ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

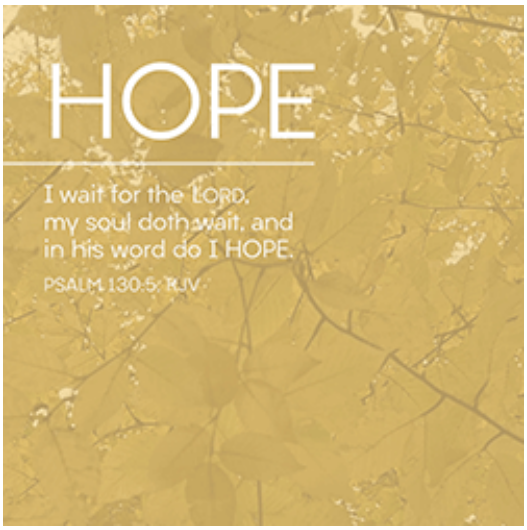
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musician: Laurien Gibson
November 30rd, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."
– Matthew 24: 42

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: Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 703 – 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 -St. Andrew's Youth Group
(See PWS&D insert)

Prayer of Adoration

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

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of hope,

we confess that we often prefer
to accept half-truths and pleasing ideas,
rather than your challenging word.
We praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom.
We have exploited others for our benefit
and used the earth without a thought for its wellbeing.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"People in darkness"*** ***#124***

(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1-5 -St. Andrew's Youth Group

Psalm 122 (Refrain 1)

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Keep Awake" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Sleepers Awake, from *Canata, BWV 140* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Paul Suchan

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

Praise: ***"O holy Father, God most dear"*** ***#529***

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

Zion hört die Wachter singen, from *Cantata, BWV 140* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: Mary's Soliloquy – Cecil Effinger (1914-1990)

Greeters & Ushers:	**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu** **Trung Nguyen, Luella Moore**
Coffee Hosts:	**Patti Polowick & Allan Ireland**



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



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.



The Pilgrim's Journey: Walk to Bethlehem by Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse
Advent is a season for looking from the darkness to the light – to prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus. Please watch for the Advent Walk which will start on November 27 and continue until December 24 when our volunteer walkers – that's YOU – reach Bethlehem where Christ the King is born. There will be a calendar of scripture readings each day for you to contemplate on your walk, or riding your stationary bike, or swim, or whatever exercise you choose that day. Let Laura know your steps so that we can be sure that collectively we make the 119 km to Bethlehem from Nazareth. Please text or phone me at 306-229-7846. My email is lauralene66@gmail.com You can pick up a copy of the Walk to Bethlehem in the narthex. It is also available as per the link provided from the church office.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 3, at 1:30 pm, in the lower hall.



2026 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. ***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.***

From the Pastoral Care Committee:

1. There will be a blood pressure clinic after church on **November 30th** in the lower hall. Drink coffee/tea ***following*** your BP check-up!

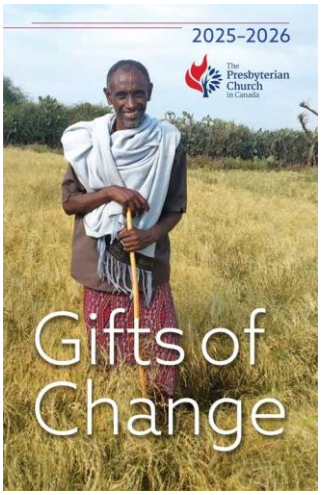
2. **Dec. 1** is the Christmas theme at the Calvin - Goforth Hub City at 1:30 PM with a musical treat of singing Christmas Carols with violinist Michael Swan and Gerri Madill on the organ. Please bring cans or bottles for the flexible exercises with Patti! As well, there is a Christmas Activity - Fill Christmas Boxes with items provided as a donation to PCC Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry.

3. **Wed. Dec. 10** is the annual Memory and Light evening service at 7:00 PM in our church sanctuary. For some of us, this time of year is one of Memory, sadness, and mourning. We hope you will join us as we gather to reflect on the Light that Jesus has promised us for our futures.

Church Caretaker - Job Posting
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time Caretaker. The Church Caretaker is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and upkeep of church building and grounds, ensuring a welcoming and functional environment for congregants, staff, and visitors. This role supports the mission and activities of the church by overseeing day-to-day maintenance, setting up for events, and performing essential tasks to keep the building and grounds in optimal condition.
Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter detailing relevant experience and availability to the St. Andrew's Church Board Convenor, Kirk Ready (boardchair@standrewsyxe.ca) or Office (office@standrewsyxe.ca). References will be requested upon further consideration.



