

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Guest Vocalist: Jackie Behrend

March 6th, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

– Psalm 91: 11-12

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.



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Estelle Griffiths

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Lord Jesus, who through forty days"

#200

Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins, and at your side to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, oh give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

As thirst and hunger once you bore, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and daily live by your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through the Passiontide, now, evermore, in life and death, Lord Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in things we have done,
and things we have neglected to do.
We have held back from giving
to protect what we have.
We have not trusted in your goodness
and relied on the world's empty promises instead.
Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become.
Help us to serve you
by serving your world with generous spirits.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Luke 4: 1-13

-Laura Van Loon

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Back to the Desert"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: 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:

“Jesus calls us here to meet him”

#528

Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God’s promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall. Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides. Race and class and sex and language: such are barriers he derides. Join the hands of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space, where the church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place. Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.

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.

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:

"O Jesus, I have promised"

#569

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Saviour and my friend: I shall not fear the struggle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

Oh let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within, but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

Oh let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; oh speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; oh speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be, and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; oh give me grace to follow my Saviour and my friend.

Benediction

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

Announcements

The contact information form was emailed out last week. Please check your inbox! There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy 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. Please fill out the form, and return to the church office by Monday, March 21. Even if you're sure nothing has changed, please fill it out, and return. Thank you so much!





Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter; this includes the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and all donations directed to PWS&D during this period. 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.



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, March 13th. 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.



"Where Prayer Becomes Real" by Kyle Strobel and John Coe, Baker Books: 2021. Timeline: Lent 2021, to take place over Zoom.

Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson & Martha Fergusson are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Study: Where Prayer becomes Real

Time: Starting March 2, 2022 01:00 PM Saskatchewan

Every week on Wednesday, until April 13, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)

Dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13, at 1:00 pm.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUrcOqprTopEtczErVaf-UDDQIsl2rs4u7P/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqDwpG9eUsxGERpwcBI_Cb-vztn5ej7dehjr3NSFVLzbSEtNrlZstAsuE](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/81673131383)

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, AT 3 PM VIA ZOOM. Elders will be in touch with congregants, to make sure those wishing to attend the meeting are able. The Annual Report has been e-mailed to you, so please check your inbox. There are some hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.



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

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

On March 20, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held. At this time, the financial statements for 2021 will be presented. To set the stage, the church has, for the first time in many years had revenues that exceeded our expenses. This has resulted in a small year end surplus of \$3,415 that will carry forward into 2022. The bad news is that congregational givings missed our 2021 budget target by over \$21,000. Without federal government Covid assistance of \$24,000, we would have experienced another significant deficit.

For the past two years we have all lived under the dark cloud of a deadly pandemic which has created fear. Having St. Andrew's services available on line has been a key component of keeping alive our congregation and fostering our faith. Indeed, the quality of music that we have enjoyed at our church has added substantially to our services. As you are aware, the congregation's long time organist accepted another position during the year. Shortly thereafter, we also lost our choir director. Right now the Worship and Music Committee is actively pursuing options to fill one or both positions. The issue is one of sustainability for the church. Had we retained both the choir director and the organist for the past year, our small surplus would have resulted in a \$4,000 deficit. We would like to draw to the congregation's attention that the amount of funding previously attached to these two positions is significant \$5,304 for the choir director and \$16,024 for the music director. With current revenue forecasts, funding these music positions at previous levels, will again lead the church to a deficit position. We believe that it is time to take a step out in faith. Let us try to move away from the fear of the past months. We have two questions for you: 1) are you enjoying watching our services on line and 2) do you feel strongly about the future of the church music program? If your response to either of these questions is, "Yes," we need your financial help ensure the sustainability of the high quality of services that congregants have come to expect.

Orlanda Drebit, Treasurer and
Jim Fenton, Chair of Worship and Music Committee

"The **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** has unanimously recommended to Session the hiring of Naomi Piggott-Suchan and Paul Suchan to a team position of **Director of Music and Organist**. They will lead the music for our worship service March 13. Come in-person and enjoy their wonderful musical talents."

In Our Wider Community



NATIONAL World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service

Exciting NEWS! Our full-length WDP 2022 England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI) service video is now available on wicc.org! Watch it anytime! There will be a NATIONAL WDP 2022 service on **Saturday, March 12th at 1 pm EST**. We are looking forward to our time together! Breakout rooms before and after the service will give us a chance to "catch up", talk and share our thoughts. We will be showing

the service video produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC). Please register ahead of time to receive the zoom link.

[Register Here to join](#)

In Conversation: Perspectives on Ecumenism, Reconciliation, and Pathways for Renewal

with Bishop Chris Harper, Anglican Bishop of Saskatoon

and Archbishop Don Bolen, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Regina

The 2022 De Margerie Ecumenical Lecture will be held **Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm** at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan.

Two bishops -- one Anglican, the other Roman Catholic, one Indigenous, the other from a Settler background -- will enter into dialogue and share their journeys towards reconciliation. While confronting the truths of the past, they will reflect on their interrelated commitments to ecumenism and reconciliation. Together, they will help us dream new pathways forward.

