

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Choir Director and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

Guest Musician: Brenda Moats, Flute

December 13th, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

"May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy." – Psalm 126: 5



Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Hope is a Candle

Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter,
mystery of light that is born in the dark;
laughter at hearing the voice of an angel,
ever so near, casting out fear.

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

-Sharon Nixon, Linda Dietz

Praise:

"Hark the glad sound"

#118

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long; let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song!

You come the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before you burst, the iron fetters yield.

You come the broken heart to bind, the wounded soul to cure, to bring the treasures of God's grace, good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's eternal arches ring with your most honoured name.

Prayer of Confession:

Generous and gracious God, we confess the smallness of our love and the narrowness of our concern. In these days of anxiety, pandemic, and strangeness, opportunities to say "thank you," to offer encouragement, and to remember each other in friendship slip by. Forgive us we pray, turn our hearts back to you that we may more faithfully witness to the joy of the Advent season, and inspire us with your word made flesh in Jesus Christ.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"On Jordan's bank"

#126

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace, we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Sermon:

"Testify to the Light"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Solo:

"Carol for Advent"

-Traditional/Don Besig

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"People, look east"

#125

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength, the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Benediction

**Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come and do not delay.
A-men, a-men, a - - - men**

Musical Postlude

“Rocking”
Dorothy & Stuart Middleton

- Czech Carol



Announcements



#1 – There have been reports that some people have stopped receiving emails from the church. Perhaps only bulletins. This seems to happen exclusively with sasktel.net addresses. Something changes in how you are able to receive emails. If this happens to you, contact SaskTel.

#2 – Offering envelopes are available in the church office. More and more people are using electronic methods for offerings, but if you would like to have offering

envelopes, please let Dorothy know.

#3 - The end of the year is quickly approaching! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.

#4 – The church offices will be closed over the holidays. December 25 – January 3, inclusive.

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, December 13th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.

Third Sunday in Advent

Joy



Written by the Rev. Kristine O'Brien
(Director of Crieff Hills)

- L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.
- P: Knowing that Christ is coming
to bring healing and wholeness to the world
is a source of delight!
- L: When we gather for worship it is a celebration,
an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing
among us and beyond us.
- P: We welcome our neighbours and celebrate God's goodness.
- L: Even when we face difficulty and trouble
we sing a song of faith,
confident that Jesus is able
to redeem our suffering world.
- P: Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.

(The candle is lit)

- L: Let us pray:
- P: God of transformation,
we rejoice that you lift up the lowly
and bind up the broken hearted.
We marvel at your power to
change hearts and lives.
Fill us with your Spirit this season
so that our voices declare
your goodness
and our lives proclaim your mercy
in Jesus Christ. Amen.



Boosting Bodies and Minds in Haiti

Little Seraphin was light in the arms of her mother when they arrived at Hôpital St. Marc. At only fifteen pounds, the two-year-old was severely underweight and in need of immediate treatment for malnutrition and its many complications.

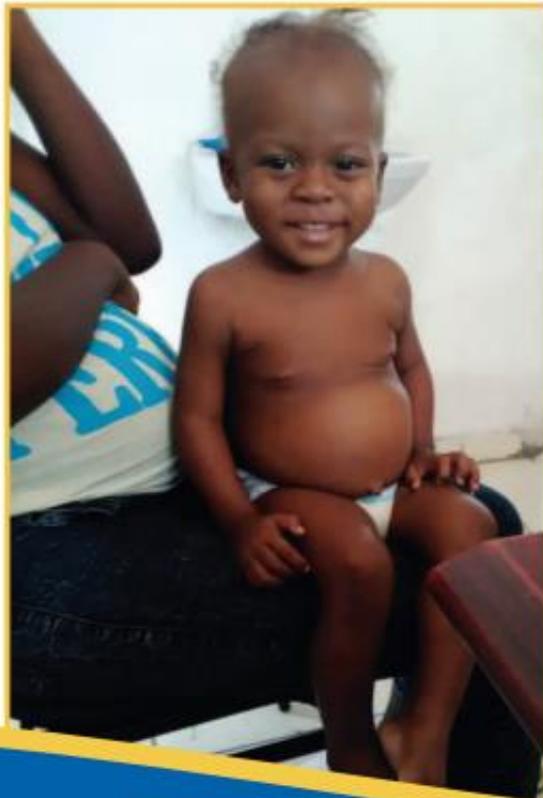
With persistent droughts and a continuously changing climate, many families in Haiti are left without sufficient food for their children and almost half of the population is malnourished.

