

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: Kelsey Ronn

December 24th, 2023

Christmas Eve

"To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." – John 1: 12

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Prelude: Noel VI - Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Tonight we give special thanks to our Music Director Naomi Piggott-Suchan, Organist Paul Suchan, and the entire St. Andrew's Choir for leading us in our Christmas Eve service. Thanks and blessings to you all.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME AND PROCLAIM HIS WORD

Lighting of the Four Advent Candles – Orlanda Drebit & Bob Yakubowski

Lighting of the Four Advent Candles

Reader 1: It is nearly time; time for the Christ Child to be born into the world.

Reader 2: It is time to know our sins are forgiven; to be assured that God is with us.

Reader 1: Through these Advent Days and nights we have waited...
In Hope (the Hope candle is lit)

Reader 2: In Peace (the Peace candle is lit)

Reader 1: In Joy (the Joy candle is lit)

Reader 2: and in Love (the Love candle is lit), let us pray...

People: Gracious and loving God, this night we will receive from you a precious gift. The greatest gift humanity has ever received. This night we will welcome you in Christ Jesus, born to us a king in lowly manger. Open our hearts to receive this gift, as well as your gifts of grace, mercy, faith, and transformation in His holy name. Amen.

Genesis 1: 1-5

- William Ahiahonu

Solo: "O Holy Night" – Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

- Nicole Lindgren

John 1: 1-5

- Dean Fergusson

Praise:

"In the bleak mid-winter"

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Luke 1: 26-38

- Ms. Nyarkoaa Ofori

Praise:

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

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Luke 1: 39-55

- Alicia Monson

WE REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

Reflection – The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Choir Anthem: Magnificat, from *Evening Service in C* – Frank Henry Shera (1882-1956)

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

Luke 2: 1-7

- Ms. Evelyn Essel

Praise:

"O little town of Bethlehem"

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Lighting of the Christ Candle – Orlanda Drebit & Bob Yakubowski

Luke 2: 8-14

- Laura Van Loon

Praise:

"It came upon the midnight clear"

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Luke 2: 15-21

- Beth Brimmer

Choir Anthem: Whence is That Goodly Fragrance – Old French Carol

Closing Prayer

- Bonnie Mahlum

John 1: 10-13

– The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Praise:

"Silent Night"

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WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

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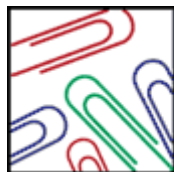
Orlanda Drebit



The offering tonight will go to the St. Andrew's Session Benevolence Fund, which is used to offer assistance to people with urgent financial needs.

Please take a candle on your way into the sanctuary this evening. During Silent Night, leaders will come to the pews to share the light of the Christ candle. Please light your candle in the horizontal position and keep it lit vertically. The overhead lights will be dimmed once the light has been shared with all. Please extinguish your candle before leaving your pew at the end of the service.

The ornaments on the Christmas tree are a visual representation of our annual Advent Appeal. Each ornament represents \$10, which has been donated by you, to aid in supplying necessities to our friends and neighbours through various agencies. The gifts were delivered this week, and you helped to make a joyous Christmas for so many. Thanks be to God!



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

- ❖ The end of the year is quickly approaching! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.
- ❖ The church offices will be closed over the holidays. December 22 – January 2, inclusive.
- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2023 charitable donation receipt, they must be dated 2023 and received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.