To register: <http://bit.ly/bishops2>

Attend in-person or view on livestream.

Sponsored by the Les and Irene Dubé Chair in Catholic Studies at STM College and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

SACRED PLACES AND SPACES: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

You are invited to join in our March 2022 series of Ecumenical Stewardship seminars. We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Join us **Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm** (SK time).

Mar. 10: Greening Our Churches

Norman Lévesque will explore with us the various ways our facilities and our grounds can reduce their impact on God's beautiful Creation.

Mar. 17: Sharing Sacred Spaces – Facilities and Ministries

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall will discuss the many and varied ways denominations can work together in ministry and in the sharing of facilities.

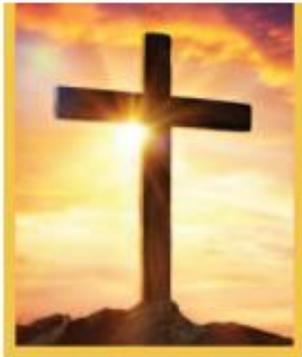
Mar. 24: Loving Our Neighbours! (again)

Carla Leon and Zoë Chaytors will engage us in the question of how we practically interact with our communities and use our physical resources in mission for the good of all.

Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduiurjluHdE69wl-4LGI5vIH00mGqViK>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net





First Sunday in Lent

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One: During Lent, we remember that God's plans for all creation are unfolding.

All: God is with us; we need not fear.

One: God has good plans for us;
plans to bring us greater wholeness and peace.

All: God is with us in our journey of becoming.

One: Let us pray.

All: Creator God,
we begin the Lenten journey
trusting that you are
intimately involved in our lives.
Whatever we face, we can
rest in your steadfast love,
and have the courage to
follow you into the new life
you have promised.
Help us to navigate each day
by the power of your Spirit,
and in all that we do,
let us honour Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.



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Emergency Treatment for Malnutrition

In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improve after two months. One day a community worker from a PWS&D-supported nutrition project visited Abdihakim's village. After an assessment, the three-year-old was identified as malnourished.

Abdihakim was immediately provided with a therapeutic food supplement intended to prevent and treat malnutrition. "He really started becoming healthier after two weeks of treatment," shared his mother, Shiindha. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery.

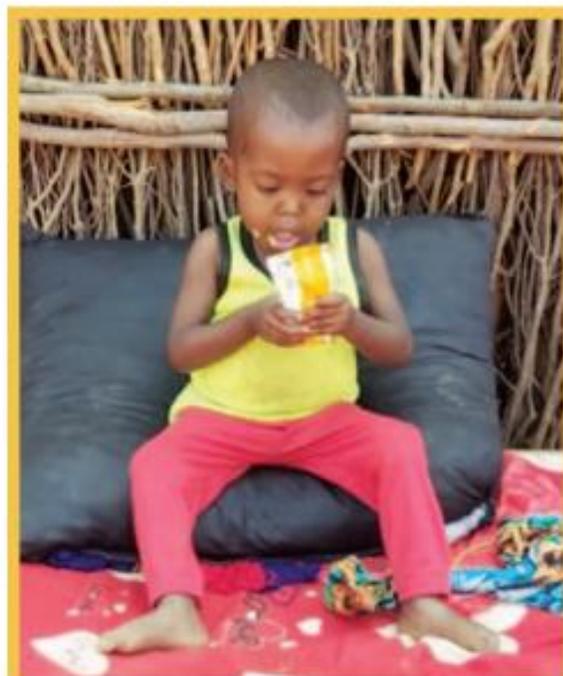
Nutrition staff from the clinic also equipped Shiindha with advice on how to diversify her family's diet and how good hygiene practices can help prevent further malnutrition.

Speaking of how thankful she is for the program, Shiindha commented, "I am forever grateful for the existence of such services to help our children."

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve families in need. Through support of PWS&D, we can help vulnerable families overcome hunger.

** This project is a collaborative effort led by Development and Peace with additional funds from Canadian Foodgrains Bank.*

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The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been struggling to recruit and retain pastors to serve in poor, rural churches. To encourage seminary students to return after studying abroad, the church started the Nest Program, which offers pastors a safe place to live.

Bishop Zán-Fábián was overjoyed when The Presbyterian Church in Canada offered financial support to renovate a vacant parish house for the Rev. Sándor and his wife Noémi, who have agreed to serve in the small village of



Tiszaújhely. With financial assistance from Presbyterians Sharing, Sándor and Noémi have furnished their house with basic appliances and furniture and can now concentrate on their ministry in Tiszaújhely and give thanks to God.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 6 (First 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 7 We pray for the pastors of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, who faithfully serve people of Hungarian descent.

Tuesday, March 8 (International Women's Day) We pray for the women of the Women's Missionary Society as they continue to support women in marginalized countries.

Wednesday, March 9 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Thursday, March 10 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, March 11 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Saturday, March 12 We pray for the ministry of Rockland Community Church near Ottawa, Ontario. May their congregation feel a strong sense of God's presence as they find new ways to share the gospel of Christ with neighbours.