

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Dave Feick

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

March 26th, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

– Ezekiel 31: 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.



Prelude: Herzlich thut mich verlangen, BWV 727 – J.S. Bach

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

- Pearson Ahiahonu

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Donna Fenton

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Like the murmur of the dove's song"

#385

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**God who knows us through and through,
we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith.
We remember difficult times and wonder where you were.
We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen.
We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us.
Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you.**

**Remind us that your love never lets us go
and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

- Pat Barber

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Breathe on me, breath of God"* **#389**
(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

- Donna Fenton

Psalms 130 (Refrain 1)

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

- Dave Feick

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "From the depths to life and peace" - Dave Feick

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

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: *"Spirit of the living God"* **#400**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Herzlich thut mich verlangen, from *Eleven Choral Preludes for the Organ*, op. 122 – Johannes Brahms

Greeters & Collectors:

**Marina Onclin, Arline Sanderson, Esther Efeme,
Sammy and Prince Lyonga Ngombe**



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.

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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

Dave Feick is the Executive Director of the Micah Mission where he oversees Micah's Restorative Justice programs. He is an ordained minister in Mennonite Church Saskatchewan and has pastored 2 congregations in Saskatchewan. He attends the Osler Mennonite Church in Osler and lives in the village of Neuanlage with his wife, Joanne and their dog, Moka. Dave and Joanne have adult children living in Winnipeg, Rosthern and Saskatoon. He enjoys hitting golf balls with Rev. Roberto, but doesn't do so nearly often enough.

We welcome Rae Giesbrecht, Elizabeth Shih, Leana Jeung, and Alicia as the CE Team this morning. They will share Micah 6:8 with the children.

Martha Fergusson is attending the PCC Assembly Council in Puslinch, Ontario.

Thank you Pastoral Care and Christian Education

During our 2022/23 Program Season, we are intentionally giving thanks to all of the volunteers who make the work and ministry of St. Andrew's possible. This week we give thanks to our Pastoral Care and Christian Education Committees. Please take a moment to sign the thank you cards in the Narthex.



Mark your calendars! Join the reflection!

Lent Study Group by Zoom

Host Rev Roberto DeSandoli & The CE Committee

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. March 1- April 5, 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369280244>

The PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday April 5th at 1:30 in the lower Fellowship Hall of the church.



The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Monday, April 3rd.



Dear Congregation,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Managers is providing **Notice of the Congregational AGM to be held next Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm via Zoom**. This is an important meeting to review the past year 's activities and to review the 2023 year's budget as put forward by the Board of Managers.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318997708>

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jan Rodda on Behalf of the Session and Board of Managers

Copies of the annual report are available on the entranceway table. Please note that the final statements from the accountant have not been received yet, and are not part of the report. We will distribute them as soon as they are available.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * Annual Report

In Our Wider Community



Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 5,000 have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

Please pray for all of those affected.

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

To support the response, you can give through St. Andrew's by normal procedures, go to the PWS&D website, or call 1-800-619-7301. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

Pray for those Affected by Tropical Storm Freddy

For the second time in a month, Tropical Storm Freddy has ripped through Mozambique and Malawi. Heavy rains have triggered flooding in the southern district of Blantyre in Malawi. PWS&D has made an initial contribution to our partner in the area to assist in search and rescue efforts, as well as providing food items in evacuation camps. Additionally, funds will be used to enable assessment teams to determine the best possible response effort to the disaster.

Pray with us for those who have been affected by this storm.

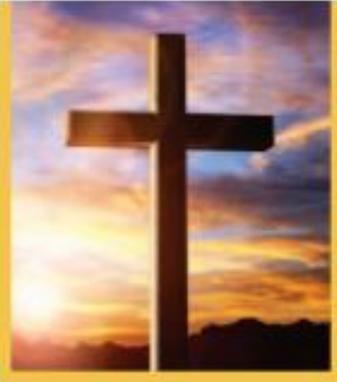
FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA: Be aware of a scam using PWS&D's name and share with your congregation members. We are aware of at least one instance of a member of a Presbyterian congregation receiving a phone call pressuring them to donate to PWS&D and provide their banking information. PWS&D (and the Presbyterian Church in Canada) do not solicit funds over the phone, demanding that banking information be shared. The only instance someone from the PCC will call a donor is if card information used for monthly donations needs to be updated or information mailed to the church needs to be clarified. Be careful and do not fall prey to people using PWS&D's (or the PCC's) names in fraudulent attempts to solicit funds. If you are ever in doubt, hang up and call the national office at 1-800-619-7301. If this happens to you, please also report it to the national office.

