ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

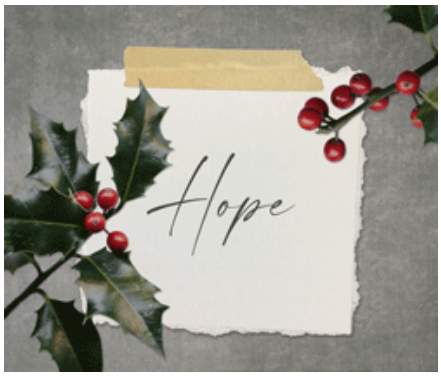
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
November 29th, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

"Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." – Mark 13: 20

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: Prelude in C Major, from *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 1* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparation for Worship:
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

Lighting the Candle of Hope
(See PWS&D insert)

Prayer of Adoration
Praise: ***"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"*** ***#110***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Redeeming God,
we confess that waiting is difficult
when the world around us is on edge.
We are impatient with each other,
and too often give voice and action to our anger.
And we are impatient with you, O God,

waiting for a sign of hope.
Forgive us.
Turn our hearts to you again and again,
and show us how to act in hope for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Hope is a Star"*** ***#119, vs. 1***

(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (Refrain 1)
I Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Expectations" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: A Shoot Shall Come Forth – Richard Horn (b. 1938)

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

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

Praise: ***"All who hunger, gather gladly"*** ***#534***



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

Excerpt from Piano Concerto in C Major, K. 467 – W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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 in this coming Advent Season, to witness to your coming and give voice to the hope you are bringing to the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Herald! Sound the note of judgement"*** ***#117***

Sung Benediction Oh Come, oh come, Emmanuel #122

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Postlude: I'll Be Home for Christmas – Walter Kent (1911-1994)

Greeters & Ushers:	**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu** **Trung Nguyen, Luella Moore**
Coffee Hosts:	**Congregational Meeting**



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.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



Please check your in box for the latest edition of “Saints Alive”, the church newsletter. There are also hard copies available on the entranceway table.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – **today**, after Service ~1 hour, in person and by Zoom (link below). A Special Congregational Meeting is required to: Appoint three (3) new Trustees for a total of five (5); Wind-up the Exterior Upgrades Project; and ratify the Board of Managers Motion "That the Board of Managers proceed with incorporation as a charitable non-profit corporation, and proceed with updating the trustee information on the land titles, with the trustees serving as directors of the corporation."
Respectfully requested, Kirk Ready, Chair, Board of Managers
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Zoom Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84439675154?pwd=86JKHJN2H5alMbyAQBMbQTFirto2oN.1
Meeting ID: 844 3967 5154 Passcode: 328576



2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the entranceway table. In each box there is a designated envelope that enables you to help offset the cost of the offering envelopes, which is $15.38. ***If you would prefer to make pre-authorized remittances, please fill out a blue PAR authorization form (found on the entranceway table), attach a void cheque, and place it in the offering plate.***

Gifts of Change
Do you have people on your gift list that don’t want more ‘stuff’. People for whom you can’t find the perfect gift? Consider giving something from the ‘Gifts of Change’ annual catalogue. There is something for every interest. See the catalogue that came with the last Connections. Or check the link at https://presbyterian.ca/donate/gifts-of-change/ to download the options.



Treasurers note November 20026
Year end is fast approaching and you know what that means: the 2027 budget needs to be planned. So to all committees please send your 2027 budget plans to me. You can email it to treasurer@standrewsyxe.ca.

The “Seal the Building” project is coming to an end. The outside work is finished and final bills are being paid. Thanks to the work Board Chair Kirk Ready and the rest of the Board has done, it has been completed on time. Financially, the final numbers will be available for the November 29th special meeting.

Thanks Dean

The **Memorial Fund Committee** is now accepting applications and requests to fund activities that support our ministries and the life of the church. Please send any requests to douglas.drover@gmail.com by December 15th for consideration in the next meeting of the committee.



The St. Andrew's Tea will be held Nov 28th. We hope that you will have time to help or bake or sit down with friends for tea or coffee and pie... The Tea will be Saturday afternoon in the lower hall from 2pm to 4pm. We will have a bake table and a shortbread table for all your Christmas baking needs. Please sign up to bring a pie and bring baking for the sale. Admission by donation or rent a table to sell your wares for $25. Contact Sandra Monson 306-260-7734 or Heather Kolojay 306-281-3029, for more information or to assist.
Tell all your friends.



