

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

*"The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them." – Isaiah 11: 6*

*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: Noël no. VI – Louis-Claude d'Aquin

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 Peace

-Rehema Nyekanyeka, Ramona Nyekanyeka

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"On Jordan's bank"***

**#126**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**God of peace and promise,  
we confess that we have taken your commitment to us for granted.**

**We assume what we do is acceptable to you,  
yet we judge others more harshly.**

**We have been slow to welcome others,  
especially if their cultures or convictions differ from ours.**

**You call us to repentance,**

**but we resist seeing anything needing change in our hearts or our habits.**

**Forgive our self-satisfied attitudes,  
and challenge us with your vision of a peaceable kingdom  
where all can be made new.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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 PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Praise:** *"There's a voice in the wilderness crying"* **#128**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

- Rehema Nyekanyeka

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19 (Refrain 2)

Romans 15: 4-13

- Ramona Nyekanyeka

Matthew 3: 1-12

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"The Shoot"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – Michael Praetorius

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.**

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

**Praise:** *"Hail to the Lord's anointed"* **#115**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Noël étranger – Louis-Claude d'Aquin

**Greeters and Collectors:**

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

**Lock up:**

**Sheila Coulter**

**Church School Leaders:**

**Nicole Lindgren, Lena Jang**



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

## *Announcements*



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.



### MONDAY NIGHTS DURING ADVENT WITH REV. ROBERTO

Author Adam Hamilton's book "Faithful" a view from Joseph From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Adam Hamilton examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity-review

All are invited to join in the remaining three sessions, December 5, 12, and 19th as we discuss the role of Joseph in this seasonal story. Send request for the zoom link to Rev Roberto.

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 #9.

9. We call upon the federal government to prepare and publish annual reports comparing funding for the education of First Nations children on and off reserves, as well as educational and income attainments of Aboriginal peoples in Canada compared with non Aboriginal people.



### 'Tis the season-- for baking

The mini bake sale that began on the first Sunday of Advent continues. Please check out the table in the entranceway for this week's offerings of baking, jams and jellies. All proceeds go to the General Fund. For more information on how to participate through contributions, check out the recent newsletter.

The Advent **Walk to Bethlehem** continues and you can pick up a copy of the scripture readings and walking log in the narthex on the back table or look it up in your Saints Alive Newsletter. Please let Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse know if you are walking, jogging, swimming, riding a stationary bike or whatever you are doing so we can tally the kilometres altogether. Call 306-229-7846 for information.



**2023 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.*

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 7, at 1:30 pm, in the lower hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday Dec. 7 at 7:00 PM and to share in the **Memory and Light Service**. This is a time for reflection of losses and bereavement and the hope for light out of the darkness. Music, scripture readings, lighting candles in remembrance, and Holy Communion will all help us to walk through the shadows but see the glow of light shining through. The service will be on-line thanks to our volunteers. If you have any questions, please call Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846.



**POSTPONED TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ST. ANDREW'S/ ZION YOUTH GROUP** 5:30- 8:30 p.m. Advent, Dinner, Social Justice, and Bible Study; Rev. Roberto will be part of the evening RSVP Martha 306 270- 2378 for meal confirmation. Pasta Bar!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** Christmas Eve Worship will begin at 7pm. Come in person, or watch from home. Live streamed, and available later on YouTube.



### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- ❖ The end of the year is quickly approaching! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.
- ❖ The church offices will be closed over the holidays. December 23 – January 2, inclusive.
- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2022 charitable donation receipt, they must be received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.

### 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

## **ADVENT APPEAL**

Another year has passed and the season of Advent is upon us once again. This year's Advent Appeal will be a hybrid appeal. Those attending the Sunday service will be able to provide physical gifts if they wish, and those worshipping from home can monetarily supporting the agencies. For of those attending Sunday services, there will be a basket in the entryway filled with ornaments for them to select. As we don't have enough ornaments for the listed needs of all the agencies, we have arbitrarily selected gifts to attach to the ornaments. The entire list is shown below, and will be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. From the basket you can select the ornaments by size, color, or shape, or you can read what is on the tag and find an item that suits your personal gifts. Take the selected ornament home and complete the tasks on the tags. If it is a gift, peel the back off of the tag and attach it to the gift, bring the gift AND the ornament back to the church, and place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide a wonderful visual progress report of this years Advent Appeal.

For those worshipping from home, please take a look at the items shown below for a list of items needed by each agency. You can then make a cash donation by e-transfer or by going to our church website and clicking on the donate button. Which ever way that you donate, please add a note to say your donation is for the Advent appeal, and also add the name of the agency where you would like your donation directed. We will add an ornament to the tree for each \$10 donated.

Below you will find a list of all of the items that the agencies are asking for. Please take a look at. You will notice some numbers in brackets. These provide a very approximate value for the items. If there is something in the list that you don't see, please let Al Ireland know. If there is something that you would like to donate and you don't see a tag for it, again, please let him know. Custom tags are always available.

