

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musicians: Kelsey Ronn, Frank Harrington

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### **Easter Sunday**

*"But go, tell his disciple and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." – Mark 16: 7*

*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: Christ the Lord is Risen Today – Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Prince & Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Jesus Christ is risen today"***

**#243**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God of resurrecting joy,**

**we confess it is not easy to sustain Easter hope.**

**We let discouragement, fear and frustration settle in**

**and we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away from you.**

**Resentment and disappointment often cling to us**

**and we forget about your great mercy and love.**

**Forgive us.**

**Restore within us the joy and hope you promise to us in the Risen Christ.**

**In whose forgiving love we pray.**

**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

**Praise:** ***"Christ the Lord is risen today"***

**#247**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 25: 6-9

-Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 Refrain 3

Acts 10: 34-43

-Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Mark 16: 1-8

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "They Were Afraid"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Crown Him with Many Crowns – George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

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

Resurrect, renew and revive your people, O God.

**Hear our prayer.**

### **GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE**

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into  
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**



**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Praise:** *“Christians, lift your hearts and voices”*

**#536**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: “... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.”*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)**

*Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: “... we proclaim the mystery of faith:”*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. (#523)**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology  
and the people say: **Amen.***

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.**

Communion Music: Nun beut die Flur, from *The Creation* – Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)  
(The Elements are Distributed)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

**Loving God,**

**you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.**

**Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME**

**Praise:** *“The day of resurrection”*

**#249**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Let the Bright Seraphim, from *Samson* – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts: Vickie & Doug Drover



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

## Announcements

The Church offices will be closed Friday, March 29 – Monday, April 1, inclusive.

## 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.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Submissions may be emailed to [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com).

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



### **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, \$895 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.

### **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 #67.

#### Museums and Archives

67. We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Museums Association to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of museum policies and best practices to determine the level of compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to make recommendations.

### **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.



# Easter

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

**One:** Christ is risen!

**All:** **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**One:** The stone had been rolled back and  
the tomb was empty.  
The angel told the faithful women,  
"He has been raised. He is not here."

**All:** **And so we have hope – a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
"May the God of hope go with us every day."**



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# Christ is Risen!



As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the power of God's love and mercy. Every day, we witness the transformative effect of responding to the needs of the poor, hungry and displaced.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, our church is committed to serving those in need with compassion, justice and love. Your faithful support, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, is making a positive impact in marginalized communities worldwide.

Together, we are restoring human dignity, alleviating suffering and fostering community cooperation. We are providing critical food assistance, medical care, sanitation services, and other emergency relief to those affected by crisis and disaster. We are also empowering communities through education, sustainable agriculture practices, and skills training, while supporting the rights and needs of refugees.

Faithful to our calling, we respond together.

**This Easter, please support PWS&D.**

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# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 31

In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's



grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)** God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to live in new ways, guided by hope and recognition that reflect your Good News.

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## 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 and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government grants—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission staff, funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.

