

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Guest Hymn Leaders: Fran Gordon & Sandra Monson

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."*

*– Isaiah 2: 4*

*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.*



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Rehema & Bahati Nyekanyeka

**Praise:**

***"God of mercy, God of grace"***

**#39**

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your world with light divine, and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King; at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live, all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God we thank you for the gift of clarity you give for us to know you as well as ourselves. As we reflect on this time, on who we have been and how we have lived, we lift to you all of our confessions: all of the times we have misspent our gifts, the times we have been impatient with ourselves and others, and the times we have not wholly trusted that you love us, even as we are. God, help us to give up these cares and burdens, to place them at the foot of your cross, and to know we are completely yours. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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

**Praise:**

***"For the healing of the nations"***

**#736**

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your word release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned, pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1-4

-Donna Brown

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

**"Reconciling Love"**

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

**"Arioso in F Maj"**

-J.S. Bach

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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 GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:**

***"Be still, my soul"***

**#749**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future wisely, as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that ruled them here on earth below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay from his own fullness all death takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction

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

Postlude:

"Ukrainian National Anthem"

—music by Mykhailo Verbytsky (1863)



## Announcements

The **PASTORAL CARE** team has arranged a visual representation of support for our Ukrainian friends during this time of unimaginable fear, pain, sorrow and loss. For the next two Sundays, the sanctuary will display the colours of the Ukrainian flag, blue and yellow. Lapel ribbons in blue and yellow will be given out in the entrance way. Let's pray for peace, healing and safety.



### Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter. This year, the Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight current international needs due to natural disasters. The current PWS&D focus is on the January flood in Malawi caused by Tropical Storm Ana, a catastrophe that has not received any attention during the current busy news cycle. See the newsletter for more detail. Please prayerfully consider your Lenten offering to this dire need. Mark your offering with PWS&D-Lenten appeal.



InterChurch Health Ministry—Saskatchewan (ICHM-SK) Annual General Meeting, is coming up on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. All partner congregations and agencies are invited to attend the meeting. Partners are to name **four** persons to be their voting members. Please plan to attend and join the discussion on many upcoming important issues for ICHM-SK—details are provided in the Annual Report, available from [p.nursing@sasktel.net](mailto:p.nursing@sasktel.net).

Interested members of the congregation may contact Luella Moore, Chairperson, at 306-652-5886 or Laura Van Loon, Parish Nurse Convenor, at 306-229-7846 for more information.



### The CE COMMITTEE of Session is resuming in-person church school Sunday, April 3, 2022!!

Please tell anyone you know with children. Masks are required, and COVID safety protocols are embedded in our opening plan (distancing- sanitizing). For further information, call Martha 306 270- 2378.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.

The **ONLINE WORSHIP COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to assist with live streaming of church services on Sundays at St Andrews. No particular technical skills are required; there will be "on-going, on the job" training every Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet at the Church office, please call if you are interested and feel led to serve the church in this way. Thank you.



The 2021 statistics show that St. Andrew's has a congregation of **158**. Dorothy has received contact information for **50**. You will have noticed that Worship is returning to what it used to be, before COVID. People are again reading Scripture, greeting, ushering, collecting the offering. Hopefully, a return to a coffee/fellowship time after Worship will also be in our future. We want to create schedules again, for the people willing to help in these areas. The best way for us to know who you are, and how you're willing to help, is for you to fill out the **CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**. Even if you're sure nothing has changed, **PLEASE** fill it out, and return. *So much information was lost when the computer crashed in 2020, so we may not have the information you think we do.* Thank you so much!

There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, or a form e-mailed to you, please contact the church office. We are so close to using the new PowerChurch program, and the last step is confirming everything about you!



We are planning a Springtime Fundraiser in the form of a British Afternoon Tea. Do you have a Cake Stand that we could borrow? If you do, please contact either Sandra 306-260-7734 or Sheila 306-280-8165 as soon as possible.



**YOUTH FUNDRAISER** – Last days to order Purdy's or Baba's perogies. Click on the links below for Purdy's chocolate or Baba's perogies. Need help? Call Martha 306.270 2378.

Delivery will be Wednesday, April 13 at St Andrew's for both products.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1519742-93668>

<https://babasfundraising.com> The title says 2021 but it for 2022 as well. Pick St As YG when you checkout.

