

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

December 24th, 2022

Christmas Eve

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

– Luke 1: 47

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: This Endris Night

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.

Special Presentation

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME AND PROCLAIM HIS WORD

Lighting of the Four Advent Candles

Genesis 17: 1-7

- Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Praise:

"Of Eternal Love Begotten"

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Opening Prayer

Children's Time

- Martha Fergusson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

- Mark Behrend

Solo: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Luke 1: 26-38

- Nicole Lindgren

Praise:

"The Angel Gabriel"

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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: On Christmas Night

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

- Bonnie Mahlum

Praise:

"Unto Us a Child is Born"

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Luke 2: 8-14

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Praise:

"While Shepherds Watched"

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Luke 2: 15-21

- Claire Fergusson

Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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Closing Prayer

John 1: 1-5

– The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Praise:

"Silent Night"

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WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

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.

Greeters:
Ushers:
Lock up:

**Rose Drebit, Laura Van Loon, Martha Fergusson, Trung Nguyen
Pearson Ahiahonu, Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Al Ireland, Jan Rodda
Orlanda Drebit**

Blessings to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry

For many years, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has been blessed to be in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry as we serve in ministry and mission in downtown Saskatoon. Tonight we are grateful to be able to give thanks to SNCM Board Members Al Ireland and Sharon Nixon, to pray for all staff and clients at the mission, and to give a token of our support from our church's Memorial Fund.



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.

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!



Restorative Justice Event

On Sunday, January 15th St Andrew's will be part of a leadership team that is hosting an "Interfaith-Ecumenical - Everyone is Welcome" - Youth Night at Zion Lutheran. Our guest will be Dave Feick from The Micah Mission. Our theme is Restorative Justice which also- the theme of the 2023 Week of Christian Unity

Two key activities happening at this event.

1. "**You Got Booked**" is played as a life-sized board game, facilitated by MCC staff. The activity highlights the racial disparities within the criminal justice system and outlines how people find themselves in a criminal or poverty cycle. STR8 UP is a gang exit strategy that uses story sharing as a model for accountability, capacity building and healing for its members. STR8 UP members tell their personal stories of crime, violence and gang affiliation which offers a first-person perspective to a lived experience that is explored through You Got Booked.

2. "**Hat, scarf & glove**" toss- we will be tossing these items along the river into trees and bushes with the words "this item is for you- you are loved". These items are for the unhoused citizens of Saskatoon.

RSVP: Sunday, January 15, 2022,

Dinner provided

The Event is 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran

Contact Martha 306 270 2378 to confirm attendance

NOT a youth? - you can bring in a HAT, SCARF, or set of gloves to donate to the laundry basket in the Narthex- Youth members will toss your items on Jan 15th.

CE Leaders

Dec 25 & January 1 - We encourage families to worship together, a worship bag and plan paper with crayons are also in ample supply on the CE cart in the Narthex. We welcome little hands to be busy while their ears and hearts are with us in worship. Thank you to the CE Leaders who teach our little people throughout the year, may you rest and enjoy the season break.



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 23 – January 4, inclusive.

- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2022 charitable donation receipt, they must be dated 2022 and received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.

