

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 1st, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord..." – Jeremiah 33: 14a

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: Noel étranger – Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

- Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Prayer of Adoration

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

#110

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

Ever-faithful God,

forgive us our complacency in the presence of your splendour.

Forgive us for the times we have turned from hope,

preferring sameness over the newness you offer.

Forgive our silence in times when we have been called to speak,

and for our carelessness when we have been called to love.

Awaken your Spirit within us, O Lord.

That as we watch and wait in this season of Advent, we would do so with expectation and Christian hope.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: *"Prepare the way, O Zion"*
(Children leave for Church School)

#129

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

- Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Psalms 25: 1-11 Refrain 1

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Promises"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Advent Hymn – Don Besig

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

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.



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.**

Theme, from *Symphony no. 9 "From the New World"* – Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

(The Elements are Distributed)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

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 to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Hark the glad sound"

#118

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a - - - men

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

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Patti Polowick & Al Ireland



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

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.

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@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements

Check your in-box for the latest copy of "**SAINTS ALIVE!**", St. Andrew's newsletter. There are paper copies available on the entranceway table this morning. Extra copies are available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along. With the postal strike, we are unable to mail out copies, so if you will be seeing anyone that you know would like a copy, please deliver for us.



Downtown Talks: Celebrating Downtown - Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm

Please join us in the Lower Hall this Tuesday for the second installment of *Downtown Talks: Conversations for a Stronger Community*. This panel discussion and Q&A will focus on our downtown events, gathering places, and public art and all of the ways they help to connect us as a community. For more information, please speak to Beth Brimmer, Linda Dietz, Heather DeSandoli, Laura Van Loon, or Rev. Roberto.

Financial Update

Hello St. Andrews People. We have so much for which to be thankful. Our building fund has received some generous donations to assist with current renovations. Events like our very successful Charlie Brown Christmas concert are going to support celebratory functions of the church anniversary, and donations to the church operations are going according to forecast.

So that is the good news. Now for the not so good news. Welcome to winter! I say this because clearing of the church parking lot is one of the expenses most difficult to forecast! As of today, it is looking very much like our operational expense prediction of last year will be accurate. That means we will, in fact, as predicted have a deficit at year end. Depending on the generosity of givings between now and Dec 31, the size of the predicted deficit is shown below.

Column1	Budget	Option 1	Option 2
'Revenue	\$ 250,384	\$ 251,934	\$ 257,534
Expenses	\$ 270,753	\$ 272,472	\$ 272,472
Deficit	-\$ 20,369	-\$ 20,539	-\$ 14,939

Additionally, donations to all of the church missions are down considerably at about 75% of 2023 levels. We all realize that many people are struggling financially. We appreciate any and all gifts. We thank you for your generosity to date and ask that you prayerfully consider, what additional gift, if any, God may be calling you to make before year end and into 2025. We have a growing church - what a wonderful blessing. God Bless each of you. Do not hesitate to contact me with any question you may have. Orlanda Drebit orlandadrebit@hotmail.com

Could you give us 2 Sundays per year? The Board of Managers needs help in opening and closing the church. During the last couple of years, this responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of a very small group of people. All it involves is arriving a bit early and leaving a bit late! Please contact Sharon Wiseman (306) 242-4779 if you are willing to help.



Mini Christmas Bake Sales

At this time of year, most of us look forward to Christmas baking favourites. Some people cannot or no longer bake, while some of us love to bake and have a few extras.

Starting December 1 and going until December 22, some bake sale items may be available for purchase. Stock will vary each week, so grab your favourites when you see them; they may not be back.

For those donating their time and talent:

- Keep volumes small.
- Price your own items (or ask for help), keeping in mind that ingredients have gone up in cost over this past year. Place them in the entranceway.
- Label with any common allergens (wheat/gluten, eggs, nuts, dairy, MSG, cinnamon, mustard, artificial colouring).

For those who may consider purchasing items:

- Bring small bills and coins of various denominations, as there may not be change available. Alternately, we will have the 'tap and go' machine available.
- Items that arrive will be in the entranceway before the service and moved to the lower hall after.

