

# 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'" –*

*Mark 1: 2b-3*



Welcome and Announcements

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

### Hope is a Candle

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,  
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.  
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows,  
violence and force their dead end course.

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

-Hortense, Daniel & David Tabien

### **Praise:**

### ***"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"***

**#110**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king; born to reign in us forever; now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of Mercy, We confess that we resist changing our hearts and minds, even when your Word compels us to reconsider our opinions. We are more comfortable remaining as we are than taking up your challenge.**

**Forgive us for being set in our ways. Forgive us our reluctance to forgive each other as we have been forgiven. By the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us by your great love and mercy. Give us new eyes for seeing, new ears for hearing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:**                                    ***“There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”***                                    **#128**

There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, go up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay, the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away,

but the word of our God is steadfast; the arm of the Lord is strong; God stands in the midst of nations, and soon will right the wrong. God shall feed the flock like a shepherd, the lambs will gently hold, to pastures of peace will lead them, and bring them safe to the fold.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalms 85: 1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

Sermon:                                    ***“The Beginning of the Good News”***                                    -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:**                                    ***“All earth is waiting to see the Promised One”***                                    **#109**

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and open furrows await the seed of God. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel: “A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,” one whose name is “God-with-us” our Saviour shall be; with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord. He is now coming close, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared; yet feel his presence throughout the earth today, for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

Benediction

**Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come and do not delay.**

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

Musical Postlude

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

-arr. Shackley



### 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.

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

#### **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](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)). We hope to see you again soon!



The next **FundScrip** order is due **NEXT SUNDAY**, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# Second Sunday in Advent

# Peace



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

- L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's peace.
- P: Jesus Christ, born the Prince of Peace,  
calls our community to justice  
and leads us in the way of peace.
- L: We call one another to honesty and humility  
and respond to each other with abundant grace and forgiveness.
- P: Our community values relationships.  
We live in harmony with one another even when we disagree,  
and strive to glorify God in everything we do.
- L: Our community longs for unity.  
We work together with other churches and organizations,  
and live out God's reconciling love for all the world to see.
- P: Together, we are a sign of God's peace in the world.

*(The candle is lit)*

- L: Let us pray:
- P: God of all people and all nations,  
you break through the cynicism  
of our world  
and lead us like a gentle shepherd.  
Open our eyes to see the signs of  
your coming kingdom  
and inspire us to participate  
in all you are doing  
in Jesus' name. Amen.



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# Rohingya Family Carries on Despite Challenges

Fleeing at a moment's notice wasn't an option for Nosomakatun and her two children who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility.

But facing the increasing violence against Rohingya people in Myanmar, Nosomakatun's family were eventually forced to leave their homes. Since 2017, almost 750,000 Rohingya refugees have been forced to leave their homes in Myanmar.

The journey to safety brought about new challenges for the family, most crucially a lack of nutritious food.

Thankfully Nosomakatun and her family were able to receive food vouchers from a PWS&D-supported Canadian Foodgrains Bank project. With the vouchers, families can purchase a variety of nutritious foods to complement the rice, oil and lentils they are receiving from the World Food Programme.

These days, Nosomakatun is grateful to see her family safe, better nourished and more resilient to illness. "We are so thankful for the food," she shares.

This Advent season help those displaced by conflict find strength and nourishment for their bodies as they journey to find peace.

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The Pastoral Care Committee, with the support of the Worship and Music Committee, are very happy to announce the **Memory and Light Service and Communion** will take place as a pre-recorded service on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM. Please go to [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com). There will be an Order of Service emailed on Monday from our office.

Please bring a candle that you can light during the service as we remember our losses of loved ones, significant happenings that caused us sadness, grief and unhappiness plus our own loss of freedom this year through Covid-19 and/or other issues. For **Communion**, please bring a beverage and bread. We look forward to having you join us for this very meaningful worship service.

Other news: A "Walk to Bethlehem" is currently into its 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Advent. Please join us on our individual walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem during these 4 weeks of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each day on the calendar has a scripture reading to reflect upon during whatever exercise you carry out. Mark your km or number of steps on the mileage chart and let me know your mileage weekly or at the end of your days. For the printed information, please email [lauralene66@gmail.com](mailto:lauralene66@gmail.com) or phone the Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846 and I will get a copy to you. Sign up with me so we know who is travelling with us.



## Christmas Music Opportunities

For the Congregation

### **F**riends, People of St. Andrew's, **C**ountrywomen/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!

**D**o 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://presbyterian.ca/reads). Please email [roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto: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**

We would like to thank everyone who has already contributed to this year's Advent Appeal, whether it has been by on-line donations, or donations of physical items. We will ensure that all gifts are tallied and ornaments placed on our Advent tree. For those sharing gifts of cleaning, or phoning, please email, or otherwise contact one of the committee members and we will ensure that your gift is recognized. This week we will be waiting at the back door of the church on Saturday from noon until 3 for those who would like to drop off a physical gift. Next week, there will be someone there at noon on Wednesday and again on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you.

Not much has changed in the list from last week. Please take a look at what is there. As we have already mentioned, 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.

As mentioned last week, 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 28<sup>th</sup> (the day before the start of Advent) and will continue until December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

With the upsurge in infections recently, it is more important than ever to find ways of reaching beyond our wall to touch the lives and show the love of God to others within our community. Thank you for all of your help!

<b>SNCM</b>	<b><u>Suggested</u></b>	
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

<b>Crisis Nursery</b>	<b><u>Suggested</u></b>
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

<b>Friendship Inn</b>	<b><u>Suggested</u></b>	
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**

**Suggested**

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**

**Suggested**

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**

**Suggested**

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	
deoderant	\$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

**06:15 PM**

**Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool** – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

