

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Tyrone McKenzie

Liturgist: Martha Fergusson

Guest Pianist: Donna Fenton

November 21st, 2021

26th Sunday after Pentecost/Reign of Christ Sunday

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.

Welcome and Announcements

-Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

The God of Justice calls us to His work;

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free.

God calls us to share bread with the hungry;

to house the homeless and clothe the naked.

This work causes God's light to break forth like the dawn;

it makes healing to spring up quickly in the world God loves.

In our work and worship we shall serve the Lord;

Let us give praises, that we shall meet the glory of the Lord here and in the world.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Lord, whose love”

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Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed; we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of justice and righteousness, we confess before you this day that we have not always loved our neighbour as ourselves, nor have we followed your commands to love and serve those you have brought near to us.

Too often, we have turned a blind eye to the needs of others, too often, have we been preoccupied with our own worries and troubles to do your will.

Forgive us, we pray, and set a new heart within us, that being called to serve and to love, we would find our place in the building of your Holy Kingdom.

These things we pray in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

-Martha Fergusson

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

“All who love and serve your city”

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All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

in your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honour, peace and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”

For all days are days of judgement, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name, “The Lord is there!”

Sermon:

“God's Heart for Justice”

-Tyrone McKenzie

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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 GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Thanks be to God!"

-Tyrone McKenzie

Verse 1: You are gracious O God
Gifts so amazing yet so undeserved
Blessings pour down like rain
Consistent provision abundant and free
Though we have turned our backs to You
Absorbed with ourselves and our things
You turn Your face to shine on us
You are the King of all Kings

Chorus: Let us go forth to serve the world
Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
As those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
We have so much grateful joy
Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
That we can't wait to live Your praise
in all we say and do
Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

Verse 2: You're the Way and the Truth
You gave your Life so that we can be free
Showed Your love to the world
Though You were perfect
You died in our place
Now we believe in Your Word and Your Name
Saviour, Physician and Friend
Now we must live to follow You
Now until world without end

Bridge: I will make my boast in God alone
Strong and Dependable
I will make my boast in God alone
Almighty and Unchangeable
I will make my boast in God alone
Holy and Invincible
I will make my boast in God alone
Jesus You're remarkable! Hey!

Benediction and Sung Response
Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

We welcome Ty McKenzie to the pulpit today. He is the Spiritual Care Coordinator at The Lighthouse Supported Living Centre, and a good friend to St. Andrew's. The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is leading worship in Melfort this morning.

Next Sunday, November 28th, is the first Sunday of Advent, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



ADVENT IN LUKE

The Christian Education Committee invites you to take part in a four week online (Zoom) Advent Bible study beginning on Tuesday, November 30th at 2:30pm 'til Tuesday December 21st. This year we will be following the lectionary through the Gospel of Luke to prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas. To register, please contact Martha Fergusson at martha.22@live.com



Are you between the ages, 18-25 and have a passion or curiosity about Church governance? Do you wish to connect with other Presbyterian young people and discuss social justice and other faith issues? Well send your name to Martha Fergusson (306.270.2378) by Wednesday, November 17th. Then you can learn more about being the 2022 Young Adult Representative to our denominations' General Assembly in June.



CHANCEL FLOWERS With the reopening of St. Andrew's and the continuing increase in the number of those worshipping within our sanctuary, the Flower Fund is coming out of retirement! Live flowers and plants are always placed to the Glory of God, and to enhance your Worship experience. Please prayerfully consider donations to the Flower Fund so that we can once again bring some of the beauty of God's world into our sanctuary. Clearly mark "Flower Fund" on any donations.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Less than a third of 2021 envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, so if any offering envelopes are not distributed for 2022, they will not be re-ordered for 2023.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** invites you to circle your calendars for the following:
 Starting December 1st, please join us on the “Walk to Bethlehem”, and on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm, please attend the annual Memory and Light Service in St. Andrew’s sanctuary or on- line.
 Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Free to a good home! Ted & Fran Deacon (Gordon) have two sets of cross country skis and poles that are waiting to be of use. Please contact Fran for more details.



From **OUTREACH**: Advent is approaching and with it our Advent Appeal. Even with the increase in the number of people attending out in-person worship we have decided to repeat our last year’s appeal. As most of you know, before we had to deal with Covid, we asked the congregation to select an ornament with tag attached that had a gift of outreach written on it. When the suggested gift had been purchased it was placed under our Advent tree at the front of the Sanctuary and the ornament was attached to the tree so that everyone could follow the progress of our appeal.

