ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

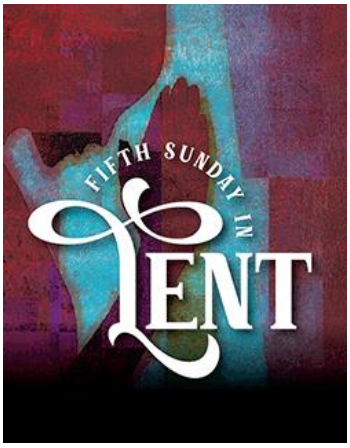
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musicians: Gerard Weber, Saxophone; Laurien Gibson, Soprano
March 22nd, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope."
– Psalm 130: 5

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: The Lamb, from *Ten Blake Songs* – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Welcome and Announcements - Patti Polowick

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Laura Van Loon
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"The love of God comes close"*** ***#474***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of Life, you know us through and through.
Created for new life in you,
too often we feel withered, cracked, and pale,
depleted by worries, held captive by our fears.
Too often we feel like a pile of old bones,

dry, brittle, and broken.
Forgive us when we doubt.
Forgive us when we feel that hope is lost.
Shake us into being. Breathe new life into us.
Empower us to rise, renewed and recharged to serve you.
Let your Spirit course through our veins.
We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Lord of the living"*** ***#603***

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:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - Laura Van Loon

Psalm 130 Refrain 1

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Can These Bones Live?" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Rhosymedre (or "Lovely") from *3 Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes* – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Christ of majesty and mercy,
Bring your compassion to this world once more.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"*** ***#374 tune #730***

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Divine Image, from *Ten Blake Songs* – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga

Coffee Hosts: Paul Boom



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.
HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.
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, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

NOTICE of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Saskatoon – **Annual General Meeting**



Sunday, April 12, 2026 12:30 pm
Potluck beginning following the service
AGM beginning at 1:15 pm
In person in the Sanctuary OR
By Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84264158158?pwd=fGGNmIZBrVEodWDz1Osqr1gJs9iCJN.1

Agenda and Annual Report to follow.

Kirk Ready
Convenor Board of Managers
boardchair@standrewsyxe.ca

Jan Rodda
Clerk of Session
clerk@standrewsyxe.ca

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the entranceway table.



Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday Worship at St. A.'s at 11 am
Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship at St. Paul's United Church at 7pm
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Worship at St. A.'s at 10:30 am, with Jones Otisi Kalu
Sunday, April 5 – Easter Worship and Holy Communion at St. A.'s at 11 am

A Celebration of Life (a.k.a. 90th Birthday) for Margaret Munro will be held at the Western Development Museum on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. It is NOT a Come and Go – it is a Come and Stay!
She hopes some St. Andrew's people will attend. St. Andrew's has been part of her life for many years.
If you plan to come, please email her son, Mark Stobbe at email: Munrobirthday90@gmail.com or phone Margaret at 306-373-3704.
Final figures are needed by March 31, 2026. We are giving away small collectables, so no gifts!
There will be a card to sign.
Thank you, Margaret Munro

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 preesented 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.

Save the Date – April 19 – Pastoral Care Lunch and Learn
The Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to announce that **Krista-Dawn Kimsey of the Mustard Seed Saskatoo**n will make a presentation **on Sunday, April 19 following the worship service**. Learn how The Mustard Seed (https://theseed.ca/saskatoon-shelter), which is located in downtown Saskatoon, is helping the poor and unhoused in our community. The Pastoral Care Committee will provide lunch. Please plan to join us.



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM (WILLIE) WOOD
July 16, 1944 – March 17, 2024
The Family of Willie Wood has donated a premium New Revised Standard Version of the Bible to St. Andrew's Church. It has been placed in the pew where Willie used to worship. Our Family is grateful for all the support received from our St. Andrew's Family.

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: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, 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

In Our Wider Community

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information



Fifth Sunday in Lent

One: God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God.

All: Often, when we are confused and closed and worn, we wonder if that day will ever come.

One: God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. God will always be our God and we will always be God's people.

All: Let us be glad, for God remembers our sin no more.

Assurance:

One: May the God of healing grace restore our weary souls.

All: May the Christ of glory teach us that it is through service that we gain honour.

One: May the Holy Spirit grant us a new sense of purpose and direction.

All: May we anticipate with eagerness God's coming covenant and the changes it will bring.



Kolan's Journey of Resilience and Transformation

In Ghana, 40-year-old Kolan Lamisi participates in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana's Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program.

"I was involved in an accident which resulted in a permanent disability. My husband, after expending so many resources to get me medical attention, got fed up and abandoned me to my fate.

I was always indoors and had no source of livelihood. Life was very challenging. The CBR, in partnership with PWS&D, came into my life, and things have never been the same.

My life has changed positively.

I received mobility devices, including a wheelchair and a tricycle. I was trained and supported to run a shop to generate money. Currently, I earn enough through my business so that I can pay for my basic needs and live happily."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help build sustainable livelihoods so families and individuals can meet their basic needs.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 22



The PCC is dedicated to embracing the commitments made in the 2024 Apology, acknowledging the church's past role in colonization and residential schools. We are committed to listening to and sharing the truth about those histories and actively supporting Indigenous-led healing and wellness efforts. Many of these efforts are carried out through the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, with support from Presbyterians Sharing. These ministries serve Indigenous communities across Canada by creating welcoming and safe spaces that offer crisis counselling, meals, children's programs, worship Circles, and more. Additionally, the church is working on healing projects supported by the Honouring the Children fund, which funds initiatives identified by Indigenous nations and communities impacted by PCC-run schools. These projects include memorials, healing gardens, searches of former school sites, community events like feasts and gatherings, and other meaningful efforts to heal the wounds of the past.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 22 (5th Sunday in Lent; World Water Day) We praise God that PWS&D-supported sanitation training sessions are helping communities stay healthy and prevent the spread of water-borne disease.

Monday, March 23 We pray for guests who visit Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, that they will experience God's transforming power through the beautiful fields and forest, nourishing food and kind staff.

Tuesday, March 24 We pray for the new Deputy Clerk, the Rev. Jeff Murray. May he be blessed with patience, understanding and support.

Wednesday, March 25 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church through Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Thursday, March 26 We pray for the Rev. Daniel Cho, convenor of the Assembly Council.

Friday, March 27 We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it helps the Church think faithfully about God's truth in changing times.

Saturday, March 28 We pray for the staff and faculty at Knox College who serve with dedication and care. Grant them wisdom in their ministries, patience in their guidance, and joy in their calling.