After her mother brought her to the hospital, Seraphin was enrolled in a program supported by PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, providing therapeutic nutrition support to malnourished children.

In the program, Seraphin was given milk, food, antibiotics and vitamins to help her regain her strength. Within a few months, Seraphin weight had doubled and she was able to leave the program happy and healthy!

This Advent season, help make sure children have access to nutritious food, allowing them to lead healthy lives from childhood to adulthood.

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note that due to the recent local uptick in Covid-19 cases, St. Andrew's will be closed to in-person worship until further notice. We will continue to meet online at 11:00am every Sunday on our website (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!

The Pastoral Care Team sincerely thank everyone who was involved in preparing and presenting a beautiful **MEMORY AND LIGHT SERVICE** and Communion on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM. We at St. Andrew's are blessed to have the gifts and talents of Rev. Roberto, Gillian and Terri-Lynn who all gave us the thoughtful and sensitive service that they did. It is recorded and available by going to our web-site or YouTube for those of you who had to miss the original airing of the one-hour service. I had wondered how solitary I might feel because we could not physically share the evening at church, but in lighting my candle, I felt kinship with all those who were lighting their own candles. Seeing the slide of all the lit candles following the individual lighting really gave me a feeling of our church community. I was not alone in my loss and sorrow.

Thank you so much from all of us.

A "Walk to Bethlehem" continues during our Advent Season with more people signing up in the last 2 days. For more information, please email Laura or phone me at 306-229-7846.



Friends, People of St. Andrew's, **Countrywomen/men: Lend Me Your Voices!**

You are invited to join the St. Andrew's Virtual Choir by video recording yourself singing a very simple version of "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" (Terri-Lynn will be singing along with you and guiding you). Your video will be combined with the choir videos and be presented on Christmas Eve. There will be several instrumentalists in the video too. The more people, the better!

Do you have a Christmas carol that you would like to share with St. Andrew's? As a separate project, video record yourself singing or playing the carol and send it to Gillian. The videos will be presented as separate videos in church services in December, or as a compilation video in one service in December.

All voice/instrument levels are welcome.



For complete instructions, go to <https://gillianlyons.wixsite.com/christmasmusic> or scan the QR code above.

Clickable link: <https://gillianlyons.wixsite.com/christmasmusic>



Advent Book Study

Martha Fergusson and Rev. Roberto invite you to take part in our new online advent book study starting Monday, November 30th at 7pm on Zoom. This year the Presbyterian Church in Canada is studying Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. To learn more and get an e-copy of the book, please visit presbyterian.ca/reads. Please email roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com to sign up!

Christmas

is not far ahead!

Are you thinking that you may buy a gift card or two for Christmas? If so, why not put in your order through Arline Sanderson? You will get your gift, the church will get a percentage of the proceeds and instead of running around to various stores, you can pick up your FundScripts at one place (either the church or Arline's). In addition to grocery stores and gas stations, there is a long list of restaurants. For the men in your life Canadian Tire, Rona, Home Depot, Home Hardware, Marks Work Warehouse and Cabelas all have gift certificates. For the women on your list, Claires, the Bay, Sephora, Shoppers Drug Mart, Bath and Body Works and Winners are all there. For the pet lover, PetSmart is on the list. For the shoppers, Amazon.ca, Giant Tiger, Walmart, and The Bay are all there. How about the reader - yup, Chapters and Indigo. If 50 of us purchased \$50 worth of gift certificates, the church would net over \$60, and we could cross off some names from our gift list. If you have someone on the list that does not need any more gifts, give a gift from The PWSD Gifts of Change Catalogue. You can find the catalogue here on line.