There are a number of ways that you can participate in this year’s Advent Appeal.

If you have already purchased gifts, you are invited to bring them down to the church, or arrange to have them delivered, and we will make sure that they get to where they are needed.

Otherwise, we ask that you to through the list of agencies that are listed below and choose one (or more) that you would like to support. Choose items that are needed by that agency and donate that dollar amount to our Advent Appeal. This year, for each \$10 that is donated, an ornament will be placed on our Advent tree.

Donations can be made in a number of different ways:

You can go to the St. Andrew’s website and donate the amount that you would spend by clicking on our website’s DONATE button. Where it asks where you would like your donation allocated select ‘other’, enter the amount for the donation in the appropriate spot along with any other needed information, scroll down to the bottom and add a note to let us know that it for the Advent Appeal AND the agency that you would like to support. By doing this we can add your ornament(s) to the tree, and direct your donation to your preferred agency.

You can also donate using E-Transfer if this is a method that you are more comfortable using. Make sure that you include the same information; that it is for the Advent Appeal, and the agency to receive the donation. For those without internet connections, checks are still more than welcome.

The last way of donating is through our FundScrip program. Not only do you support the agencies, you support St. Andrew’s as well.

Even with the reduction in restrictions there is still a large number of our population that are affected by Covid and it is more important than ever to find ways of reaching beyond our wall to touch the lives and show the love of God to others within our community. Thank you for all of your help!

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Suggested

dish towels	\$5.00-\$20.00
gently used shoes and warm boots	\$0.00-\$50.00
Gift Cards (SuperStore)	\$10.00-\$100.00
long johns	\$10.00-\$20.00
mittens	\$0.00-\$10.00
Monetary	\$1.00-\$100.00
Donate money for sandwiches	\$1.00-\$100.00
new and gently used back packs	\$0.00-\$30.00
new and gently used blankets	\$0.00-\$30.00
New dish cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00
printer paper	\$8.00-\$40.00
scarves	\$0.00-\$8.00

Sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
tarps	\$5.00-\$15.00	
toques	\$0.00-\$10.00	
underwear	\$15.00-\$20.00	
Winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	4 pk

Haven Family Connections (Crisis Nursery) Suggested

toilet paper	\$15.00-\$30.00	
Kleenex	\$8.00-\$20.00	
paper towels	\$15.00-\$25.00	
Fruit	\$1.00-\$10.00	
cheese	\$1.00-\$10.00	
yoghurt	\$1.00-\$10.00	
veggies	\$1.00-\$10.00	
snacks	\$1.00-\$10.00	
SuperStore Gift Cards	\$25.00-\$100.00	
Childs outerwear	\$5.00-\$50.00	
children's boots	\$5.00-\$50.00	
children's pants, shirts socks etc.	\$5.00-\$20.00	

Friendship Inn

Suggested

canned goods	\$1.00-\$5.00	
conditioner	\$4.00-\$8.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
flour	\$8.00-\$15.00	
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
juice boxes	\$1.00-\$10.00	
rice	\$6.00-\$25.00	
shampoo	\$4.00-\$10.00	
soup stocks	\$2.50-\$5.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	6 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
vegetables	\$5.00-\$10.00	

Interval House

Suggested

Gift cards	\$25.00-\$100.00	
Night lights	\$5.00-\$10.00	
dish sets, pots and pans	\$25.00-\$50.00	
pots and pans	\$50.00-\$125.00	
house coats	\$45.00-\$60.00	
pillows (new)	\$10.00-\$50.00	
twin bed sheets, comforters	\$30.00-\$60.00	
socks, underwear (new)	\$5.00-\$15.00	
shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00	
pyjamas	\$5.00-\$25.00	
laundry baskets	\$12.00-\$20.00	
baby monitors	\$20.00-\$70.00	

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Cash donations (for gifts)	\$30.00-\$60.00	
feminine hygiene items in packaging	\$5.00-\$25.00	
pens/pencils/erasers	\$2.00-\$10.00	
loose-leaf	\$2.00-\$12.00	
calculators, geometry sets, rulers, etc.	\$5.00-\$30.00	
markers, pencil crayons	\$7.00-\$15.00	
alarm clocks	\$6.00-\$10.00	
quilts/duvets, sheets, pillows	\$25.00-\$60.00	
Thermometers	\$8.00-\$40.00	
Teethers	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bottles/nipples	\$7.00-\$20.00	
Baby towels	\$10.00-\$20.00	
Baby wipes	\$3.00-\$10.00	
sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
baby/toddler clothing	\$10.00-\$20.00	
formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
toys and games	\$0.00-\$30.00	
youth and teen appropriate clothing	\$15.00-\$50.00	
new or gently used winter clothing	\$0.00-\$50.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
new or gently used shoes and boots	\$0.00-\$50.00	
baby blankets	\$19.00-\$25.00	
baby shampoo/lotion	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bags*	\$65.00-\$145.00	

*the baby bags consist of blankets, shampoo, lotion, thermometers, baby bottles, wipes, towels, teethers, clippers and soothers.

