

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. George Yando

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Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

February 28th, 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8: 34 NRSV



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. George Yando

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Lenten Insert

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"New every morning is the love"

#815

New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies each returning day around us hover while we pray, new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for perfect rest above, and help us, this and every day to live more nearly as we pray.

Prayer of Confession:

Although following you brings joy, O God, we confess the way is hard and there are times when we tire of it.

There are times when we eagerly settle for an easier road, exchanging the hard task of loving others for the smoother path of self-interest.

There are times when we choose anger over forgiveness, harming those we love, and ignoring the needs of society around us.

Forgive our fickleness and our wavering commitment to you.

**When our footsteps falter, steady us with your strong hand.
In dark times, stir the embers of our waning faith
and kindle a brighter flame.
Strengthen our determination
and give us energy to follow where you lead.
We pray in the name Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Saviour, teach me day by day"* **#698**

Saviour, teach me day by day love's sweet lesson to obey; sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving God who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love at thy bidding may I move, prompt to serve and follow
thee, loving God who first loved me.

Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace, learning how to love
from thee, loving God who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all its joy; ever new that joy will be, loving God
who first loved me.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Living 'As If...'" - The Rev. George Yando

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: "The Summons" words by Bell, arr. Tucker
Kelvingrove/MacPherson's Lament

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:

"O Jesus, I have promised"

#569

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Saviour and my friend: I shall not fear the struggle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

Oh let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within, but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

Oh let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; oh speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; oh speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be, and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; oh give me grace to follow my Saviour and my friend.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Be Still and Know" with
"Be Still, My Soul" (Finlandia)

arr. Hayes



Announcements

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). We hope to see you again soon!



PWS&D Lenten Appeal

Every year, the Stewardship Committee highlights PWS&D during the season of Lent. This year, considering the havoc that

COVID is creating in the world, one of the major negative impacts has been on Food Security for all PWS&D partners. Therefore, the offerings to PWS&D, including the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, will go to providing for those in most need. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR ST. ANDREW'S: SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AT 12:30PM ON ZOOM

Please be aware that our 2021 AGM will take place on March 14th following the Sunday worship service on Zoom video conference. You will be able to access this meeting either by computer or telephone. Your elder will be in contact with you to offer you an electronic or paper copy of the AGM report, which will be sent to you this coming week.

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



Do you have a difficult question for God? February 2 at 4:00pm we began a Zoom bible study titled Hard Questions. Through the bible study, a cross section of Christians from various locations will embark on a journey of exploration. The study uses videos, song, and devotions to encourage group interaction.

Each week, participants will be asked to provide bible verses that speak to them about the topic.

This will be a bible study that may be a bit out of the ordinary for us. First it is led by a lay person, namely Orlanda Drebit. Secondly, there will be no book. Third, the bible study is sponsored by St. Andrews, but will include participants from outside of the church, and in fact from outside of Saskatoon. (If you are wondering why the time, it has been established to accommodate multiple time zones.)



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

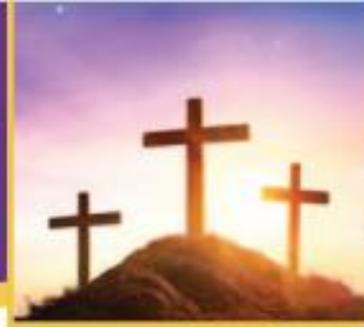
NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

Second Sunday in Lent



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

- L: We are not the first to make the journey to Jerusalem;
many have gone before us and many will come after us.
From near and far, God's people gathered to celebrate God's
goodness on the holy mountain.
- P: We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L: Jesus often went to Jerusalem as a child to celebrate Passover.
Now he has set his face toward Jerusalem again,
knowing this time will be different.
- P: We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L: Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem is sombre.
He has no illusions about what is to come.
Still, he goes ahead, doing God's will.
- P: We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L: Let us pray.
- All: God of light, we want to follow
in Jesus' footsteps,
but we have our fears and doubts.
We would rather avoid the pain
and darkness on our journey.
Give us courage and perseverance
when the journey is difficult
and the grace to help others
on the road. In the name of Jesus
we pray, Amen.



Empowering Women in Guatemala

In many indigenous communities in Guatemala, women face domestic violence, poverty and discrimination. Consequently, it's difficult for women to feel safe to voice their concerns, both in their households and local civil society.

PWS&D, through workshops led by local indigenous partners, empowers women to improve self-esteem, learn about their rights and encourage political participation. Women learn the importance of health, nutrition and hygiene, in turn improving their home and family lives.

For Marta Crisóstomo, a 30-year-old mother of a young son, these workshops meant she was able to change the health of her entire family. "I learned how important it is to clean my kitchen, wash my dishes and practice good handwashing to avoid illness," she shared. Marta used the skills she learned to empower herself and her family.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve and equip vulnerable communities by empowering women with the skills and knowledge to advocate for themselves and their families.

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