[:https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/gifts-of-change/](https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/gifts-of-change/) There are gifts (for any price range and to cover a variety of interests) from \$2 to supply one week's supply of soap to a school, \$5 to give seeds to a farmer, \$30 buys a pair of shoes, and \$50 buys a solar light and cell phone charging station. These are gifts that will truly make a difference in the world of those less fortunate than us.

ADVENT APPEAL

Thank you again, to everyone taking part in this year's Advent Appeal. The tree has been set up and ornaments added for each of the gifts that have come in so far...at least the ones that we know about. It looks GREAT. Continue to select gifts and let us know and we will add ornaments to the tree. It should look amazing by Christmas!

As in previous years, we encourage you to binge on ornaments. You can still choose the gifts that you wish to share but unfortunately you will have to trust that the committee will choose the best ornament for you.

As we have mentioned in previous weeks, if you are providing a monetary donation, and you can't find an item for the agency within your price range, simply donate an amount that you feel comfortable with. There will always be someone else in the same position, and between the two/three/four of you the cost of the item will be covered.

There are three ways to participate in this year's Advent Appeal.

You can purchase the items and bring them to the church on Wednesdays and Saturdays (noon to 3) starting in Advent. We will start receiving the gifts on Saturday, November 28th (the day before the start of Advent) and will continue until December 16th. If you can't wait to get rid of your gifts, please give Al a call at 306-244-7386 and arrange a drop off time. You can also drop them off directly to the agency, but if you do this please let one of the Outreach Committee know so that they can credit you with the gift and add your ornament to the Advent Tree.

If you plan on shopping off of the provided list and then donating an amount equivalent to the cost of the gift, there are a couple ways of doing this. One way is to simply go to the St. Andrew's website and click on our DONATE button. Where it asks where you would like your donation allocated select 'other', enter the amount you wish to spend, and then down at the bottom of the window you can add a note to say that it is for the Advent appeal **AND** please add the name of the agency you would like to support. By doing this we can add an ornament to the tree, and direct your donation to your preferred agency. E-Transfer can also be used if you are more comfortable with it. Make sure that you include the same information; that it is for the Advent Appeal, and the agency that you wish to receive the donation.

The last way of donating is through our FundScrip program. Not only do you support the agencies, you support St. Andrew's as well. Contact Arline Sanderson if you wish to contribute in this way.

The news of a vaccine is wonderful, but in the meantime we still need to find ways of touching the lives of those beyond our walls with the love of God. Thank you for all of your help!



SNCM**Suggested**

dish towels	\$5.00-\$20.00	
gently used shoes and warm boots	\$0.00-\$50.00	
Gift Cards (SuperStore)	\$10.00-\$100.00	
long johns	\$10.00-\$20.00	
mittens	\$0.00-\$10.00	
Monetary	\$1.00-\$100.00	
Donate money for sandwiches	\$1.00-\$100.00	
new and gently used back packs	\$0.00-\$30.00	
new and gently used blankets	\$0.00-\$30.00	
New dish cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00	
printer paper	\$8.00-\$40.00	
scarves	\$0.00-\$8.00	
Sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
tarps	\$5.00-\$15.00	
toques	\$0.00-\$10.00	
underwear	\$15.00-\$20.00	
Winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	4 pk

Crisis Nursery**Suggested**

toilet paper	\$15.00-\$30.00	
Kleenex	\$8.00-\$20.00	
paper towels	\$15.00-\$25.00	
Fruit	\$1.00-\$10.00	
cheese	\$1.00-\$10.00	
yoghurt	\$1.00-\$10.00	
veggies	\$1.00-\$10.00	
snacks	\$1.00-\$10.00	
SuperStore Gift Cards	\$25.00-\$100.00	
Childs outerwear	\$5.00-\$50.00	
children's boots	\$5.00-\$50.00	
children's pants, shirts socks etc.	\$5.00-\$20.00	