An Invitation: Walk to Bethlehem 2026 from the Pastoral Care Committee

"What must it have been like to prepare a journey to Bethlehem? Just think about the actual steps to get ready as Mary and Joseph carried out their plans for their trip by foot and on a donkey? Who would accompany them? Would they have to seek others so they were not alone? Which route was the easiest for Mary? Where would they stay when they reached Bethlehem with no family there?
Join all the St. Andrew's - Saskatoon volunteer walkers in this **Walk to Bethlehem** starting **November 29th** through the on-line link from the office or by picking up the hard copy at the back of the church. There is a daily scripture to contemplate during the 4 weeks of Advent while you walk, or ride a stationary bike, or swim, or perform another form of exercise to reach 119 km in total. Please let Laura Van Loon know your steps so that we can collectively reach the goal from Bethlehem to Nazareth. Inform Laura by phoning or texting 306-229-7846 or by email at lauralene66@gmail.com.
Blessings on your journey!

Memory and Light Service, Wednesday, December 9th at 7 pm.
We are fast approaching Advent, and rejoice in the anticipation of the messages of hope, joy, love and peace, and the celebration of treasured traditions. But, for many, Advent and the Christmas Season brings bitter sweet memories, troubled hearts, and struggles to find joy in the midst of sorrow or pain. We welcome you to join us to remember those who are no longer with us, to acknowledge our sorrows, our stress, and to share in the blessings of God's care and healing.



Brief Update on First Aid in St. Andrew's: Everyone using the Church should be familiar with the location of:
1. First Aid Supplies: Primary supplies in the marked Kitchen drawer, including new cold pack and new Heat Reflective Blanket (on order).
2. Automated External Defibrillator (AED): Office Door (SW) Entrance, battery recently replaced.
3. Fire Alarm Bells and Extinguishers: Hand bells in Narthex and Hall, above fire extinguishers. Additional fire extinguishers in Kitchen, Furnace Room, Youth Room.
Thanks, Kirk Ready, Convenor, Board of Managers

Coffee hour has resumed. A sign up roster can be found on the entrance way table. If no one signs up on a particular Sunday, there will be no coffee time that week. If you require any information, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca

OPERATION SANDWICHES: is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, 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.



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 fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- Contact Information Forms
- The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- PAR Forms
- The Annual Report

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



Advent Appeal - Outreach Committee

Advent Appeal
We will soon be celebrating the season of Advent and, once again, Outreach will be organizing its annual Advent Appeal. Advent is a time of peace and sharing, and we try to celebrate that with our appeal. The appeal this year has changed slightly, but is organized similar to past few years where we hope that you will find opportunities to contribute either on-line, or in person.
For those who worship in person, it is (still) an easy, three step process:

1. Select an ornament that has a gift of Advent attached (found in the entryway) and take it home. (Please, please, feel free to select more than one).
2. Complete whatever is written on the tag. If it is a gift, attach the tag to the gift. If it is a monetary donation, attach the tag to the ornament.
3. Bring everything back to the church and place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. The ornaments will provide us with a visual progress report on this year's appeal. If your donation is monetary, or a gift card of some sort, please place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the Outreach committee members.

If you are worshipping from home, start by browsing through the items listed below to see what the downtown agencies are looking for this year, and then make a donation where you feel it is most needed. We have provided approximate prices for the items, but please consider this more of a guideline than an absolute amount. We also have no way of guaranteeing that your donations will go towards the items that you select. We can only promise that the money will be used by the agencies to purchase items that are most needed at the time.
…and this is where things get a little more complicated.
This year we have had to make a change. Instead of donating through St. Andrew's, either by e-transfer or through our website we ask that you donate directly to the agency that you would like to support so that