Elizabeth Fry has a wonderful program called the Storybook Program that donates a book to a child of a sister, mother, aunt or grandmother that has been incarcerated, along with a recording of that person reading the book, so that the adult and child can connect during this season when family is so important. If you wish to help support this, please click on the link below to you're your donation, or you can you're your donation through the church.

(<https://www.facebook.com/EfrySask/posts/pfbid056TvybrYit2WZWvZDJ6uykXRRr29sinunmXWXKcT9X9cD2zjuTzmLvz8bLtzwX4I>)

## **EGADZ**

### **Nutrition**

- Fresh/Canned/Frozen Fruit & Vegetables (5-50)
- Fresh Bread, Buns (5-50)
- Dried goods (pasta, rice, tacos, etc.) (5-50)
- Chickens, Turkeys, and Ground Beef (labeled & dated)
- Wild Meat and Venison (labeled & dated)

### **Hygiene\***

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo, Conditioner (5-50)
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors (5-50)

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

### **School Supplies**

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases (5-50)
- Looseleaf (5-50)
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. (5-50)
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. (5-50)
- Alarm Clocks (5-50)

### **Bed and Bath**

- Quilts and Duvets (>50)
- Sheets and Pillows (>50)

- Towels (>20)
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Alarm Clocks (10-50)

#### Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing (>50)
- Strollers (>50)
- New Car Seats (>50)
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) (10-50)
- Disposable Diapers (>20)
- Toys and Games (10-50)
- Quilts and Blankets (>50)

#### Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) (>50)
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants, Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands (20-100)
- Shoes, and Boots (>50)
- New Underwear (>15)
- Socks (>15)

#### Sports, Recreation, and Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies (15-50)
- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies (20-100)

### **INTERVAL HOUSE**

- Stockings (10-50)
- Nail Clippers (10-20)
- Winter Boots (>50)
- Hats/Toques (10-50)
- New Android and I-phone chargers (20-50)
- Nightlights (15-50)
- Lamps (20-50)
- dish sets (Corelle bowls, cutlery, glassware) (>20)
- brooms (>15)
- housecoats (>20)
- movie passes (>10)
- new pillows (>20)
- journals/agendas (>10)
- large bath towels (>20)
- laundry baskets (20-40)
- women's sweat pants (15-50)
- wrapping paper/gift bags (5-20)
- nail files (10-20)
- mitts/gloves (5-50)
- winter jackets/pants (>30)
- baby clothes (>20)
- twin sheets/comforters etc. (>40)
- socks/underwear (15-50)
- slippers (15-50)
- board games (15-50)
- pyjamas for women and children (>20)
- children's clothes all sizes (>20)
- gift cards (any denomination)
- outside play toys (no weapons) (>20)

- new boots/women's and children's (>20)
- baby monitors (20-90)

### **KIDS HAVEN CONNECTIONS (CRISIS NURSERY)**

- Monetary Donations (any amount)
- Grocery gift cards
- gift cards for events
- children's clothing (new or gently used)

### **SNCM**

- gently used shoes and warm boots
- Gift Cards (SuperStore)
- New long johns (all sizes) (>20)
- Mittens (5-50)
- monetary donations
- new and gently used back packs
- new and gently used blankets
- New dish cloths/towels (10-50)
- printer paper (20-50)
- scarves
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Socks (15-50)
- tarps (>15)
- toques and headbands (5-20)
- underwear (new) (15-50)
- winter jackets, ski pants (>20)
- women's tights - all sizes (>20)
- gently used boots
- pants, shirts (>20)

### **FRIENDSHIP INN**

- Eggs (5-15)
- canned/dried beans and legumes (2-15)
- Pantry staples: cooking oil, sugar, ketchup, salt and pepper (5-25)
- Chicken or beef stock base (powdered) (5-15)
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala (5-15)
- Diapers: especially sizes 4 & 5 (>20)
- Pull-ups: especially 3T, 4T & 5T (>20)
- Baby formula (20-50)
- toothbrushes/paste (10-50)
- deodorant (10-30)
- feminine pads (10-50)
- men's razors (10-50)
- shampoo/conditioner (5-50)
- unisex t-shirts (15- 50)

## **ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY**

- Monetary donations
- Donations for Storybook Program so that mothers can read to their children.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo and conditioner (either small or regular size) (5-50)
- Combs (5-10)
- Deodorant (5-20)
- Soap, body wash/shower gel, and body lotion (5-50)
- Feminine pads and tampons (>15)
- Underwear (all sizes) (>15)
- Socks 10-50)
- Mittens (10-20)
- Journal notebooks (10-50)
- Reusable water bottles, travel mugs, and bags/totes (5-50)
- Backpacks (>30)
- Stamps and envelopes (10-50)

## **YWCA WOMEN'S CRISIS SHELTER**

- New pillows (>50)
- New bedding for single beds (fitted and flat, children's bedding) (>50)
- New bath towels and face cloths (>20)
- New bowls, cups and mugs (microwave safe) (>20)
- Cutlery and kitchen supplies (>20)
- Pots and Pans (>20)
- New dishcloths and towels (15-50)
- New full-size and bulk containers of shampoo, conditioner and soap bars (unscented) (10- 50)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss (10-50)
- New pajamas, socks and underwear for women and children (15- 50)
- New sweatpants and leggings of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- New sweatshirts and t-shirts of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- Grocery and phone gift cards of any denomination
- New swimsuits for women and children

## **Other suggestions**

- Set the table during Lent
- 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 still 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.



