

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence." – Isaiah 64: 1*

*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: In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparation for Worship:

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)

-Ezra Giroth and Kristen Hepfner

Prayer of Adoration

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

**#110**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Redeeming God,**

**We confess that waiting is difficult  
when the world around us is on edge.**

**We are impatient with each other,  
waiting for someone to make a difference.**

**We are impatient with you, O God,  
waiting for a sign that things will improve.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Turn our hearts to you again and again,  
and show us how to act in hope for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

A Service of Ordination

*The Congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

There are varieties of gifts,

**but the same Spirit;**

There are varieties of services,

**but the same Lord;**

There are varieties of activities,

**but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**and individual members of it.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.

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.**

*The Congregation may be seated.*

Narration of Steps

Elder Vows

Congregational Vows *(the Congregation is invited to stand and respond "We do" to these vows)*  
*Ordination Prayer*

**God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who  
called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of  
reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead  
us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world;  
through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.**

Declaration

The Right Hand of Fellowship

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:** *"Pour out your Spirit from on high"*

#581

*(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 64: 1-9

-Fran Gordon

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19 (Refrain 1)

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Advent"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Will We Know Him? – 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

**Praise:** *"Thou, who at thy first eucharist didst pray"*

#559

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – French Traditional Carol

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 in this coming Advent Season, to witness to your coming and give voice to the hope you are bringing to the world.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:**

***"Prepare the way, O Zion"***

**#129**

Sung Benediction Oh Come, oh come, Emmanuel #122

**Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

Postlude: Skating from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* – Vince Guaraldi (1928-1976)

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**Greeters & Ushers:**

**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu,  
William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu**

**Lock up:**

**Colin Robb**

**Coffee Hosts:**

**Laura Van Loon**

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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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## Announcements

### **Youth Membership Zoom Meeting Monday Dec 4th @ 7:30 p.m.**

on zoom with Martha Fergusson call 306 270 2378 for information

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5078619456?omn=86915342589>

Meeting ID: 507 861 9456

### **Sunday School Notes**

Dec 10 Sunday School Pantomime - arrive at 10:30 and go to lower hall.

Dec 17 - Bring you favourite adult to Sunday School during the morning class

Purdy's raised \$279.00 for the Youth and the products/gifts will arrive the week of Dec 10.

Martha will contact you and arrange pick-up! The youth thank-you so much.

More information 306 270 2378 Martha

### **Mini Christmas Bake Sales**

Starting this week, some bake sale items may be available for purchase. Stock will vary each week.

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.
- Items that arrived this week will be in the entranceway before the service and moved to the lower hall after.



Please check your in box for the latest edition of "Saints Alive", the church newsletter. There are also hard copies available on the entranceway table.

**Advent Walk** An Advent Pilgrimage, commences on Sunday Dec. 3 and ends on Dec.24. You will find the daily scripture readings and the walking log at [presbyterianchurch.ca](http://presbyterianchurch.ca) or pick up the copy in the narthex. Please let me know if you are participating so that collectively we can add the km to see whether we can all walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

If you would like it mailed to you, please let me know.

You can call/text me at 306-229-7846, or email me at [lauralene66@gmail.com](mailto:lauralene66@gmail.com). Thank-you.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 6, at 1:30 pm, in the lower hall.



**2024 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. 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.***

You and your families are invited to a service of remembrance, "Memory and Light", on Wed. Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm here in the sanctuary and on-line

## Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

The St. Andrew's Board of Managers is looking for individuals to help with **counting** and **opening/lock-up** to help our Sunday mornings run smoothly. If you are willing to help with either (or both) counting the cash offering immediately after worship (a 15 minute job) or opening and closing up the church building on Sunday mornings then please contact Dorothy in the church office at [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com)



In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #50.

### Equity for Aboriginal People in the Legal System

50. In keeping with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal organizations, to fund the establishment of Indigenous law institutes for the development, use, and understanding of Indigenous laws and access to justice in accordance with the unique cultures of Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

### AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- \* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- \* Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- \* 2024 Offering Envelopes

### 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](http://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



We are entering the season of Advent, and with it we will be celebrating our annual Advent Appeal. If you worship in person, please take the time to search through the ornaments found in the entryway of the church OR, if you are worshipping from home simply browse through the items listed below to see what the downtown agencies are looking for this year, and then make a donation where you feel it is most needed. We have included approximate prices for the items, but this is more to give you an idea what the agencies will have to pay for them. We have no way of directing what your donations will go towards. The agencies will purchase the items most needed at the time. Please donate what you feel comfortable with.