it is the agency that provides the tax receipt (instead of St. Andrew's). It seems that our beloved CRA doesn't like any organization with a charitable status (St. Andrew's) to pass money along to other charitable organizations. You can still donate by cheque as long as the name of the agency is on the cheque. These will be collected and passed along when we deliver the gifts.
For those wishing to donate on-line we have provided links to the donation buttons for each of the agencies. The links can be found on the Wish List shown below, and here in the on-line bulletin as well as a hard copy in the entryway of the church.
Please donate only what you feel comfortable with. For each reported donation we will add another ornament to the tree.
This year we have added to our list of agencies; the need does not seem to be diminishing as prices for everything continues to rise. More and more people are finding themselves homeless and for this reason we have continued to include St. Mary's Warmup Shelter and the Mustard Seed in our appeal. Let's try and keep people as warm and safe as possible.
While we have tried to make it as easy as possible to participate in our appeal, we realize that there may be questions. If there is something that you would like to ask about, please contact one of the Outreach Committee. Please don't feel that you have to pick up an ornament if you worship in person (the agencies are always looking for monetary donations), and if you worship from home, arrangements can always be made to pick up any physical donations. If there is a gift that you would like to contribute, but you can't find it on the list, please contact Al Ireland and he will add it to the list and can custom-make an ornament if needed. We feel that the most important part of our appeal is to share the bounty with which we've been blessed, and to perhaps have a little fun doing so. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
Enjoy!

Advent Appeal
Wish List 2026

If you write a check: Place the check with the name of the agency in an envelope with the name of the agency. Please place the envelope in the offering plate. Add one ornament for each $10 donation.
On-line donations: These must now be made directly to the agency that you would like to support. Links to the agencies can be found below, at the back of the church, and in the on-line bulletin. For each donation we will add an ornament.
If you have any questions about how to donate monetarily, please talk to one of the Outreach Committee.

Friendship Inn
Information on monetary donations can be found on their website at
https://friendshipinn.ca/donations/donate-online/

Food items

- Coffee
- Eggs
- Teriyaki sauce
- Cooking Oil
- Peanut butter, jam
- Dried seasonings: Garlic Plus, lemon pepper

Personal Items

• Baby formula	$20-$60
• Socks	$5-$20
• Tooth brushes & paste	$5-$25
• Shampoo & conditioner	$5-$10

- Deodorant $2-$10
- Razors $2-$20
- Feminine panty liners $5-$20

Egadz

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted and can be made their website at https://www.egadz.ca/donate

Nutrition

- Fresh/Canned/Frozen Fruit & Vegetables
- Fresh Bread, Buns
- Dried goods (pasta, rice, tacos, etc.)
- Chickens, Turkeys, and Ground Beef (labeled & dated)
- Wild Meat and Venison (labeled & dated)

Hygiene *(Health Regulations require that these items be unopened and/or in their original packaging.)

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste $5-$25
- Shampoo, Conditioner $5-10
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors $2-$10

School Supplies

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases $2-$10
- Looseleaf $10-$20
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. $5-$50
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. $5-$15
- Alarm Clocks $5-$25

Bed and Bath

- Quilts and Duvets >$50
- Sheets and Pillows >$30
- Towels $10-$30
- Sleeping Bags $25-$60
- Alarm Clocks $5-$25

Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing $5-$30
- Strollers $60-$200
- New Car Seats $70-$200
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) $20-$60
- Disposable Diapers $20-$40
- Toys and Games $5-$50
- Quilts and Blankets $10-$60

Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) >$20
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants, Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands >$20
- Socks, Shoes, and Boots $5-$60
- New Underwear $10-$30

Sports, Recreation, and Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies $5-$20
- Sleeping Bags $30-$80

- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies $10-$20
- Paint and Paint Accessories $5-$30

Interval House

To donate monetarily please go to their website at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/77342?v2=true.

Please note that they are currently accepting only **new** items. These are:

Personal Care Items

- Nail files / clippers $5-$10
- Full-size body washes – adults and children $5-$15
- Lotions and lip balms $5-$10
- Bathroom loofahs $5-$15
- Women's make-up $10-$20
- Android and iPhone chargers $10-$40

Household Items

- Large drinking glasses $10-$20
- Pillows $15-$40
- Pillow cases $5-$15
- Twin bed sheets, comforters, etc. $20-$50
- Large bath towels $15-$50
- Laundry baskets $10-$50
- Nightlights and lamps $5-$30
- Tupperware containers $10-$30

Clothing & Accessories

– All Sizes Women & Children

- Women's sweatpants $10-$30
- Loose fitting t-shirts $10-$30
- House coats $15-$30
- Socks and underwear $10-$25
- Slippers $5-$30
- Pyjamas $10-$20
- Children's clothing $5-$30
- Baby clothes $5-$25
- Assorted women's running shoes $15-$40

(sizes 5–10; most common: 7–9)

