

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Ty McKenzie

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us."*

*– Psalm 67: 1*

*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: Amazing Grace – John Newton (1725-1807)

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

- Nicole Lindgren

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

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Ramona Nyekanyeka

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"We come to ask your forgiveness"***

**#201**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Holy God,**

**We come this morning not only to sing your praises but to humbly confess.**

**During these days and nights of Lent, we have been tempted, we have felt weak, we have even given into those temptations that are not from you.**

**Forgive us, O God, and restore us to a right path.**

**May every frailty remind us of our need for you, and your loving grace for us.**

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

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:** *"Sing your praise to God eternal"* **#423**  
*(Children leave for Church School)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-3

- Rianne Nyekanyeka

Psalms 67 Refrain 1

Numbers 6: 22-27

-Rehema Nyekanyeka

Matthew 5: 1-12

- Ty McKenzie

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Thanks be to God" - Ty McKenzie

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Take My Yoke Upon You – Douglas Nolan & Joseph M. Martin

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:** *"We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet"* **#202**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Thanks be to God! – Tyrone A. McKenzie

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Lock Up: Heather Reichert

Coffee Hosts: Sharon Wiseman

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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*

Ty McKenzie has been married to Karen for over 33 years and they have 3 grown children and 1 beautiful granddaughter. Ty serves as Lead Chaplain at The Salvation Army Crossroads shelter, loves cycling, singing and hot sauce!

The children thru Lent are learning a simple music piece with Choir Director, Naomi Suchan. She is carefully scooting down to teach them the hymn each Sunday. If you are away and want to practice the piece at home with your children, contact Naomi or Martha for the MP4 version to assist you. We are looking forward to this music on Sunday March 24 as part of Palm Sunday worship.



**Presbyterian World Service  
& Development**

### **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.

During this Lenten period, all donations to PWS&D from St. Andrew's, including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, will go towards the maternal health program, unless a donation states otherwise.

Please see the newsletter for more detail.



**JOIN OUR  
STUDY**

### **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>

The Pastoral Care Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 -3:00 p.m. in the lower hall of the church.



We are so grateful for congregation member and owner of Relish Photography, Amanda Kirkpatrick, for her tedious work on adjusting all the photos we took last year. The new office software would not accept the format in which they were taken. Amanda painstakingly adjusted each photo to import them into our new system.

So we are on the brink of issuing our new photo directory! However, some of you might want an update or submit a new photo (to the office). If you want to submit a photo, that is great, however it can **only be as "800x600 ppi, in Jpeg format"** or send Martha a request to have your photo taken and we will work on a plan to add your photo. (306 270 2378).

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

Parents sending your name & child's birthdate to the office helps greatly as we sort for class lists etc. Put Contact Info in the subject line and send to [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com) This year we have Youth attending LIFT Conference July 3-7, 2024. One way to support Youth Ministry is to use your Easter chocolate dollars in our campaign From now until **Sunday March 10** you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. Purdy's chocolate catalogues are available in the Narthex.



What you'll need to order: (they arrive **March 24, 2024**)

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311232-116407>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating! Martha Fergusson 306 270 2378

#### HOLD THE DATE:

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



**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS!** St. Andrew's AGM will be held on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, following Worship. Dorothy needs your written and financial reports by Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to prepare the report for the meeting.

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 #63.

63. We call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues, including:

- i. Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.
- ii. Sharing information and best practices on teaching curriculum related to residential schools and Aboriginal history.
- iii. Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.
- iv. Identifying teacher-training needs relating to the above.

#### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- \* 2024 Offering Envelopes

#### **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***

#### **He's In the Room: A Night of Praise and Worship (March 16)**

Saskatoon's own "Sisterhood" ministry invites all women to take part in this evening of praise and worship on March 16th at 7pm at Knox United Church.

*Hello Friends of the GoForth Hub Club:*

Please join us **Monday, March 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at Calvin-Goforth Presbyterian Church (Located at the corner of Sommerfeld Avenue and Third Street.)

An opportunity to:

- have your blood pressure checked,
- hear from a pharmacist,
- participate in a short stretching and flexibility session, and,
- learn how to protect yourself from scams and frauds

**Masks Required** (Masks & hand sanitizer available: COVID protocols observed as COVID is still in the community, and folks are especially vulnerable to transmission in an indoor setting.) Take-home snack available. Fully accessible – Free parking.



# Third Sunday in Lent

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

**One:** On this third Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus, overturning the tables of the money changers as he drove them out of the temple.

**All:** **We are surprised by his actions.**

**One:** Yet there is much in our lives and the world that needs to be overturned and driven out.

**All:** **In the name of Jesus, we work to overcome oppression, poverty, and injustice in our local communities and with partners around the world.**



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# Caring for Creation



The climate crisis is one of the most pressing issues of our time, and its effects are being felt worldwide. Unfortunately, the most severe climate events are often felt by those who are the least responsible for the emissions causing them.

Extreme weather events like droughts and floods, are consequences of climate change. These events also affect health, with the increased risk of waterborne diseases like malaria and dengue fever.

PWS&D's partners work to combat the effects of climate change. Partners promote sustainable techniques for the future and help vulnerable populations build resilience to deal with crises.

In addition, PWS&D recognizes that climate change work also includes our own personal and collective actions and choices. Through our combined efforts and advocacy, we can help create a more just and sustainable world where everyone can live in dignity and with respect for the natural world around us.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to care for creation. PWS&D is committed to creating a more sustainable world.**

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# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 3

As part of a Caring Community Initiative, the Presbyterian Music Camp piloted a Mental Health Workshop program during the summer of 2023. The program included mental health support and workshops run by a qualified health professional on the topics of anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide and other mental health topics. The opportunity for attendees to express themselves in a caring and safe environment with professional leadership took safety to the next level for the camp, and provided an opportunity for individuals to explore some of their struggles with support. The program continues to grow by providing Mental Health First Aid training to staff and volunteers as well as exploring ways that art and music therapy can be offered in a camp setting.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 3** We pray for Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort, and the Rev. Mary Fontaine.

**Monday, March 4** We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

**Tuesday, March 5** We pray for Judith Castañeda, General Coordinator of CEDEPCA, an institution of Christian education that promotes reflection and transformative pastoral work in Guatemala.

**Wednesday, March 6** We pray for the people of Ahousaht First Nation, BC in their aim to recover the traditional place of women in their pre-colonial societies, through the reclaiming of the Coming of Age ceremonies for their young women.

**Thursday, March 7** We praise God and pray for congregational teams who are working together on programs and projects that care for creation, living out God's call to steward the earth for all creation.

**Friday, March 8 (International Women's Day)** Celebrate in prayer the PWS&D projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality and empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

**Saturday, March 9** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it works to propose ordination vows for elders.