ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

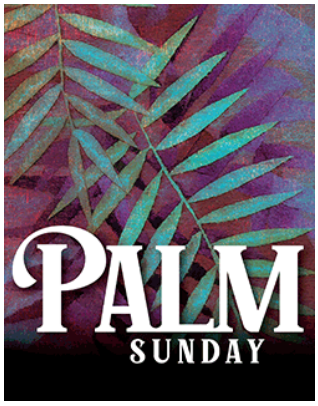
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musician: Jonathan Moore-Wright: Baritone
March 29th, 2026

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

"Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love." – Psalm 31: 16

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: Diademata Fantasy, mov't. 2 *Joyful* – David L. McIntyre (b. 1950)

Welcome and Announcements - Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Martha Fergusson
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"All glory, laud and honour"*** ***#214***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of mystery and mercy,
as we read the story of all that happens this week,
we see the people who fail you, and realize we are not unlike them.
Forgive us our casual betrayals –
the times when we cause hurt, without realizing, without meaning to.
Forgive us our intentional sins –
the times when we know what we shouldn't do, and do it anyway.

And forgive us our sins of omission –
the times when we know what we should do, but don't.
As we follow Jesus this week from the triumphal entry
to the hill called Calvary, as we see our Saviour die,
remind us that it doesn't end there.
By your saving grace, we have victory over sin and death.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Hosanna, loud hosanna"*** ***#218***

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:

Matthew 21: 1-11 - Martha Fergusson

Psalm 31: 9-16 Refrain 1

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 27: 11-54 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "From Palms to Passion" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Sing Hosanna – Michael Jothen (b. 1944) 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

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Ride on, ride on in majesty"*** ***#217***

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Lord's Prayer – Albert Hay Malotte

Greeters & Collectors: Trung Nguyen, Elizabeth & Pearson Ahiahonu, Luella Moore

Coffee Hosts: Heather Kolojay



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

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.

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

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.

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



Palm/Passion Sunday

One: When the anointed of the Lord comes to fulfill the covenant, will we recognize him?

All: Will he find us despairing, cynical and hungry for power?

One: Or will he find us living in peace and hope and love?

All: May we stand ready to receive Christ in humility, praise and trust.

Assurance:

One: May the God of hosannas save us this day.

All: May Christ's humility govern our thoughts, words and actions.

One: May the Holy Spirit breathe on us with life and strength anew.

All: May we be lifted up in faith by the God of covenant and change.



Tara's Journey to Self-Worth and Independence

Tara Kumari, a 25-year-old who lives in the Champapur village of India, once dreamed of studying and shaping her own future. But these dreams ended when she was married young and forced to leave school. She also suffered abuse from her husband and in-laws.

Pregnancy did not ease her suffering. After giving birth to two daughters, the harassment worsened, as her in-laws demanded a son. Even when she finally had a boy, Tara's poverty and lack of education brought new insults and violence. Unable to bear it, she returned to her father's home.

Everything changed when she learned of the PWS&D-supported Karuna Project's vocational training courses. With determination, Tara trained as a beautician and opened her own parlour, soon becoming a successful businesswoman.

Today, she supports her parents and children, disproving her father who once thought daughters were a burden. Tara's success now inspires other families to believe in their daughters' potential.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help build self-reliance through vocational training and skills development.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 29



In the mountains of Bamyan, Afghanistan, 65-year-old Ghulam Hussain has endured a lifetime of hardship. After losing his first wife, he cared for their infant son alone before remarrying and having three more children. He worked tirelessly as a labourer to support them. But after the death of his oldest son, Ghulam experienced severe mental health issues that left him unable to work, leaving his family in poverty. With his wife, Sabira, struggling to find work amid limited opportunities, hope came through a Cash-for-Food program supported by PWS&D. The aid allowed the family to buy essential food. "For the first time in years, my children went to bed with full stomachs," Sabira shares with deep gratitude.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 29 (Palm/Passion Sunday) We pray for Israeli organizations that advocate for justice and work with illegally detained Palestinian children.

Monday, March 30 We pray for church partners in India and give thanks for our years of cooperation and service in ministry.

Tuesday, March 31 (Transgender Day of Visibility) Transgender people are often subjected to intolerance, discrimination and violence. Holy Spirit, guide us as the church seeks good ways to act in solidarity with trans people for their dignity and well-being.

One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.