[https://babasfundraising.com/?fbclid=IwAR1vloiKimOOXq396lsxnELpW2emMXFm2dh2JFPfWn9A27--M\\_PKW5pVUQs](https://babasfundraising.com/?fbclid=IwAR1vloiKimOOXq396lsxnELpW2emMXFm2dh2JFPfWn9A27--M_PKW5pVUQs)

#### **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
- \* The latest edition of *Saints Alive*, the church newsletter
- \* Contact Information 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 [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*



### UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The invasion of Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis. This devastating conflict has already displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The most urgent needs are for food, water and shelter.

To help respond quickly to the escalating situation, PWS&D is receiving donations for Ukraine.

As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we are well placed to provide urgently needed food and non-food support.

Through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) as they

respond to the ever-changing situation in Ukraine. Since

the beginning of March, HIA has been responding to both Ukrainians who have fled the country into Hungary, as well as those displaced within Ukraine. In Ukraine, The Presbyterian Church in Canada partners with the Transcarpathian Reformed Church.

Refugees and displaced people are receiving cash assistance and emergency mental health and psychosocial support. In total, Hungarian Interchurch Aid will assist 14,000 households.

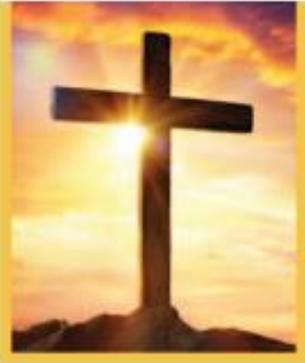
PWS&D is helping them provide emergency food assistance and other essential non-food aid, including hygiene kits and medical supplies. HIA is also helping to restore emergency basic services in Ukraine, including sanitation and drinking water.

If you want to respond to this crisis, please mark your cheque/envelope/online donation with Ukrainian crisis. Alternately, donate directly to PWS&D through

<https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-ukraine-crisis-appeal/>



THEY WILL BEAT THEIR SWORDS  
INTO PLOWSHARES  
AND THEIR SPEARS INTO  
PRUNING HOOKS  
ISAIAH 2:4



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**One:** During Lent, we remember that even when we disobey and turn away, we are still loved by God.

**All:** God does not give up on us.

**One:** God breaks our stubbornness and calls us back from our wandering, so we can experience the joy and peace that comes from following Christ.

**All:** May we have the courage to hear, to change and to align ourselves with Christ.

**One:** Let us pray.

**All:** Persistent God,  
help us to listen for your voice.  
Let us hear what you are  
saying to us and make us  
willing to change our ways.  
Break our resistance,  
forgive our sins  
and call us back to you.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
our prophet, priest and king,  
we pray. Amen.



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## Halidu's Shop Equips Others in Ghana

Halidu Dayuma spends his days managing a prosperous and bustling training center in Ghana, where he teaches kente weaving and dressmaking.

When Halidu was just 13 years old, his right leg was amputated after a chronic sore he developed didn't heal. Halidu spent three months in the hospital, recovering and learning how to use his new artificial limb.

During this time, Halidu also enrolled in PWS&D-supported workshops where he learned weaving, tailoring and dressmaking. After graduating, Halidu started his own business teaching other students. So far, he has helped train 44 apprentices.

Halidu is grateful for the program, "I owe the community-based rehabilitation program and all their partners, especially PWS&D in Canada, a great deal of gratitude for contributing positively to my life. I am who I am today because of your generous work and love. God bless you."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to care for the vulnerable. Through support for PWS&D, we are helping people overcome barriers that might prevent them from living their most abundant lives.

[WeRespond.ca](http://WeRespond.ca)



In Nepal, Pallu Oli knew something wasn't right when he felt a burning sensation on his leg. After seeing the doctor, Pallu was prescribed medicine but did not feel better after taking it. As his health worsened, Pallu wondered why he hadn't healed yet. **His son suggested that he visit the Shining Hospital. At the hospital, Pallu was diagnosed with leprosy and entered a treatment program** (which he has since completed). Sharing his experience, Pallu expressed, "I am very happy that my disease is diagnosed and is treated accordingly." The Shining Hospital is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 27 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)** God of Hope, renew us and energize us for service in your church and the world.

**Monday, March 28** We pray for staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses and provide vocational training with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Tuesday, March 29** We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

**Wednesday, March 30** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Thursday, March 31 (Transgender Day of Visibility)** We pray for transgender people, who often live with the fear of violence and intolerance. Help us to listen well so that we may work in solidarity for the dignity and well-being of all transgender people.