Toys, Games & Activities

- Outside and inside play toys (no toy weapons) $10-$40
- Board games – children and adult $10-$50
- Coloring books – adult $10-$15
- New books – children and adult $5-$30
- Pencil crayons, markers $5-$30
- Paints and paint brushes $5-$20
- Paint canvasses $5-$30
- General art supplies $5-$20

Gift Cards

- Wal-mart, Co-op, Superstore, Gas Stations, Dollar Store, Amazon.ca $10-$100

Haven Family Connections

Monetary donations are gladly accepted. They rely on donors and financial gifts to help fundraise $350,000 each year. To donate please go to https://www.havenfamilyconnections.com/donate/

They are currently not accepting any used clothing except for:

- Grocery store gift cards $10-$100
- Gift cards/certificates for children's outings and events $10-$100
- Children's clothing from birth to age twelve for seasonal clothing. $5-$30
- A one-time donation or you can donate monthly (see above).

Elizabeth Fry Society

To donate monetarily please go to https://elizabethfrysask.org/get-involved/ and click on the donate button.

Needed Items

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste $5-$25
- Shampoo and conditioner (either small or regular size) $5-$15
- Combs $5-$25
- Deodorant $5-$15
- Soap, body wash/shower gel, and body lotion $5-$15
- Feminine pads and tampons $5-$20
- Underwear (all sizes) $10-$30
- Socks $5-$20
- Mittens $5-$20
- Journal notebooks $5-$25
- Reusable water bottles, travel mugs, and bags/totes $5-$30
- Backpacks $15-$50
- Stamps and envelopes $5-$10

YWCA Crisis Center

If you wish to show your support by donating monetarily please go to https://www.ywcasaskatoon.com/support/donate/.

They are currently at capacity for gently used clothing and so are asking us to not donate any at this time. Other items not accepted at this time are: used bedding or towels; aerosol containers or hairspray; kitchen knives and other sharp items; men's items; or unsolicited food donations. They will most gratefully accept:

- Kettle $30-$50
- Cutlery $20-$50
- Shampoo & conditioner (unscented) $5-$15
- Soap bars (unscented) $5-$15
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss $5-$25
- Hairbrushes & combs $5-$10
- Disposable razors & deodorant $5-$20
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, menstrual cups) $5-$20
- Pajamas, socks, underwear (women & children) $5-$30
- New pillows $15-$40
- Single bed sheets & children's bedding $20-$50
- Bath towels, hand towels & face cloths $10-$30
- Diapers & baby wipes $15-$50
- Slippers/flip-flops $5-$30

- Journals & pens (can support healing and reflection) $5-$25
- Child-focused items (board games, puzzles, age-appropriate toys) $10-$50
- Reading glasses (various strengths, new only) – very helpful for women needing to complete forms or read documents. $2-$20
- Nightlights or small flashlights – comfort and safety for children and moms in unfamiliar rooms. $5-$30

Long Term Care

- Pots, pans & cookie sheets >$25
- Coffee makers & toasters $15-$50
- Cutlery & kitchen utensils $20-$50
- Dishcloths & kitchen towels $6-$20
- New pillows $15-$40
- Bath towels, hand towels & face cloths $6-$35
- Non-aerosol cleaning supplies $5-$20
- Brooms, mops & dustpans (new only*) $10-$20
- Storage containers/bins $10-$30
- Child-focused items (board games, age-appropriate toys) $5-$30
- School supplies (backpacks, pencils, crayons, notebooks) $5-$40
- Nightlights or small flashlights – comfort and safety for children and moms in unfamiliar rooms. $5-$30
- Slippers/Socks $5-$30
- Stress balls, fidgets, squishies $5-$25
- Bubble bath, Bath salts, Bath Bombs $10-$25
- Self-care items, face masks, nail polish, lotions, new make-up $10-$50
- Journals, Pens, Inspirational books $5-$25
- Canned/Dry goods
- Coffee grounds, coffee pods, creamer, sugar
- Birthday supplies (banners, balloons, candles, cake mixes& icing)
- Karaoke machine >$50
- Gift cards (Dollarama, Wal-Mart, Superstore, Tim Hortons, Fresh CO, Skip the Dishes) $10-$100
- Bowls, Utensils, Kitchen Dishes $2-$15

SNCM

To donate monetarily go to https://www.canadahelps.org and do a search for Saskatoon Native Circle ministry. Scroll down and find the tile/button for the mission and click on it to make your donation.