SASKATOON NATIVE CIRCLE MINISTRY Steak Night and Silent Auction: Friday, April 21st at Mulberry's, 2326 Millar Avenue. Doors open at 6, Dinner at 7. Tickets: Adults \$25, Kids Meal (4-8 years, chicken strips) \$10. For tickets speak to Sharon Nixon or Al Ireland.

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 #19.

19. We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, to establish measurable goals to identify and close the gaps in health outcomes Calls to Action| 3 between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, and to publish annual progress reports and assess long-term trends. Such efforts would focus on indicators such as: infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services.

A VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL OF FAVOURITE HYMNS with Michael Swan and Gillian Lyons. Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at Emmanuel Anglican Church, 607 Dufferin Avenue. Free will offering.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Here we are taught to pay attention to those calling out for care.
- P: Jesus knew that God is revealed at unlikely times.
- L: Like him, sometimes we arrive too late, when tragedy has already occurred:
- P: after the war has torn lives apart, after the earthquake has crumbled homes, after the drought has killed crops.
- L: With Lazarus already in a tomb, Jesus cared for the grieving before turning his attention to his dead friend.
- P: Let us pray for and support the medics as well as the injured, the aid workers as well as the homeless, the food providers as well as the hungry.
- L: Tragedies may show us the worst of humanity, when greed and malice flourish.
- P: Yet, we celebrate those who respond with love and compassion, bringing Christ to the places where death has brought devastation.



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Responding to Drought in Somalia

"The weather is harsh; life is more difficult for the children, they are very thin and sick due to lack of food," says Siman Sokorow.

In Somalia, the general humanitarian situation is worsening, with famine alerts being declared in some parts of the country—needs are extremely high.

Siman's eight-month-old son, Farhan, is one of the many Somali children under five who has been admitted to hospital for treatment this year. Farhan was dehydrated due to vomiting and diarrhea. At hospital, he was admitted for severe malnutrition and started medication and rehydration treatment.

Farhan is now receiving the treatment he needs to recover, including therapeutic milk, antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs.

"He had been sick and weak, but after the treatment he has improved, he can now play and run around. Thanks to all those involved for the invaluable support," shares Siman.

This life-saving project, which PWS&D supports through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is helping treat severely malnourished children under the age of five, and lactating women.

**This Lenten season,
help ensure that
children have access
to critical food and
medical care.**

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In Haiti, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is supporting farmers and their families.

As a farmer, 62-year-old Emmanuel Joseph has experienced changes to his land for decades. When Emmanuel joined a farmer's collective supported by PWS&D in 2013, he began learning conservation agriculture practices like composting and crop rotation. Now, Emmanuel's garden produces more and better food year-round, and his wife is able to bring produce to the market to sell. Projects



focusing on food security benefit farmers and their loved ones by providing education and resources to help achieve better food security and address the impacts of climate change—both now and in the future.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 26 (Fifth Sunday in Lent) We pray for marginalized people, and for the wisdom to learn and grow in God's love of all people, so that we may not exclude anyone from our circle of care.

Monday, March 27 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that are helping farmers in Haiti combat the impacts of climate change and achieve better food security for their families.

Tuesday, March 28 We pray for Women's Missionary Society synodicals as they prepare for their annual meetings in April, and for WMS presbyterials and groups as they continue to engage in mission.

Wednesday, March 29 We thank God for calling people to helping professions. May God guide and empower them as they prepare for this important work.

Thursday, March 30 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Friday, March 31 On **Transgender Day of Visibility**, we pray for the safety, dignity and well-being of all transgender people.