

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 Musician: Brenda Moats

March 5th, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." – John 3: 6

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: Flowers in the Valley – Shao Ying Low

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

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"The church's one foundation"

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Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of mystery and mercy,

we confess that we prefer the comfort of certainty over the work of seeking deeper understanding.

We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions.

Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies.

Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ,

and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you

and your love for the world.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"There's a spirit in the air"

#764 vs. 1-4

(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121 (Refrain 2)

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

- Fran Gordon

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"From Grave to Cradle"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: The Prayer – Amanda Harberg

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:

"Lord Jesus, think on me"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Tambourin – Franz Joseph Gossec

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

Lock up: Sheila Coulter



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.



COPIES OF "SAINTS ALIVE", St. Andrew's newsletter, are available on the entranceway table this morning. There are extra copies available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along.



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>

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on **Sunday, April 2nd**, following the worship service. In preparation, all committees and groups are asked to submit a report to the church office by **TOMORROW, Monday, March 5th**. This is a hard deadline!



SCRIPTURE READER TRAINING MARCH 5 AND 12 AFTER WORSHIP:

Are you interested in reading Scripture for Sunday worship? Have you read in the past but feel out of practice? Please join Rev. Roberto and CE Coordinator Jim Fenton after worship on either March 5 or March 12 to join in our Scripture Reader Training sessions.

CHAPEL COMMUNION:

Chapel Communion will be available immediately following today's service. If you were unable to join us last week, or would like to receive Communion for any reason, please join us.

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.

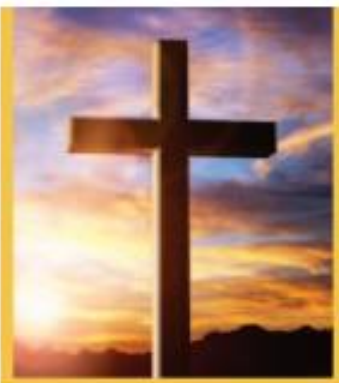
In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

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."

OPERATION SANDWICHES

The Outreach Committee has decided to start up Operation Sandwiches once again in order to help SNCM feed those coming through their doors. We are planning to provide 10 loaves of substantial sandwiches on the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting on March 19th. For those who are comfortable with doing so, we will meet downstairs in the kitchen after the service. If you would like to help, but don't like the smell of egg salad, we are always looking for monetary donations in order to help us purchase the ingredients. If you decide to donate, please make sure that you note that it is for Operation Sandwiches. Please contact Al Ireland if you have any questions.

You are all invited to a free and interesting afternoon at Calvin-Goforth Church on **Monday, March 6**. The Goforth Hub City program is really successful and this month we have invited Wendy Siemens, of Siemens Artworks to teach us a simple, doable art lesson for adults on Monday, March 6. **Anyone can draw and have fun!** have your blood pressure checked at 1:30, followed by exercise, a pharmacist's information and then the presentation. Leave with a bag of healthy treats at 4:00 PM. Call Laura at 306-2297846 for more information.



Second 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: Even when our situation changes,
we cling to the tried and the true.
- P: We insist that what worked in the past will work in the future.
- L: Yet, Jesus calls us to die to our old ways
so that the new will emerge.
- P: He said that we need to be born again to see God's new realm.
- L: Embracing God's realm will mean accepting different principles
that no longer feed our egos.
- P: It will mean putting the needs of others
before our own.
- L: We know the depth of God's love,
revealed to us in Jesus, God's Son.
- P: When we are reborn by God's Spirit,
we will go where the Spirit leads us
and love as God loves us.



Bhachini Resumes Her Business

In India, Bhachini Devi lost her husband due to tuberculosis. After his death, she moved in with her eldest son and his family.

Using the money she earned from running her small general store, Bhachini took care of her family. Unfortunately, her eldest son also contracted tuberculosis, so Bhachini supported his treatment when he was in the hospital. When her income wasn't sufficient she had to take out a loan.

Sadly, her son also died from tuberculosis. The stress of the situation left her unable to run her business.

Her story became known to staff at the Mohulpahari Christian Hospital, supported by PWS&D, and soon Bhachini was provided with assistance to restart her store. This outreach turned her life around.

Now, Bhachini beams with joy because her business is running well, her store has many more things to sell and she can continue to support her family.

**This Lenten season,
faithfully responds to
Christ's call to provide
livelihood support.
Through PWS&D, we are
helping people achieve
their dreams and
support their families.**

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**Presbyterian
World Service
& Development**

*The development and relief agency
of The Presbyterian Church in Canada*

In Pakistan, Gauri learned how to cut and sew at an early age. As an adult, this knowledge allowed Gauri to contribute to her family's income by working as a seamstress. After her husband was killed in an accident, Gauri's income was not enough to provide for her family on her own. **Gauri was selected for a Presbyterian World Service & Development project that provides emergency food**



assistance to families in need, as well as longer-term support through small business training and development. The food aid the family received made it possible for Gauri to save a portion of her monthly income that would have otherwise been spent on food. With the money she saved, Gauri was able to further her child's education and stock her tailoring shop with more materials.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 5 (Second Sunday in Lent) Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.

Monday, March 6 We pray for people around the world who are striving to rise above poverty with educational opportunities and livelihood support through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, March 7 We pray for the members and work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Wednesday, March 8 On **International Women's Day**, we give thanks for women. We pray for true gender equality and for an end to the violence that has marked the lives of too many women.

Thursday, March 9 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality by empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

Friday, March 10 We pray for women living in Palestine who are suffering sorrow and heartache as they struggle to hold their families together in times of violence and oppression.

Saturday, March 11 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.