Each Sunday you witness the offering plate being passed in the sanctuary. Do you sometimes wonder why people do not put something on the plate? I love Reverend Roberto's call to give of our time, talents, and tithes. Many congregants give of all three to the congregation. Some people in tough economic times, may simply not be able to support the church financially. Other people may give at different frequencies - once a month, quarterly, or even once a year. There are many ways to give to the church: Cheque, Cash, Electronic Fund Transfer, PAR (an offering that is set up to come out of your bank regularly), stock donations, and giving through our clover device. Dorothy has just printed new offering cards. These are available in the narthex where the offering plates are stored. If you are more comfortable putting a representation in the offering plate, please feel free to use one of these each week.



Gifts of Change (What to buy for loved ones that don't want any more stuff)
Are you are struggling to find things to buy for those hard to buy for loved ones this Christmas? Are you having problems coming with a wish list to give those that are asking you for your list? Check out the Gifts of Change Catalogue provided by the PCC. There is something for every interest:
· Health care—training maternal health care workers, providing medicines for leprosy, feeding the starving
· Education, including skills training
· Food security— training in agricultural practices, livestock, seeds
· Resources to set up woman-lead small businesses
· Water, sanitation, hygiene
· Training and equipping ministers in developing countries
· Supporting Ministries for Indigenous communities and youth in Canada
· And more…check it out
There are gifts in every price range, and all of the items in Gifts of Change are part of the bigger story of hope that is unfolding around the world through The Presbyterian Church in Canada and our partners. Catalogues were included as an insert in the fall issue of Connections and there are a few copies of the catalogue in the church entrance. For those looking online—see https://presbyterian.ca/donate/gifts-of-change/ or you can phone 1-800-619-7301. E-transfer to gifts@presbyterian.ca is also an option.
Happy Shopping

Purdys Chocolate
Back by customer request- 5 orders already in! - You can follow the link below
(deadline is Nov 30 and chocolates arrive Dec 15th)
https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311233-134628
If tech is not your thing call 306 270 2378 for personal tech support from a cheerful elf.

Human Resources Volunteer Opportunity!
Did you know that St. Andrew's has contract and staff positions? Each of these positions require an annual review and mutual support. St. Andrew's Personnel Committee's composition requires a congregational rep who would work with 2 session members to oversee the personnel needs and direction for our human resource complement. Would you be that one person to represent the congregation? For more information, please contact Jan Rodda, Session Clerk at clerk@standrewsyxe.ca or speak to me on Sundays or call at 306-321-6369.



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.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE



October is the month when we traditionally ask for donations of warm clothing for those who have to deal with the colder weather at a more immediate level. Gently used outerwear, boots, sweaters, toques, mitts and blankets are all welcome. We have been asked to emphasize the need for socks, stockings and new underwear, so if you are able to supply these items it would be greatly appreciated. It has been unseasonably warm so far this fall., so it would be nice to have things on hand when the temperature starts to dip. Please place all of your donations in the barrel provided in the entryway and we will ensure that they get to where they need to go.

Muffins
Our muffin ministry is once again open for business. If you would like to help with this important ministry, or if you just like baking muffins, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. Select a month that is convenient and let us know how many muffins you will be able to supply. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.



We are attempting to provide 10-12 dozen muffins to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month.
All muffins should be brought to the church on the date noted on the sign-up sheet and the Outreach committee will make sure that they get to where they need to go.
It is important to note that we have been asked to not provide any muffins with either nuts or icing.
If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach committee.



Advent Appeal
The season of Advent is upon us and with it our Advent Appeal. As we have in previous years, we have tried to set it up so that it is as easy as possible to take part, both for those who worship with us in person and for those who worship with us online.
For anyone worshipping with us online, you will find a Wish List of items needed by the various downtown agencies, along with a suggested value for each of those items at the bottom of this announcement. Simply select the agency that you would like to support, find an item that you would like to provide to that agency, and make your donation, either by e-transfer, or by using the church's website. Please indicate that the donation is part of the Advent Appeal, and note which agency you are supporting. Our bookkeeper will then make sure that your donation gets to where it needs to go. For every $10 donated, we will add an ornament to our Advent Tree.

For those worshipping in person, there are three steps. The first step is selecting an ornament. These can be found in the entryway of the church.

