

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Hymn Leader: Jackie Behrend

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

February 13th, 2022

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."
– 1 Corinthians 15: 20*

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.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us make melody before our God!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

One: A song of praise is always fitting,

All: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Let Christian faith and hope dispel"

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Let Christian faith and hope dispel the fears of guilt and woe; the Lord Almighty is our friend, and who can prove a foe?

The Saviour died, but rose again triumphant from the grave, and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more from Jesus' saving love, or break the sacred chain that binds the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise and terrors frown, and days of darkness fall; through Christ all dangers we'll defy, and more than conquer all.

Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell, nor time's destroying sway can e'er erase us from his heart, or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless as it has blessed the past; Christ loved us from the first of time; Christ loved us to the last.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of life and love,
at this season of the year our hearts are grateful
for all the love which touches our lives.
Still we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for.
Forgive us those times when we failed to keep our word
and disappointed those who love us.
Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations
and disappointed your hopes for us.
Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus,
your love made flesh.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Come, let us sing to the Lord our song"* **#412**

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things. Come, all you creatures, high and low; let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Luke 6: 17-26

Sermon: "Blessed are you"

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Air" from Water Music by G.F. Handel

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

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: *"Love divine, all loves excelling"* **#371**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest; take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Benediction

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

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Music by Johann Cruger

Announcements



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, February 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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is tomorrow, **Monday, February 14th**. Submissions may be emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com. or dropped off at the church office.



TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 6 PM – Have you booked yet? The Stewardship and Christian Education| Committees invite you to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper and Zoom meeting. Contact Martha (martha.22@live.com) or Patti (plpolowick@sasktel.net) to book, and for details.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



BE PREPARED!! Have your book ready to join this study!

“Where Prayer Becomes Real” by Kyle Strobel and John Coe, Baker Books: 2021. (Widely available online and likely at Kennedy’s Parables)

Timeline: Lent 2021 (March 2 – April 14, Wednesdays at 1pm), to take place over Zoom. If the Covid situation is significantly better at that time it may be possible to switch to an in-person or hybrid format.

Format: The book is well laid out for a study and actually includes a guide for study leaders. As a study in “prayer” as opposed to Scripture, it teaches not only theory but practice. Readers are invited to try different methods and disciplines of prayer over time and to notice how their prayer lives grow and become informed through these

practices. The first chapter sets the tone well by focusing on the things that get in the way of our prayer, or make us feel like we do not know what we are doing when we pray. Prayer practices in the book include The Lord’s Prayer, The Psalms, Prayers of Intention, Prayers of Recollection, Prayers of Examine, and Prayers of Petition and Intercession.

Please let Rev Roberto or Martha Fergusson know your intentions so we can send you the zoom link and meeting materials.

In Our Wider Community

SACRED PLACES AND SPACES: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

You are invited to join in our March 2022 series of Ecumenical Stewardship seminars. We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Join us **Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm** (SK time).

Mar. 3: From Maintenance to Mission

Rev. Dr. Iain Luke will help us consider the factors in moving congregations to a more missional approach in their ministry.

Mar. 10: Greening Our Churches

Norman Lévesque will explore with us the various ways our facilities and our grounds can reduce their impact on God's beautiful Creation.

Mar. 17: Sharing Sacred Spaces – Facilities and Ministries

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall will discuss the many and varied ways denominations can work together in ministry and in the sharing of facilities.

Mar. 24: Loving Our Neighbours! (again)

Carla Leon and Zoë Chaytors will engage us in the question of how we practically interact with our communities and use our physical resources in mission for the good of all.

Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduirjluHdE69wl-4LGI5vIH00mGqViK>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net

In Malawi, the Mulanje Mission Hospital provides care and support to orphans through its community-based program. **Vocational skills, such as livestock farming, are taught to out-of-school children as a means for achieving economic empowerment.** Brian lives with his grandmother. Through the program, he started goat farming, which has allowed his family to pay for food and other necessities and has also helped him establish a sustainable livelihood. "After the mother of the children died, things have been difficult. We had nothing to depend on during hard times, but now things are becoming smooth as we can sell goats and buy grain and other basic needs," his grandmother expressed. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 13 (Anniversary of the Publication of the Letter of Repentance) As the PCC continues on a journey of repentance for the harm done by homophobia and transphobia in the denomination, we pray for God's grace and love to guide the church in becoming safe and inclusive for all.

Monday, February 14 We give thanks for the care and support the church is helping provide to orphans in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, February 15 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, February 16 We pray for Living Waters Mission, an inner-city mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario, which brings hope and comfort to people struggling with addiction and mental health.

Thursday, February 17 We pray for the safety and well-being of children.

Friday, February 18 We give thanks for the programs of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

Saturday, February 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Winnipeg in Manitoba.