Friendship Inn**Suggested**

canned goods	\$1.00-\$5.00	
conditioner	\$4.00-\$8.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
flour	\$8.00-\$15.00	
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
juice boxes	\$1.00-\$10.00	
rice	\$6.00-\$25.00	
shampoo	\$4.00-\$10.00	
soup stocks	\$2.50-\$5.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	6 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
vegetables	\$5.00-\$10.00	

Interval House	<u>Suggested</u>
Gift cards	\$25.00-\$100.00
Night lights	\$5.00-\$10.00
dish sets, pots and pans	\$25.00-\$50.00
pots and pans	\$50.00-\$125.00
house coats	\$45.00-\$60.00
pillows (new)	\$10.00-\$50.00
twin bed sheets, comforters	\$30.00-\$60.00
socks, underwear (new)	\$5.00-\$15.00
shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00
pyjamas	\$5.00-\$25.00
laundry baskets	\$12.00-\$20.00
baby monitors	\$20.00-\$70.00

Egadz	<u>Suggested</u>	
Cash donations (for gifts)	\$30.00-\$60.00	
feminine hygiene items in packaging	\$5.00-\$25.00	
pens/pencils/erasers	\$2.00-\$10.00	
loose-leaf	\$2.00-\$12.00	
calculators, geometry sets, rulers, etc.	\$5.00-\$30.00	
markers, pencil crayons	\$7.00-\$15.00	
alarm clocks	\$6.00-\$10.00	
quilts/duvets, sheets, pillows	\$25.00-\$60.00	
Thermometers	\$8.00-\$40.00	
Teethers	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bottles/nipples	\$7.00-\$20.00	
Baby towels	\$10.00-\$20.00	
Baby wipes	\$3.00-\$10.00	
sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
baby/toddler clothing	\$10.00-\$20.00	
formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
toys and games	\$0.00-\$30.00	
youth and teen appropriate clothing	\$15.00-\$50.00	
new or gently used winter clothing	\$0.00-\$50.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
new or gently used shoes and boots	\$0.00-\$50.00	
baby blankets	\$19.00-\$25.00	
baby shampoo/lotion	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bags*	\$65.00-\$145.00	

*the baby bags consist of blankets, shampoo, lotion, thermometers, baby bottles, wipes, towels, teethers, clippers and soothers.

YWCA Women's Shelter	<u>Suggested</u>
Baby and Toddler Clothing	\$5.00-\$25.00
baby bottle nipples	\$2.00-\$10.00
Baby bottles	\$5.00-\$7.00
Baby Food/Snacks	\$3.00-\$10.00
Disposable Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00
Disposable Diapers (larger sizes)	\$15.00-\$30.00
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00
gloves/mitts	\$5.00-\$25.00

headbands	\$2.50-\$5.00
New bedding for single beds	\$30.00-\$50.00
new bowls, cups and mugs	\$3.00-\$25.00
new cutlery	\$4.00-\$25.00
new dishcloths and dish towels	\$4.00-\$20.00
New multi pack generic crew neck t-shirts sizes M-XL	\$8.00-\$25.00
new pyjamas for women and children	\$5.00-\$25.00
new socks and underwear for kids and women	\$10.00-\$20.00
New sweat pants of various sizes	\$20.00-\$30.00
New towels and face cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00
New, unopened shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00
winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00

Elizabeth Fry Society

Suggested

backpacks/totes	\$0.00-\$25.00	
body lotion	\$7.00-\$15.00	
bodywash/showergel	\$4.00-\$10.00	
brushes	\$5.00-\$15.00	
combs	\$2.00-\$5.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$8.00	
Disposable Razors	\$20.00	16 pk
gently used/new coats and jackets	\$0.00-\$50.00	
gently used/new footwear	\$0.00-\$50.00	
new undergarments (bras and panties)	\$10.00-\$20.00	
new/gently used toques, mitts and scarves	\$0.00-\$10.00	
shampoo/conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Tampons and pads	\$5.00-\$25.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	4 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
water bottles	\$5.00-\$10.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	

The Amazing Stuff

Suggested

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| • 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 | “ |
| • 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 <u>her</u> room. | ” |
| • Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent. | ” |



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

WEDNESDAYS (Thursdays the next two weeks!)

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



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