1. Select an ornament. These can be found in the entryway before the service, and downstairs afterwards. The ornament(s) can be selected in a number of ways, but the easiest is to just read what is on the tag. We would like to encourage you to select multiple ornaments
2. Take the ornament home and complete whatever is written on the tag. Once you have completed the task, peel the backing off of the tag and place it on the gift that you have purchased or donated. This is important as it helps those delivering the gifts know where they are supposed to go.
3. Bring the gift AND the ornament back to the church, place the gift under the tree, and the ornament on the tree. All of the returned ornaments will provide a visual progress report of this year's Appeal. If one of your gifts is a payment for an event, or a gift certificate, please do not place these on the tree. Place them in an envelope in the offering plate and we will make sure that they get to where they need to go.

The Advent Appeal officially runs from November 30th (the first day of Advent) to December 14th. Hopefully this will allow everyone time to get their gifts back to the church and still allow us to deliver the gifts before Christmas.

In closing, I would just like to say that I am very impressed by the people making up the agencies in our appeal that have been on the frontline when it comes to providing care and support for the homeless, the hungry, and the vulnerable here in Saskatoon. We feel that our appeal provides an opportunity to do what we can to share the love of God through our support of their programs. Thank you very much, and we hope that you have fun with the appeal.

We are: Al Ireland, Donna Fenton, Linda Dietz, Rachel Geisbrecht, and Ezra Giroth.

WISH LIST 2025

Friendship Inn

If you are going to donate food items, and want us to deliver them, please bring the items in on the last Sunday (Dec 17th) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Garden vegetables (Potatoes, peas beans, carrots etc)
- Coffee (ground or beans)
- oatmeal
- Tea
- Juice
- Dried seasonings: Cinnamon, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin

Personal Items

• Baby formula	$20-$60
• Socks	$5-$20
• Tooth brushes & paste	$5-$25
• Shampoo & conditioner	$5-$10
• Deodorant	$2-$10
• Razors	$2-$20

Egadz

Hygiene

• Toothbrushes & Toothpaste	$5-$25
• Shampoo, Conditioner	$5-$10
• Deodorant, Disposable Razors	$2-$20

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

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	$5-$30

Clothing

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

Sport/Recreation/Crafts

• Beads and Beading Supplies	$5-$15
• Sleeping Bags	$30-$60
• Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies	$5-$15
• Paint and Paint Accessories	$1-$10

Interval House

ALL ITEMS BELOW SHOULD BE NEW OR VERY GENTLY USED ITEMS

• Socks and underwear	$5-$50
• Nail files/Clippers	$5-$10
• Winter Boots	$20-$60
• Hats/Toques/Mitts/Gloves	$5-$30
• Cell phone chargers	$5-$20
• House Coats	$15-$30
• Children's clothing (all sizes, boys and girls)	$5-$50
• Tupperware containers	$5-$30
• Pencil crayons/markers	$5-$15
• Paints/brushes/general art supplies	$5-$10
• Women's sweatpants (all sizes)	$10-$30
• Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash	$5-$10
• Pajamas for women and children	$10-$20

- Lip balm $3-$5
- Large drinking glasses $5
- Nightlights $3-$10
- Large bath towels $15-$50
- Bathroom loofahs $5-$10
- Movie passes $10-$50
- Women's and children's socks (all sizes) $5-$15
- Slippers (women and children's) $5-$30
- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Superstore, Co-op, Gas Cards $10-$100
- Inside and outside play toys (no aggressive toys) $5-$50
- New books (all ages) $5-$30
- Assorted women's running shoes (size 5-10, most commonly 7, 8, 9) $20-$100
- Adult Coloring Books $5-$20

Haven Family Connections

Gift Cards

- Grocery store gift cards $20-$100
- Gift cards/certificates for children's outings and events.
  *Bowling, minigolf, swimming, movies and kid's play villages $20-$50
- Co-op $20-$100
- McDonald's $10-$50
- Tim Horton's $20-$50
- Canadian Tire $20-$50
- Home Sense $20-$50
- Fuddruckers/RUCKERS $20-$50

Clothing items

- New or gently used children's clothing from birth to 12 years) $10-$100

Elizabeth Fry Society

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste* $5-$25
- Shampoo/Conditioner* $5-$10
- Combs/brushes $5-$25
- Soap/body wash* $5-$10
- Feminine hygiene products* $10-$30
- Underwear (all sizes)* $5-$20
- socks $5-$10
- mittens $5-$10
- Journal notebooks (no coils) $5-$15
- Reusable water bottles, travel mugs, and bags/totes $5-$25
- Backpacks $15-$50
- Stamps and envelopes $5-$10

*If you would like to do something on a continuing basis, Elizabeth Fry is constantly in need of feminine hygiene products. You can donate these items during Advent, but if you feel that you can supply them at other times of the year please contact someone on the Outreach committee and we will either drop them off for you, or will put you in touch with someone at Elizabeth Fry who would be more than happy to take them off your hands.