Items needed:

- NEW Long underwear (all sizes) $5-$20
- NEW Tights for women (all sizes) $5-$15
- Warm clothing
- Parkas, sweaters, boots, snowpants, shoes etc. $0-$70
- Shirts, pants $0-$30
- Blankets $0-$25
- Gloves, Mitts. $0-$30

*The mission is especially looking for jackets, men's gloves, mitts and sweatpants at this time.

For the Kitchen!

- Hot chocolate, ground coffee
- Coffee whitener and sugar
- PB & J
- Mayonnaise
- Canned vegetables
- Chicken or beef stock
- Pasta or rice
- Mustard/ketchup
- Dish towels and dishcloths
- Dish soap, sponges/scrubbies
- Oven mitts
- Napkins/paper towels
- Aluminum foil/plastic wrap
- Disposable food containers
- Disposable forks and spoons

St. Mary's Warmup Center (from website – www.stmarysoutreach.com)
If you would like to donate monetarily please go to https://www.stmarysoutreach.com/donate

Individual Snacks

- Granola Bars
- Cereal Bar
- Individually packs cookies and Individual packs of crackers
- Juice Boxes
- Cans of pop
- Other small individual snacks

Gift Cards to such places as No Frills, Walmart, Tim Hortons, MacDonalds $10-$100

Mens Coats and Boots: There is an urgent need for new or gently used (and washed) winter coats, jackets, boots, socks, and new underwear.

If you wish to donate something directly from Amazon for St. Mary's go to their website (www.stmarysoutreach.com/our-current-needs) where you will find a direct link to Amazon, highlighting some needed items.

St. Mary's Food Shelf
The list for this can be found either on the bin at the back of the church, or in the newsletter and on-line bulletins. People still have to eat, no matter the time of year.

The Mustard Seed (Winter wishlist)
If you wish to donate monetarily please go to https://theseed.ca/christmas.

OTHER:

- Blankets $10-$60

- Travel mugs $5-$20
- Hand & feet warmers $5-$15
- Reusable water bottles $10-$30
- Bus tickets & transit passes $27.50+

HYGIENE:

- Travel-Sized Shampoo and Conditioner $5-$10
- Deodorant $2-$15
- Razors $5-$10
- Travel-size shaving cream $5-$15
- Unscented Body Soap $10-$30
- Toothpaste $5-$10
- Toothbrush $2-$10
- Hairbrushes & combs $5-$10
- Feminine Hygiene Products $5-$10

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S: ***(new, or gently used and clean)**

- Winter Jackets $0->$20
- Warm Gloves/Mittens $0-$30
- Warm Socks $5-$10
- Winter Boots $0-$60
- Toques $0-$15
- Slippers (with grips on the bottom) $10-$30
- Thermal Underwear $10-$30
- Warm Winter Clothing (hoodies, sweatpants, etc.) $15-$60
- New Underwear (sizes small to xxxl) $5-$20
- Cozy throws $15-$40
- Hot water bottles $5-$15
- Neck pillows, or heated rice bags $10-$30
- Activity books, adult colouring books $10-$15
- Pencil crayons and markers $5-$15
- Journals, books or DVDs $5-$25
- Gift Cards (Tim Hortons, Dollarama, Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mart) $5-$15
- Bus Tickets or Transit Passes $27.50+
- Granola bars $5-$10
- instant noodles $5-$10
- oatmeal packets $5-$10
- hot chocolate, tea bags, etc. $5-$10
- detergent pods, dryer sheets, and laundry bags $5-$15

The Amazing Stuff

- Set the table during Lent Priceless!
- Make your bed without (too much) complaining “”
- Be especially nice to your sister/brother “”
- Shovel the walk after it snows OR sweep the walk if it doesn’t “”
- 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 Christmas service “”
- 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. “”
- Rake the leaves in your yard?? (Before it snows works best) “”



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A sign up roster can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or by email cl.roy@shaw.ca

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.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- ❄ Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- ❄ Contact Information Forms
- ❄ The latest edition of “*Saints Alive*”, the newsletter
- ❄ 2026 Offering Envelopes

