

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Alicia Monson

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

February 20th, 2022

7th Sunday after the Epiphany/Heritage Sunday

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

– Luke 6: 38

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

-Martha Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

One: The Source of Life calls to us:

"What do you need in these holy moments?"

All: We come seeking connection...with God and one another.

One: The Living Water calls to us:

Can you name your soul's thirsting?

All: We come longing for enrichment of body, mind and soul.

One: The Giver of all Good Gifts calls to us:

Do you welcome the Spirit's empowering?

All: We come with open arms, fearless and free.

One: Our God calls to us:

And we answer:

All: Sustaining God, we are here!

What a delight to be in your presence!

Prayer of Adoration

In the safety of God's compassion, we can be honest with ourselves, with one another and with God. Let us go to God and open our hearts to God's healing forgiveness. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God,

You offered us connection, and we either chose to journey alone or we silently wondered, "why would you want me along?"

Forgive us for being so foolish. You offered us bread in the wilderness, and some of us said, "that's not good enough!" while others said, "that's too good for me!"
Forgive us for failing to appreciate the goodness within us and before us.
You sought to empower us with your Spirit but we said, "We are strong enough!"
Forgive us for not understanding the meaning of strength.
Forgive us, God.
Pick us up and help us try again.

Praise: "Will you come and follow me" #634

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Assurance of Pardon -Alicia Monson

The love of God is everlasting!
The forgiveness of God is without end!
We are a forgiven people, restored, renewed and freed!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Time -Martha Fergusson

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: "One more step along the world I go" #641

One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go. From the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn. More and more about the world I learn. All the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me.

Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good keep me travelling the way I should. Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep my loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do. Keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain

You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me. Ever old and
ever new, keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination
God,

-Alicia Monson

May we lean into this reading, may we rest in it, trust in it.
May we recognize the delight of gathering before your Word, a feast for our souls. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-11, 15

Psalm 150

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Luke 6: 27-38

Sermon: "You will forgive & You will be forgiven"

-Alicia Monson

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "The Psalm that Swings"

-Austin C Lovelace

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

-David & Daniel Tabien

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: "In the bulb there is a flower"

#674

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to
be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every
darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it
holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity, in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

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

Announcements



The church offices will be closed tomorrow, February 21st, for Family Day.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 2 pm.



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.**



On March 20, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held. At this time, the financial statements for 2021 will be presented. To set the stage, the church has, for the first time in many years had revenues that exceeded our expenses. This has resulted in a small year end surplus of \$3,415 that will carry forward into 2022. The bad news is that congregational givings missed our 2021 budget target by over \$21,000. Without federal government Covid assistance of \$24,000, we would have experienced another significant deficit.

For the past two years we have all lived under the dark cloud of a deadly pandemic which has created fear. Having St. Andrew's services available on line has been a key component of keeping alive our congregation and fostering our faith. Indeed, the quality of music that we have enjoyed at our church has added substantially to our services. As you are aware, the congregation's long time organist accepted another position during the year. Shortly thereafter, we also lost our choir director. Right now the Worship and Music Committee is actively pursuing options to fill one or both positions. The issue is one of sustainability for the church. Had we retained both the choir director and the organist for the past year, our small surplus would have resulted in a \$4,000 deficit. We would like to draw to the congregation's attention that the amount of funding previously attached to these two positions is significant \$5,304 for the choir director and \$16,024 for the music director. With current revenue forecasts, funding these music positions at previous levels, will again lead the church to a deficit position. We believe that it is time to take a step out in faith. Let us try to move away from the fear of the past months. We have two questions for you: 1) are you enjoying watching our services on line and 2) do you feel strongly about the future of the church music program? If your response to either of these questions is, "Yes," we need your financial help ensure the sustainability of the high quality of services that congregants have come to expect.

Orlanda Drebit, Treasurer and
Jim Fenton, Chair of Worship and Music Committee

The year end charitable donation receipts have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you haven't received your copy yet.

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
- 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



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

ARISE Ministry is a Toronto-based ministry that offers outreach, case management and spiritual care to individuals involved in the sex trade.

In response to the explosion of the online sex trade in recent years, the staff and volunteers at ARISE have expanded their outreach ministry online through an app called "Freedom Signal," which has allowed them to communicate and establish relationships with victims of online sex trafficking and exploitation. This type of virtual outreach has meant that staff and volunteers have been able to connect people to resources and support in a way that is not always possible in street-level outreach. ARISE Ministry receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 20 (World Day of Social Justice) We give thanks and pray for human rights defenders and organizations, like KAIROS, which support them.

Monday, February 21 We give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers of ARISE Ministry in Toronto, Ontario, who provide meaningful outreach and spiritual care to victims of sexual exploitation.

Tuesday, February 22 We give thanks and pray for the new members of the Cutting Edge of Mission Committee: Dr. Rick Allen (St. Andrew's PC in Toronto, Ontario), the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks (St. John's PC in Medicine Hat, Alberta) and Elizabeth Phillipson (St. Andrew's PC in Ottawa, Ontario).

Wednesday, February 23 We pray for PCC mission staff as they look for new ways to safely help our partners around the world.

Thursday, February 24 We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

Friday, February 25 We pray for the members of the Canadian ecumenical working group for the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024).

Saturday, February 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.