp at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, which provides a safe, fun, and empowering environment for children in the Little Burgundy community of Montreal, Quebec.

Monday, March 17 We pray for blessing and strength for those who raise awareness and support for people in need through PWS&D.

Tuesday, March 18 We pray for scholars and teachers serving God's gospel: "Let love be genuine, outdo one another in showing honour, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Wednesday, March 19 We give thanks for the new Presbyterian Church Heritage Center in Carlisle, Ontario, for God's continued blessings on Marilyn Repchuk's devoted service, and for Ian Mason as he carefully curates the church's artifacts.

Thursday, March 20 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they continue to glorify God and support, with prayer, study and service, mission endeavours through the PCC.

Friday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) We pray for an end to racial discrimination and for the Spirit's guidance to seek the kinds of changes needed to eliminate racism from our church and our society.

Saturday, March 22 (World Water Day) We pray that all people have access to clean safe drinking water, which is a common good, and for the protection of watersheds and the ecosystems they support.