This year, the proceeds will go to Presbyterians Sharing



Dear Friends, let's **walk to Bethlehem** together during Advent and ponder on the scripture readings each day as we walk or exercise in some form. Keep track and email me at pastoralcarenurse@standrews-saskatoon.ca OR text/ phone me at 306-229-7846 with weekly mileage or steps. Can we collectively get to Bethlehem in time to celebrate the Christ Child? Let's do it!! There are paper handouts in the Narthex as well as the Advent Walk as attached.

There will be a **Memory and Light Service** at 7:00 pm at the church on December 11, 2024 for families and friends of loved ones who have passed away. It is our hope that the scripture readings, sermonette, music and lighting of candles will bring comfort and peace to all as we remember those whom we cherish forever.

A reception will take place in the lower hall following the service. All are welcome.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday.



We are Expecting! - Four new babies at St. Andrew's in our anniversary year! We plan to honor them with a Baby Shower after Church during our regular Coffee Hour on December 15, 2024. You may donate (cash, debit, or credit) at the Shower to support the purchase of a new baby play pen and rocking chair for our nursery, and some individual baby gifts. Please save a moment on that day to take a peek at the renovated nursery. For further information, contact Heather Shouse, 705 493-2724 (call or text).

WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter.

Thank you for your support!



2025 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 \$12.29. If you would like to have your own box of envelopes, fill out the information on a Visitor's Envelope located in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or contact the church office. ***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.***

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday December 4th - 1:30- 3:00 p.m. in the lower hall of the church.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

Advent is right around the corner and with it, the **Outreach Committee's Advent Appeal.**

We have tried to set up the appeal 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 list of items needed by the various downtown agencies, along with a suggested value that each item might cost, in this week's on-line bulletin. 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.

As always, you can choose the ornament by color, shape, or size, but the best way might be to just read what is on the tags. You then take the ornament home and complete whatever is on the tag. Once it is complete, peel the backing off of the tag and place it on the gift that you have purchased or donated, OR, if it a gift of talent, (like mine), place it on the ornament. The final step is to 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.

We will officially start receiving gifts next week and the appeal will proceed until December 15 after which we will distribute the gifts to the agencies. If you would like to help us with this, please let us know. It really is an amazing experience.

In closing, I would just like to say that the agencies in our appeal 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, and Rachel Giesbrecht.

ADVENT WISH LISTS

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 15th) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Eggs
- Potatoes
- Bread and buns
- Coffee (ground or beans)
- oatmeal
- fresh fruit and vegetables
- Vanilla
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala
- Non-stick cooking spray, or canola oil

Personal Items

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| • Diapers, Pull-ups and wipes | \$20-\$40 |
| • Baby formula | \$20-\$60 |
| • Socks | \$5-\$20 |
| • Tooth brushes & paste | \$5-\$25 |
| • Shampoo & conditioner | \$5-\$10 |
| • Deodorant | \$2-\$10 |
| • Razors | \$2-\$10 |

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Hygiene

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

School Supplies

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| • 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

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

Babies and Children

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| • 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-\$15
- Shoes, and Boots \$20-\$40
- 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-\$20
- Nail files/Clippers \$5
- Winter Boots \$20-\$50
- Hats/Toques/Mitts/Gloves \$5-\$10
- 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) \$5-\$20
- 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

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

Elizabeth Fry is hoping to provide small Christmas gifts to women and gender diverse people who are incarcerated. Some ideas for gifts are in the following list, but don't feel limited by them. If there is some small item that you feel is appropriate, please go ahead.

- Fuzzy socks \$5-\$15
- Lip balm \$5-\$10
- Calendar (no coils) \$15-\$20
- Notebook (no coils) \$5-\$10
- Chocolate bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Candy canes \$5-\$10
- Granola bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Hot chocolate (individual packets) \$5-\$10
- Housecoats \$15-\$30
- Feminine Hygiene Products

*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 \$5-\$10
- Feminine Hygiene Products \$10-\$30
- Pajamas (new) for women and children \$10-\$20
- New socks for women and children \$5-\$15
- 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

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-\$50
- Shirts, pants \$0-\$30

Gloves, Mitts. \$0-\$30

If you are donating mitts or gloves, please drop them off at the church before December 11, so that they can be handed out as part of their Christmas celebrations)

Carter House

Carter House is a newly established agency that provides a holistic approach to supporting families dealing with trauma and substance abuse. It provides a safe healing environment where families and individual can work towards recovery. While donations are greatly appreciated, tax receipts cannot be provided as they are privately run. For more information, please talk to Martha Fergusson.