YWCA Crisis Center

• Towels and face cloths	$10-$30
• New Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash (unscented)	$5-$10
• Feminine Hygiene Products	$10-$30
• Pajamas (new) for women and children	$10-$20
• New socks for women and children	$5-$20
• Disposable diapers (sizes 4-6)	$10-$40
• new swim suits for women and children	$10-$40
• Combs and brushes	$5-$10
• Disposable razors	$2-$10
• Small toys for children	$5-$20
• Baby blankets	$5-$10
• Slippers/Flip flops	$5-$30
• Board games, puzzles	$5-$25
• Grocery gift cards	$10-$100

SNCM

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
Gloves, Mitts.	$0-$30

*The mission is currently looking for gloves, mitts, and men's toques at this time but women's tights and mens long underwear would also be greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Warmup Center (from website – www.stmarysoutreach.com)

• Snacks *(granola bars, juice boxes, cereal bars, individual packs of cookies or crackers)	$5-$20
• Boots and clean, gently used coats and blankets	$0-$60
• Gift Cards (No Frills, Walmart, Tim Hortons, McDonalds	$10-$50

If you go to their website (www.stmarysoutreach.com/our-current-needs) there is a direct link to Amazon, highlighting needed items if you wish to donate directly.

The Mustard Seed (https://theseed.ca/?form=donate&recurring=once&designationId=ECTBGLLX)

Seasonal Items

• Winter Jackets	>$20
• Warms gloves, mitts and toques	$5-$30
• Warm socks	$5-$20
• Warm boots	$20-$60
• Slippers (with a grip on the bottom)	
• New Long johns and or tights	$5-$20
• New underwear	$10-$20
• Travel sized shampoo, conditioner and shaving cream	$0-$10
• Deodorant	$2-$10

- Razors $2-$20
- Unscented body soap $5-10
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes $5-$25
- Hairbrushes and combs $5-$25
- Feminine hygiene products $10-$30
- Hand and foot warmers $10-20
- Blankets $5-$30
- Reusable water bottles and travel mugs $5-$10
- Bus tickets or transit passes $25-$100

Housing Items

- Comfort items (cozy throws, hot water bottles, neck pillows, or heated rice bags) $10-$50
- Activity items (activity books, adult colouring books, pencil crayons and markers, journals, books and DVDs) $10-$30
- Gift Cards (from Tim Hortons, Dollarama, Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mart) $5-$10
- Snacks (Granola Bars, instant noodles, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate, tea bags) $5-$10
- Laundry Supplies (small packs of detergent pods, dryer sheets, and laundry bags) $10-$20

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 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. "
- Rake the leaves in your yard?? (Before it snows works best) "



Coffee hour has resumed.
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



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

THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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 30**



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service offers an Electronics/Computer training program in the Sabra/Shatilla Palestinian refugee camp in the southern part of Beirut, Lebanon. Established in 1962, a one-year certificate program of computer assembling and maintenance incorporates both theory and hands-on practical experience. Teachers try to simplify the material and make it interesting for students who often have only an intermediate level of prior education. A popular recent addition to the program is the repair of cellular phones. Equipping young people with skills and vocations that allow them to enter the workforce quickly, thus generating income to support themselves and their families, is especially essential in refugee communities.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 30 (1st Sunday of Advent) Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS, and for the work of PWS&D to provide support for those living with HIV and to prevent further spread of the disease.

Tuesday, December 2 We pray that Vancouver School of Theology will be a community of kindness, compassion and truth-telling in the service of the Gospel.

Wednesday, December 3 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community and church life.

Thursday, December 4 Holy One, in a world marked by fear and division, teach us to listen deeply and love boldly. May your church be a witness to unity in diversity, a place where difference is not feared but embraced as a gift from you.

Friday, December 5 We pray for all of those who have contributed projects, events, and services in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the denomination. May these activities inspire communities of faith to continue evolving, while engaging with the present and remembering the past.

Saturday, December 6 (The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women) We pray for the safety and well-being of all people who face gender-based violence and for people and organizations working to end gender-based violence.