### **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

## *In Our Wider Community*

**"WITH JOYFUL HEARTS"** - a concert by the Magic City Chorus on Sunday, December 10 at St. Paul's United Church. There are two shows – 3pm and 7pm, and \$20 tickets are available from Fran Gordon.

**GoFORTH HUB CLUB** will meet next on Monday, December 5 from 1:30 – 4 pm, at Calvin Goforth. Masks required. See poster for more details.

**SASKATOON NATIVE CIRCLE MINISTRY** is hosting a take-out Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm. Volunteers are needed to purchase, cook, carve and deliver turkeys. Five turkeys are needed. If you are unable to cook the turkey, Sharon Nixon can arrange to have someone cook, carve and deliver. Sharon needs to know the names of those that are willing to donate these turkeys by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let Sharon know, if you are able to help!





# Second Sunday in Advent

## Peace

*Written by the Rev. Mavis Currie,  
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Ont.*

**Reader 1:** We are people of peace.

**Reader 2:** God seeks justice and compassion. God listens to the cries of the vulnerable and longs for wars to cease.

**People:** We pray God's peace is at work in our hearts, our homes, our neighbourhoods and the world.

**Reader 1:** The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of peace.

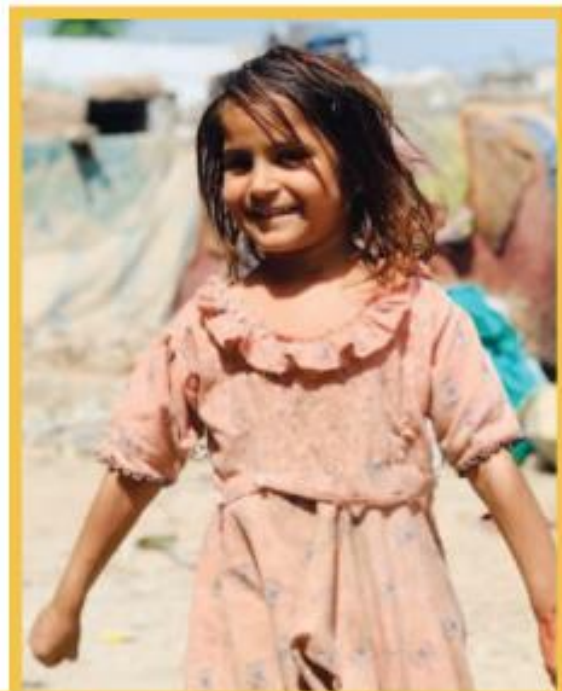
**Reader 2:** We light this candle as an invitation to work for justice and peace.

*(Light the candle of peace)*

**Reader 1:** Let us pray:

**People:** Holy One, help us to fan the flame of peace. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this candle. Make your church a place of peace and sanctuary in our community. Amen.

*Sing verse 2 of #119 Hope is a star*



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# A Refugee Mother's Struggles in Pakistan

Jehan and her children fled their home in Afghanistan after the Taliban took over in 2021. "For many days, we were surviving on the streets of Islamabad. A kind man took us in," she explains. Now, they share a house in Pakistan with eight other refugee families.

Jehan found out that she was expecting her sixth child just before her husband died in crossfire between two rival groups in Afghanistan. While she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, the family had left all of their belongings behind when they fled Afghanistan and she had nothing for the newborn. Jehan was also unable to afford food to meet the family's needs.

Earlier this year, Jehan and her family were selected to receive cash assistance from a PWS&D project supporting Afghan refugees in Pakistan. With this aid, she was able to buy food and other life-giving essentials for herself and her kids.

**This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to care for families who have fled danger. Through PWS&D, we can provide vulnerable families with essential life-saving items.**

[WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca)



"Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?" Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God's hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. **Presbyterians Sharing supports Sabeel and Director, Omar Haramy, in standing with the oppressed, working for justice and engaging in peacebuilding.**



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)** Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 5** We pray for Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, and Palestinian Christians as they work for justice and engage in peacebuilding.

**Tuesday, December 6** Today marks 33 years since the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal, Quebec. On this day in 1989, 14 women were killed and other women, as well as men, were wounded. We pray for healing and comfort for all who lost loved ones that day and for an end to the misogyny that leads to gender-based violence.

**Wednesday, December 7** We pray for the development and implementation of stronger laws and policies that protect women and their rights.

**Thursday, December 8** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Friday, December 9** We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, which meets this month at the national office of the PCC.

**Saturday, December 10 (Human Rights Day)** We pray for individuals and organizations defending human rights in Canada and around the world. We pray for their safety and the safety of those they support and protect.