YWCA Women's Shelter**Suggested**

Baby and Toddler Clothing	\$5.00-\$25.00
baby bottle nipples	\$2.00-\$10.00
Baby bottles	\$5.00-\$7.00
Baby Food/Snacks	\$3.00-\$10.00
Disposable Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00
Disposable Diapers (larger sizes)	\$15.00-\$30.00
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00
gloves/mitts	\$5.00-\$25.00
headbands	\$2.50-\$5.00
New bedding for single beds	\$30.00-\$50.00
new bowls, cups and mugs	\$3.00-\$25.00
new cutlery	\$4.00-\$25.00
new dishcloths and dish towels	\$4.00-\$20.00
New multi pack generic crew neck t-shirts sizes M-XL	\$8.00-\$25.00
new pyjamas for women and children	\$5.00-\$25.00
new socks and underwear for kids and women	\$10.00-\$20.00
New sweat pants of various sizes	\$20.00-\$30.00
New towels and face cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00
New, unopened shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00
winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00

Elizabeth Fry Society

Suggested

backpacks/totes	\$0.00-\$25.00	
body lotion	\$7.00-\$15.00	
body wash/shower gel	\$4.00-\$10.00	
brushes	\$5.00-\$15.00	
combs	\$2.00-\$5.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$8.00	
Disposable Razors	\$20.00	16 pk
gently used/new coats and jackets	\$0.00-\$50.00	
gently used/new footwear	\$0.00-\$50.00	
new undergarments (bras and panties)	\$10.00-\$20.00	
new/gently used toques, mitts and scarves	\$0.00-\$10.00	
shampoo/conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Tampons and pads	\$5.00-\$25.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	4 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
water bottles	\$5.00-\$10.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	

The Amazing Stuff

Suggested

- Set the table during Lent
- Make your bed without too much complaining
- Be especially nice to your sister/brother
- Shovel the walk after it snows
- Keep your room tidy (my wife's personal favourite)
- Do you know someone who is isolated? Give them a call!
- Invite someone to take part in Kidz Klub
- Invite someone to participate in our on-line service
- Surprise your mom and clean up her room.
- Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent.

Priceless!

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The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY, December 12th**. You will receive the gift cards in time for Christmas!

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. FundScrip has some promotions on now, until the end of the year, where the church would receive a larger percentage of the sales than usual. Some of the retailers participating in this are Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Roots, Kernals, Boston Pizza, and the Ultimate Dining Card.



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.
Blessings,
Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** has received a donation of wool. They are looking for knitters, who can make mitts for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, as cooler temperatures are approaching. Contact Sharon Nixon at 306-978-9577, if you are able to help.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.



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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

Protecting Children in Malawi

Ten-year-old Joseph lives with his family in northern Malawi. One day, Joseph showed up to school, not quite himself. His friends noticed and asked what was wrong. "My father and mother shout at each other and fight almost every week. Sometimes my father calls us bad names and chases us out of the house at night, for no reason," he said. His friends, who had learned about children's rights and what support was available to them urged him to speak to a Child Protection Worker. The Child Protection Worker understood the economic challenges that were exacerbating the abuse and connected the family with resources to address them. Together, the family is using what they have learned to build a more peaceful home. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 21 (Reign of Christ) Sovereign God, who rules all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to your truth. Help us to hear Christ's voice so that we can teach and work for his politics of justice, grace, peace and love.

Monday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray for all who are without homes, and that they may find shelter and God's love and peace.

Tuesday, November 23 Creator, we pray for guidance as Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba begins the discernment process for improving its programs and buildings. Bring peace and blessing to the decisions that will be made.

Wednesday, November 24 We pray that all homes are free of domestic violence and unfair gender differences in the division of labour.

Thursday, November 25 (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for women and girls who feel powerless, alone, hurt or unsafe as a result of witnessing or experiencing violence and trauma. We pray for an end to all forms of gender-based violence and oppression.

Friday, November 26 We pray for the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Ministry Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Saturday, November 27 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.