If you worship in person, select an ornament that has a gift of Advent attached and take it home. (Feel free to select more than one) Complete what is on the tag and bring it back to the church. Place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide us with a visual progress report on this year's appeal. Copies of the Wish List are available on the entranceway table.

If you worship on line, select an agency that you would like to support. You can check the costs of items, or you can just donate an amount that you are comfortable with. Make your donation through the church website, or by e-transfer. In either case please make a note where you would like to direct your

donation, and that the donation is a part of our Advent Appeal. For each \$10 donated we will add another ornament to the tree.

We have tried to make it as easy as possible but if you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach Committee. Please don't feel that you have to pick up an ornament if you worship in person (the agencies are always looking for monetary donations), and if you worship from home, arrangements can always be made to pick up any physical donations. If there is a gift that you would like to contribute, but you can't find it on the list, please contact Al Ireland and he will add it to the list and can custom-make an ornament if needed. We feel that the most important part of our appeal is to share the bounty with which we've been blessed, and to perhaps enjoy doing so.

Have fun!

We are Al Ireland, Linda Dietz, Donna Fenton and Rachel Giesbrecht.

## **WISH LISTS**

### Friendship Inn

If you are going to donate food items, please bring the items in on the last Sunday (Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Eggs
- Bread and buns
- Mustard
- Powdered soup bases (beef and chicken)
- 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
- 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

### Egadz

#### Hygiene

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

\*Health Regulations require that these items be unopened and/or in their original packaging

#### School Supplies

- 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

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

#### Babies and Children

- 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 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
- Lamps/Nightlights \$5-\$15
- House Coats \$15-\$30
- Children's clothing (all sizes) \$5-\$50
- Tupperware containers \$5-\$30
- Pencil crayons/markers \$5-\$15
- Paints/brushes \$5-\$10
- Women's sweatpants (all sizes) \$5-\$20
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Baby cloths \$5-\$10
- New sheets for twin bed \$15-\$50
- Pajamas for women and children \$10-\$20
- Dish sets \$25

#### 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

##### Household items

- Non scented laundry detergent pods \$15-\$25
- Non scented fabric dryer sheets \$5-\$10
- Paper towels/Kleenex \$5-\$15
- S-M-L Zip lock bags \$5-\$15



- Non scented baby wipes \$5-\$15
- Coffee K cups \$10-\$25
- Dish soap and hand soap \$5-\$10
- Dishwasher pods \$10-\$25
- Large fluffy towels and pillows \$10-\$30
- DISNEY+ (Annual Subscriptions) \$120

#### Food Items

- Baking supplies, pasta, rice \$5-\$20
- Cereal (no nuts-low sugar) \$5-\$15
- Canned goods, including canned fruit \$5-\$10
- School lunch snacks and juice boxes \$5-\$10

#### Clothing items

- Boys underwear Size 4-12 \$10-\$20
- Girls underwear size 4-12 \$10-\$20

#### 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

- New or gently used bowls, cups or mugs \$0-\$20
- New or gently used cutlery, spatulas, mixing spoons etc \$0-\$20
- Dish cloths and dish towels (new) \$5-\$10
- Bedding for single beds (new) \$15-\$50
- 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
- Baby bottles/nipples (new) \$5-\$20
- New swim suits for women and children \$10-\$40
- Combs and brushes \$5-\$10
- Disposable razors \$2-\$10
- Epsom Salt \$5-\$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

## The Amazing Stuff

Set the table during Lent

Priceless!

Make your bed without too much complaining

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Be especially nice to your sister/brother

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Shovel the walk after it snows OR sweep the walk if it doesn't

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Keep your room tidy (my wife's personal favourite)

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Do you know someone who is isolated? Give them a call!

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Invite someone to take part in Kidz Klub

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Invite someone to participate in our on-line service

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Surprise your mom and clean up her room.