In Our Wider Community

SNCM Updates

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry.
As the weather changes, visits to the Give Away Room on Fridays have increased. Much needed items to donate are socks, men’s and women’s underwear and long underwear; toiletry items such as travel size toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, soap, and toothbrushes. Blankets and warm coats are always needed. There is a bin marked SNCM in the narthex.
Our Christmas Feast will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2026 from 12:00 – 3:00 this year. Irene (Oksu) Lee, the Food Program Manager, is co-ordinating food donations and prep. Last year, we fed 174 people, and members of St. Andrew’s generously donated turkeys (and roasted most of them), stuffing, baking, and gift bags. Many volunteers helped with set up, serving and cleanup. Dylon Nippi co-ordinated the service and blessing by an elder.
If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Irene personally or by email: osahind@hotmail.com, Dylon by email: divineaction123@gmail.com or me.
Finally, as we approach year end, thank you to everyone who has donated to SNCM in 2026. Looking ahead to 2027, we would appreciate donations going through Canada Helps at canadahelps.org rather than EFTs. I am happy to help you set up a Canada Helps account where you can manage your contributions and tax receipt. Also, the last day for any donations for this year is December 31, 2026. Cheques or electronic transfers must be received or postmarked by that date.
Blessings,
Anne Drover
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St. Mary's Food Hampers

We are helping supply food for St. Mary's. They have a hamper program that they started when families started coming in asking them for food. Most of these families consist of children and their grandparents. There is a list of needed items taped to the bin in the entryway, but a copy of the list is shown below. St. Mary's has been most appreciative of our donations so far.

- Spam or other canned ham
- Evaporated milk
- Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
- Pasta (both small and big bundles)
- Kraft Dinner
- Pork and Beans Cans
- Canned Veggies
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Bologna
- Beef Wieners
- Little Trays or rolls of ground beef (only small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Small bags of potatoes or carrots

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.





First Sunday in Advent

Hope

Voice 1: The prophets call and the psalmist sings to announce that hope comes from God.

Voice 2: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence."
(Isaiah 64)

"We shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." *(Psalm 27)*

Voice 1: The world cries for justice and transformation.
Advent summons us to watch, to wait and to hope.
In the destruction of the current order is the promise of a new order beyond our imagination.
Signs of hope are all around us if we have the patience to wait and to see them.

Voice 2: Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

All: **Jesus Christ comes as the hope of the world.**

Voice 2: We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

All: **We light this candle to bear witness to hope.**
(while lighting the candle of hope)

Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star

Presbyterian World Service & Development

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Journeying for Hope



"What an excellent experience to be together raising both awareness and funds for PWS&D. Can't wait until next year!" shared Laura Kavanagh, team leader of Together in Motion based in Victoria, BC, after PWS&D's first ever Journey for Hope.

Journey for Hope brings together people from across Canada in support of PWS&D food security programs. The climate crisis, conflict and ever-increasing costs are exacerbating an already urgent food crisis. PWS&D and our partners assist marginalized communities to address hunger and food insecurity.

Food security projects provide hope to families and communities. Amalia, an Indigenous woman in Guatemala, shares how her life has changed. "Before, our situation was poverty and violence, but this project is good for the community and Maya Mam women. I hope other families and communities see my life as an example."

Journey for Hope is crucial in supporting this essential work. In just two years, over $50,000 has been raised across the country. We hope you'll join us next time!

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to show our faith and bring hope to those in need.

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MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 29**



Dona Antoine was worried when her baby Doriana started to show serious symptoms like swelling, diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Her health worsened quickly. Initially, Dona tried a traditional healer. When that failed, she took Doriana to various clinics, but nothing helped. Feeling desperate, Dona followed a community health worker's advice and took Doriana to a hospital operated by PWS&D's partner in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, where she was admitted to the malnutrition program. She received six days of intensive therapeutic feeding, a transition to home care, and has now fully recovered. This project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is saving the lives of many children in Haiti every year.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 29 (1st Sunday of Advent) We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, November 30 We give thank for the wisdom, knowledge and work of the members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they advise the church in its work for truth, healing and reconciliation.

Tuesday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the people around the world who are affected by HIV and AIDS. May they feel God's love and healing as they access support through PWS&D and its partners.

Wednesday, December 2 We pray for ministries that are exploring new ways to welcome, include and support Two Spirit and LGBTQI+ people and their families.

Thursday, December 3 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We give thanks for the gifts and presence of persons with disabilities and pray for God's guidance that we all work to shape communities that are inclusive and accessible, where all people may flourish and share their gifts with dignity.

Friday, December 4 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble and the Chaplaincy team at St. Andrew's Hall as they support students in their final exams and offer a witness to the gospel at the St. Andrew's Hall Christmas service.

Saturday, December 5 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society as they celebrate hope in the birth of the baby Jesus.