- Gift Cards for hygiene products (Walmart, Dollarama) \$10-\$50
- Movie Tickets (Cineplex) \$10-\$50
- Museum Admission (WDM, WonderHub) \$10-\$50
- Amazon or McNally Gift Cards \$10-\$100
- Books for our collection (new or gently used) \$0-\$50
- New books to gift at graduation \$10-\$50
- Board Games (for all ages, from children to adults) \$10-\$60
- Toys and Building Kits (Lego, Duplo) \$30-\$100

Group Contributions (e.g., book clubs, community groups):

- Create 15 homemade infinity scarves (neutral colors blue, beige, grey))
- Create 15 adult-sized crochet scarves (neutral colours blue, beige, grey)
- Create square blankets
- 15 boxes of chocolates (such as Purdy's)
- Craft sets (for kids' activities)

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) ""

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
- ✧ Annual Report & Financial Statements

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



First Sunday in Advent

Hope

One: As we enter the season of Advent, we remember God's call to seek justice in the world God loves.

All: We come longing for a brighter future for all.

One: We light the first candle of Advent, a symbol of God's hope, which shines in the darkness.

(Light the candle of hope)

One: May the light of this candle ignite a fire within your people, who are often afraid or hesitant to work for change.

All: Holy One, strengthen us by your Spirit to commit ourselves to walking with those who are oppressed and marginalized. May our actions reflect your hope, which transforms your world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Zinenani Finds Hope in Malawi

In Malawi, 15-year-old Zinenani took on the responsibility of caring for her younger siblings after their mother's death and their father leaving to find work in Mozambique.



Zinenani became the caretaker of their household. She faced challenges in providing food, attending school regularly, and lacked basic necessities.

Then, a community-based program for orphans and vulnerable children supported by PWS&D's partner, Mulanje Mission Hospital, intervened. The program supplied essentials like food, offered free medical care and provided school necessities. It also offered vocational skills training for out-of-school youth, including Zinenani and her siblings.

Enrollment in this program alleviated some of Zinenani's burdens, allowing her and her siblings to regain some normalcy. Zinenani expressed gratitude for the program and its donors, recognizing the significant impact on their lives.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to ensure that children have access to the tools they need for success.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, December 1

The difficulty of accessing much-needed health care for people in Dorica's home village fueled her passion for becoming a doctor and serving the poor population in rural areas of Malawi. With support from Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines and Presbyterians Sharing, Dorica began her studies in 2017. In March 2024, Dorica graduated from the University of Malawi College of Medicine and began the final stage of her medical training, an 18-month internship. Following her internship, Dorica will be licensed to practice medicine in Malawi. She is grateful to the Knox congregation and the PCC for their financial support and prayer.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 1 (1st Sunday of Advent / World Aids Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS and for the work of PWS&D in Malawi, which is providing vital support to those living with HIV.

Monday, December 2 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Peace River.

Tuesday, December 3 (International Day for People with Disabilities) We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and Nepal, who are finding confidence and independence with support from PWS&D's partners.

Wednesday, December 4 We pray for those around the world who are the victims of violence and oppression, those who wonder how they will survive the next day, and those who have lost all they own. May God's reign of justice and peace inspire us to work for peace in their lands and provision for their needs.

Thursday, December 5 We pray for Dorica Nkhata, the PCC's leadership development student, as she begins the final stage of her medical training, an 18-month internship at Mzuzu Central Hospital in Malawi.

Friday, December 6 (The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women) We pray for the healing of women who experience violence, and for God's guidance as we work to build communities that do not tolerate misogyny and gender-based violence.

Saturday, December 7 We pray for theological students, that they would be taught by their teachers and God about God for the sake of life that is life indeed.