“

Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent.

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Rake the leaves in your yard?? (Before it snows)

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## *In Our Wider Community*

Greetings Everyone,

The Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope will be held at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church on Sunday December 3, 2023 at 3 pm ET. This service will also be livestreamed so that Presbyterians across the country may be able to participate. The link is found on the church's webpage: <https://presbyterian.ca/.../a-service-of-repentance.../>.

The service is in response to the actions of the 2023 General Assembly adopting the Confession regarding the ways in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada has silenced, mistreated and slandered the “ethnic contingent” of the church. We hope that members and friends of your congregation will be able to participate in this special service.

As the church begins a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, we pray that this service of repentance will lead to a renewed journey of healing and hope within all parts of our church.

The service will feature leadership from the diversity of our denomination, including The Rev. In Kee Kim of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, who will preach the sermon and The Rev. Drs. Heather Vais and John Vissers.

The service will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person. The link is <https://timothypc.com/repentance/> or visit the congregation's website, <http://timothypc.com/>.

## HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The session will begin at 1:30 at the church. Each afternoon will include a time to socialize, an opportunity to have your blood pressure checked, a brief exercise time, entertainment and refreshments. Masks are required. Fully accessible, free parking.

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

## Micah Mission Fundraiser: Reconciliation Reels at the Roxy Theatre

The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm

See poster for more details.



## First Sunday in Advent

# Hope

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**Voice 1:** The prophets call and the psalmist sings to announce that hope comes from God.

**Voice 2:** "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence."

*(Isaiah 64)*

"We shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."

*(Psalm 27)*

**Voice 1:** The world cries for justice and transformation. Advent summons us to watch, to wait and to hope. In the destruction of the current order is the promise of a new order beyond our imagination. Signs of hope are all around us if we have the patience to wait and to see them.

**Voice 2:** Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

**All:** **Jesus Christ comes as the hope of the world.**

**Voice 2:** We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**All:** **We light this candle to bear witness to hope.**

*(while lighting the candle of hope)*

*Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star*



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# Journeying for Hope



"What an excellent experience to be together raising both awareness and funds for PWS&D. Can't wait until next year!" shared Laura Kavanagh, team leader of Together in Motion based in Victoria, BC, after PWS&D's first ever Journey for Hope.

Journey for Hope brings together people from across Canada in support of PWS&D food security programs. The climate crisis, conflict and ever-increasing costs are exacerbating an already urgent food crisis. PWS&D and our partners assist marginalized communities to address hunger and food insecurity.

Food security projects provide hope to families and communities. Amalia, an Indigenous woman in Guatemala, shares how her life has changed. "Before, our situation was poverty and violence, but this project is good for the community and Maya Mam women. I hope other families and communities see my life as an example."

Journey for Hope is crucial in supporting this essential work. In just two years, over \$50,000 has been raised across the country. We hope you'll join us next time!

**This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to show our faith and bring hope to those in need.**

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In Malawi, Jennifer joined a program for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) supported by PWS&D. When she was in Grade 5, Jennifer lost both of her parents to HIV and was cared for by her great-aunt. Jennifer is also HIV positive and is undergoing treatment. Through the OVC program, Jennifer received training in tailoring as well as beekeeping. Now 19 years old, Jennifer has just had her first honey harvest, yielding 5 kg of honey, which she sold to buy food. Jennifer now dreams of volunteering with a local tailor, hoping to secure a paid job in the field. With the skills she learned from this program, Jennifer is able to live positively with HIV and earn a livelihood to support herself.



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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, December 3** Nourish us with hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 4** We pray for students from theological colleges who will be graduating in December.

**Tuesday, December 5** Pray for the spirit of resilience to move among refugees around the world and remember the PWS&D work that helps protect their rights.

**Wednesday, December 6 (National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women)** We pray for the healing and wellbeing of women who experience violence and for God's guidance that we may build communities that do not tolerate misogyny and gender-based violence.

**Thursday, December 7** We pray for those who find this time of year a time of mourning and sadness.

**Friday, December 8** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island.

**Saturday, December 9** We pray for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive members as they prepare for the WMS Council meeting and celebration of the 110th WMS Anniversary to be held in May 2024.