ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

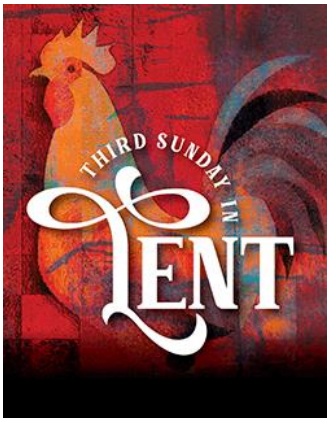
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."
– Psalm 95: 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.



Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Traditional

Welcome and Announcements - Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Lenten Insert) - Jones Otis Kalu
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts"*** ***#366***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of living waters, you meet us at the well, offering to quench our deepest thirst. You meet us. You speak to us. You accept us. You offer us life. But we tend to wander, Lord, in a wilderness of fear and doubt. Too often, we turn away from your love, unable to believe that we are worthy, to believe that you would heal and care for us. Too often, we have behaved in unloving ways. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us to be your faithful followers. We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Let there be light"*** ***#727***

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:

Exodus 17: 1-7 - Jones Otis Kalu

Psalm 95 Refrain 1

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Shame, shame, double shame" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Grace Alone – Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson

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: Revealing God,

All: Guide us in spirit and in truth.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Amazing grace"*** ***#670***

Benediction

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

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

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Sharon

Today, we welcome the Rev. Devon Pattemore to our service. Rev. Pattemore is no stranger to us as she covered Rev. DeSandoli's intermission last Spring. She has graciously agreed to cover Rev. Roberto's 10-week parental leave from March 8 to May 10, 2026. Please take a moment to welcome her back.

To the congregation: Rev. DeSandoli will be on parental leave.
This is a note to you ALL that Rev. DeSandoli will begin his parental leave effective March 2 returning to the office on May 11. We wish him and his wife Heather the very best on the birth of their first child. Any "emergency pastoral care" needs contact the church office or our Pastoral Care Nurse Laura Van Loon. All other inquiries can be relayed to the Clerk Jan Rodda or to your Session Elder. Thank you.

Congregational Notice – Brief Meeting on Heritage Designation
On **Sunday, March 15**, the congregation is asked to remain following worship for a brief congregational meeting regarding the matter of **Heritage Designation**.
At the **congregational meeting on February 22**, the congregation voted to **table a motion** concerning an application to the **City of Saskatoon for Heritage Designation**. This action was taken in order to allow time for additional information to be gathered.
On **March 1**, an information document was distributed to the congregation outlining responses to the questions that had been raised regarding the specifics of the Heritage Designation with the City of Saskatoon.
In light of this information, the **Building Fund Committee** is requesting that the congregation vote to **bring the motion back from the table**. If the motion is brought forward, the **mover and seconder intend to withdraw the motion**.
According to the **Book of Forms of The Presbyterian Church in Canada**, a motion that has been laid on the table **may be taken up at a subsequent meeting by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of those present** (Book of Forms, **Section 44**).

Lenten Choir Evening, Friday, March 20 • 7 PM, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Lift your spirit in this special Lenten season gathering as six choirs from across our faith community will fill
the sanctuary with music that inspires, comforts, and reflection.
Featuring choirs from: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Grace Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, St. John's Anglican, St. Paul's Catholic, and Knox United.
Come for the music—stay for the fellowship.
Freewill offering. Everyone welcome!



The Coldest Night of the Year by Laura Van Loon
On Feb. 28, the Coldest Night of the Year family-friendly winteriffic walk was sponsored by the Mustard Seed at Forest Grove Community Church. St. Andrew's Walkers (Roberto and Laura V) exceeded their goal of $250.00. Jim Fenton told me that he and his boys walked and raised a very large amount of $$$ too. The simple meal after the walk was two kinds of soups and chili, buns, cookies, coffee and juices. There was a presentation by Kristi-Dawn Kimsey, Community Engagement Specialist for the Mustard Seed, Saskatoon and we can look forward to hearing more from her at the Lunch & Learn on April 19, 2026 sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee and following our church service.

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.

Urgent Need for Blankets



We have learned that there is an urgent need for blankets at the St. Mary's warming shelter on 20th. Anyone wishing to help with this ministry, please bring your gently used blankets to the church and they will be delivered to their new home.

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 winter 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



Third Sunday in Lent

One: God gave us the covenant of the law to guide us and help us live with our neighbours in love.

All: When we break God's law, we leave our neighbours hurt and bruised.

One: God's law is a gift to us, showing us how to keep our part of the covenant.

All: Even through old pain and wounds, may we embrace the new life that Christ can bring.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the law guide us in living lives that keep the covenant of love.

All: May Christ's forgiveness grant us new life, even when we break God's law.

One: May the Holy Spirit of conviction lead us to confession and renewal.

All: May we respond in love to the God of covenant and change.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Earning a Good Income in Nepal



"Even with a small piece of land, it's possible to earn a good income with little cash investment." These words from Ankhu Jaishi, a 30-year-old mother of four from Nepal's Kalikot district, reflect the determination of farmers worldwide who participate in self-help groups.

Through these groups, farmers share knowledge about conservation agriculture, learning techniques that help maximize productivity on small plots of land despite changing climate conditions.

Before joining the program, Ankhu and her husband struggled to provide enough food for their children and his mother, who they also support.

In 2023 though, with support from PWS&D and the International Nepal Fellowship, Ankhu joined a self-help group that gave her resources to start growing vegetables.

Her farm now serves as a model for others in the community, where she teaches neighbours the skills she has learned. Reflecting on her journey, Ankhu proudly says, "Joining the self-help group changed my life."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond with PWS&D to help communities adapt to and mitigate the effects of a rapidly changing climate.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 8



"I grew up among the baskets of fruit and boxes of soda. From a very young age, I helped," says 29-year-old Joselin. Her mother, the founder of the Roberto Huembes market in Nicaragua, headed up a family of modest means. "I did not manage to finish high school, since I was a very young mother and I had to work." Joselin attended skills workshops through a program with PWS&D's partner. "I became passionate about discovering my strengths and skills for business. I unearthed a dream I had since I was a teenager, and that is to become independent and have my own business." With the program's support, Joselin won a seed fund and was able to open a kiosk where she sells fruits and many other food items.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 8 (3rd Sunday in Lent; International Women's Day)
On International Women's Day, we give thanks for programs that support women to become self-reliant. When women are empowered, they can shape their own futures and lift up others in their community.

Monday, March 9 We pray for congregations searching for ministers. We pray that they are nurtured by supply preaching that encourages them in love and service.

Tuesday, March 10 We pray for people who are experiencing the trauma of broken relationships, that they find peace and comfort in the love of friends and family.

Wednesday, March 11 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville, Director of the Centre of Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, as he resources the church across the country to be a compelling witness of the tenderness of Jesus.

Thursday, March 12 We pray for The Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre in Carlisle United Church (Carlisle, ON). History lives on in this new home sharing a collection of our history, with artefacts and books now on display.

Friday, March 13 We pray for the Rev. Christian Persaud, convenor of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Saturday, March 14 God of peace, you call your people to follow your Son and to be peacemakers. Give us courage to work for justice, to speak for the vulnerable, and to heal division in our communities. Guide our steps toward reconciliation and right relationship with one another and all creation.