

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 2nd, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday/P.W.S.&D.

"Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth'." – Revelation 21: 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.

Prelude: Fughetta, BWV 696 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, please join in proclaiming that 'Christ is the Light of the World.'

Welcome and Announcements

- Patti Polowick

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the strength of my life;

All: of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27).

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

facing the light of your goodness,

we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness.

We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need.

We focus on our own disappointments

rather than trust the future you create.

We feel discouraged by the political climate here and around the world

and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ.

Transform us by your grace,

and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

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: *"Jesus bids us shine"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalms 139: 1-12 Refrain 1

Luke 4: 16-21

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 10-14

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "This is what we do"

- Fafali Ahiahonu & Patti Polowick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Anthem: Adagio for Strings – Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

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: *"Arise, your light is come"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Ach Gott und Herr – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Vickie & Doug Drover



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

ANNUAL REPORT

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS! St. Andrew's AGM will be held on Sunday April 6th, following Worship. Dorothy needs your written and financial reports by **TOMORROW**, Monday, March 3rd to prepare the report for the meeting. office@standrewsyxe.ca

Coming soon! March 4th **Shrove Tuesday Dinner** 4:30-6:45; proceeds for PWS&D

Notice for **Pastoral Care Committee:** There will be a meeting in the church hall at 1:30 on March 5, 2024. Contact Christél for more information at 639-525-1355

World Day of Prayer

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a World Day of Prayer Service at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Crescent East, on Friday, March 7th, at 1:00 p.m. This year's service was written by the women of the Cook Islands. The theme is "I MADE YOU WONDERFUL", based on Psalm 139: 1-18. Refreshments will be served.



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

Every year, the Stewardship Committee promotes the PWS&D throughout the Lenten season, starting with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. Similarly, every year, the committee focusses on a specific appeal, whether it be a development project, or an emergency. The past years presented a series of emergencies, often simultaneously. This year, the committee has suggested that the money NOT be designated to a specific emergency. By leaving it as a general offering, PWS&D has the ability to be flexible in responding to both emergencies and concrete opportunities to help.

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.

New contact information!

Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca

Office email: office@standrewsyxe.ca

Bookkeeping: finance@standrewsyxe.ca

In Our Wider Community

Hub City at Calvin GoForth Presbyterian Church - Monday, March 3, 2025 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Join us for a St. Patrick's Celebration and tour of Ireland. For more information, you can call Laura at 306-229-7846

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

The year 1926 was a major milestone for St. Andrew's. The first annual congregational meeting was held on January 19, 1926. Active membership stood at 340,299 by Certificate and 41 by Confession of Faith.

After a year of meeting in rented space, the top priority was having their own sanctuary. On March 9, 1926, David Webster and Angus McMillan were appointed to find a suitable site.

The Building Committee was formed to raise funds, plan and supervise the erection of the Church.

A Sibbald was the Chairman. The sod was turned at the site on 4th Avenue and 20th Street. On May 26, 1926, by Mrs. McCarrell, head of the National W.M.S., every group was active in raising money for the cost. Because the congregation was anxious to move in before winter, the decision was made to put a roof over the basement section and build the main floor later. (Due to the Great Depression, that never happened,) The dimensions were 55 feet wide, 64 feet long, with seating for 550. The inside was plaster and lath. The exterior was stucco. In addition to usual sanctuary and choir space, there was a kitchen and small pantry, two separate rooms, furnace room and coal-cellar, two toilets, a large entrance vestibule with storage room underneath. It was steam heated and had a fire-proof roof.

Every group raised money for furnishings. The pulpit was given by the Boys' Club. The Communion table was provided by the Girls' Club. The organ and other gifts were from the Women's Club. The pulpit Bible was from the J.H. Anderson Family. The pulpit Hymn Book was from the Young People's Society. The piano was given by the Choir. Communion linens were given by the John H. Anderson Family while the John A. Anderson Family provided the Chalice for Communion. The L. Roblin Family gave the offering plates. Twenty-four kindergarten chairs came from T.A.S. Campbell. Other items presented were wall racks for hymn books, picture rails for the vestry, linoleum for the aisles, kitchen glassware, mirrors, flower stands and bulletin boards. The Boys' Club (with help from Dads) built all the tables used for banquets.

The Dedication of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church took place on October 3, 1926. The Order of Service showed that: first, the Congregation will rise and join in the Lord's Prayer (using Debts and Debtors). Next was the reading of Psalm 80, followed by the Scripture Lesson and a Hymn. A male quartet sang, followed by announcements and offering. The Anthem, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land" was sung by the Choir. Another hymn, followed by the Sermon and Prayer, was by guest Minister, Rev. McQueen of Edmonton. The morning service was closed by the singing of "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" and the Benediction.

But, wait, there was more! At 2:30 p.m., the Rally Day Service was held, followed by a Baptismal Service.

At 4:00 p.m., they squeezed in a Public Worship in the Gaelic Language!

At 7:00 p.m., the service started by the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" and Invocation: Scriptures and Psalms followed. Then, came the announcements and Offering (the Board of Management just couldn't help themselves! They asked for a generous offering.)

More hymns, anthems, a sermon by Rev. Dr. McQueen brought the service near the end to sing, "O God Our Help In Ages Past". It closed with the Benediction.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, February 2

For more than 75 years, the church and PWS&D have been dedicated to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our partners, we are creating meaningful change in our shared world. Working together, we support the poor, the sick and the marginalized, strive to restore dignity, relieve suffering, and empower communities that thrive through cooperation. Guided by faith, we are called to walk alongside those we serve—advocating for equality, sustainability, human dignity, peace, and care for God’s creation. Together, we are working toward a future that is sustainable, compassionate and just.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 2 (PWS&D Sunday) We pray for PWS&D programs and partners in development and relief that are supporting marginalized communities and enabling abundant life.

Monday, February 3 (World Wetlands Day is Feb 2) We give thanks for the diverse abundance of wetland ecosystems on World Wetlands Day. We pray for the protection of wetlands under global threat from unsustainable human development, pollution and global warming.

Tuesday, February 4 We pray for the church in Malawi and all its members. May they find strength and comfort in God’s presence and may their joy in the Gospel bring hope through their ministries of compassion, development, health and education.

Wednesday, February 5 We pray for music leaders in congregations who use their talents to support congregations as they praise God.

Thursday, February 6 We pray and give thanks for the members of the Women’s Missionary Society across Canada as they pray and serve as God leads.

Friday, February 7 We give thanks for our ecumenical connections through Canadian Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and World Council of Churches as members share the good news of Christ in study, ministry and programs.

Saturday, February 8 We pray for the leadership team of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew’s Hall, as they equip local congregations for discerning God’s presence and responding with a ministry of witness, reconciliation and justice.