

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Alicia Monson

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Jordie Hughton

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Palm Sunday**

*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: Les Rameaux – Jean-Baptiste Fauré (1830-1914)

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

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Grace Drover

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***“All glory, laud and honour”***

**#214**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**you call us to be servants yet we confess we like to be served.**

**You call us to give ourselves away for love's sake,**

**yet we confess we like to hang on to what we have.**

**We can't imagine following you to the cross.**

**As we see your cross looming, we wonder,**

**Is this what you have in mind for us?**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time: Martha Fergusson

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:** *"Hosanna, loud hosanna"* **#218**  
*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Refrain 1

Mark 11: 1-11

-Christine Meier

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Riding In" - Alicia Monson

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: The King of Glory! – Lloyd Larson (b.1954)

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:** *"O dearest Lord"* **#221**

Benediction

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

Postlude: I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked – Geoffrey O'Hara (1882-1967)

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

Lock Up: Heather Reichert

No Coffee Time This Week

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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.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## Announcements

### HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am Worship

Good Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am Worship & Communion

## ANNUAL REPORT

THE ANNUAL REPORT has been emailed to everyone in the Congregational News contact list. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, contact the church office at [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com). There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. The accountants' statements and proposed budget have also been emailed out and are available on the entranceway table.

### WORSHIP SERVICE! NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY! POTLUCK LUNCH! AND THE AGM!!

Join us on April 7, 2024 for a very special service welcoming new members to our congregation, followed by a potluck lunch and the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be in person and begin at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Please bring a potluck dish to share. The AGM will also be available "Live by ZOOM" with the opportunity to vote on motions and ask questions. Please watch the bulletin for the Zoom address. Hope you will attend this important annual meeting.



### PWS&D Lenten Appeal

Every Lenten period, St. Andrew's promotes the work of PWS&D around the world and highlights one aspect of this work. This year, after several years of emergency relief, the focus during 2024 is on maternal care. While improvements in diet and health care over the century have made maternal mortality a rarity in Canada, concerns over survival still run high in developing countries.

To date, over \$750 has been raised, mainly from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

This is sufficient to train 18 health workers in maternal and child care. As the Lenten period is ending, the need is not. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.



### **2024 Lenten Book Study**

All are invited to join the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Roberto on Mondays at 7pm for our 6-part Lenten Book Study. Meeting by Zoom from February 19th to March 25th, we will be exploring N.T. Wright's "Lent for Everybody: Year B." The book is available both digitally and in print and we have purchased a number of hardcopies for those who want one. Please email Rev. Roberto at [roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com) to sign up.

Book link: <https://www.amazon.ca/Lent-Everyone-Mark-Year-B/dp/0664238947>

### **CHEF TASTY ANNOUNCES THE INDOOR SPRING CLEAN.**

The Anniversary Committee is heading up an opportunity to get to know each other through our Interior Spring Clean. The main focus is the church kitchen. We could use about 6-8 people to give a hand. On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 am. Supplies will be on hand to clean up. Contact Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda for more info. Thanks for making a date!

The office updates addresses and emails as they are received, so make sure the church is aware when you change your contact information.

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #66.

66. We call upon the federal government to establish multiyear funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices.

### **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

### **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](http://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

## ***In Our Wider Community***

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AT 7:30 PM AT ST. ANDREW'S** – Award winning Canadian pianist Sarah Hagen performs Bach's formidable Goldberg Variations. Cherished by many, the Goldberg Variations are emblematic of keyboard virtuosity, rich expression, and hardcore classical interpretations. Sarah will offer a short introduction to this marvellous and intense composition before playing the full work.



# Palm/Passion Sunday

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*Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)*

**One:** On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, showing us the way of peace.

**All:** **With palm branches in hand, we cry out "Hosanna," save us now, save us from our warring madness.**

**One:** "We affirm that God is at work when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice.

**All:** **"We pray for peace to him who is the Prince of Peace."** *(Living Faith 8.5.3)*



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# Achieving a Healthier Future for Women



In rural areas, young girls are often the victims of unwanted early pregnancies, which may force them to stop their schooling and cut off future livelihood opportunities. In the Chinyang'ombe community in Malawi, five remarkable women, known as Community-Based Distribution Agents, have taken on the responsibility of promoting access to family planning methods to address this issue.

Going door-to-door, they provide these vital services directly to the community. Although married women primarily use their services, young girls find solace in accessing family planning methods through youth clubs.

Though they've faced some challenges, the five women acknowledge the positive impact on women in the community, as more individuals have access to family planning methods, resulting in healthier families.

By enabling women to space out when they have children, their work, with PWS&D's support, promotes reproductive health and fosters the well-being of women, children and the community.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to help improve access to vital healthcare services.**

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# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 24

Following Christ's example to care for the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit, Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre provides care and support for people who have endured intergenerational trauma and profound loss and grief in their lives. The centre promotes healthy grieving practices that include sharing circles and memorial fires, creating a safe space for a time of prayer, sharing sorrow and mourning the loss of loved ones. The community has come to value the importance of the sacred fire teachings and the warmth and comfort it offers, welcoming all to come just as they are.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday)** Protect us from fickleness and help us be faithful to your calling to follow you, our servant king.

**Monday, March 25** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

**Tuesday, March 26** We give thanks for Calvin-Goforth's "Hub Club" ministry as it provides fun and informative programming for seniors in the Saskatoon, SK community.

**Wednesday, March 27 (Transgender day of Visibility, March 31)** Approaching Transgender Day of Visibility, we pray that visibility will be accompanied by action; that communities, churches and elected officials will contribute to the safety and well-being of transgender people.

**Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday)** Give us, O God, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live out Christ's example to love as he loved and to serve as he served.

**Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)** Merciful God, we praise you for your sacrificial love and pray for all those who have suffered violence, and for reconciliation wherever there is division and conflict

**Saturday, March 30** On this day, Jesus lies in the grave. We trust in the resurrection and in God's power to stir new life among and within us.