

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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January 2nd, 2022

2nd Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany Sunday

As we gather today on the traditional, ancestral territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis, we thank our brothers and sisters for the hospitality they showed our ancestors when they arrived as settlers. We commit ourselves to furthering our knowledge about past wrongs directed at First People's and commit ourselves to building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

One: We have life because God created it.

All: Life had its beginning in God.

One: We need not fear the end of life, but we must live it completely according to His purpose.

All: In God, life's meaning will be fully revealed.

One: All creation, including us, will find fulfillment in God.

All: Now we see in part. Then we shall see face to face.

Let us worship God, who is the Creator of Life and the Victor over death!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Go, tell it on the mountain"

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Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

Prayer of Confession:

**God we know you are with us through thick and thin,
in times of great joy and at moments of disappointment.**

We confess we sometimes feel let down when the joy of Christmas day has passed.

**Forgive us when our faithfulness flickers like a Christmas candle burning down.
Entering 2022, forgive our doubts and angst and our impatience with the Covid situation**

**Renew our hope and energy for the year ahead
through the steadfast grace of Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Once in royal David's city"

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Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Christ came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, sheltered by a humble stable, cradled in a cattle stall: with the poor, oppressed and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy,

and our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; there God's children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Psalms 139: 1-16

Galatians 5: 19-26

Sermon:

"What has God called you to do?"

-Orlanda Drebit

Invitation to the Offering

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: Help our hearts to discern your will for us...

All: Hear our humble prayers.

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:

"God, reveal your presence"

#414

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you. Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence. You alone now we own, as our God and Saviour: praise your name forever!

In God's holy presence: hear the harps resounding; see the crowds the throne surrounding; "Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit; all my trust is in your merit. Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore, hosannas raising. Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

Benediction

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



Announcements

The latest “**These Days**”, the daily devotional for January, February and March, has arrived in the office. They are available on the entranceway table, or through the church office.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

- ❖ The end of the year has happened! Please ensure that all invoices for payment, and any donations are received by the office asap.
- ❖ To have donations eligible for a 2021 charitable donation receipt, they must be received by the office **NO LATER** than January 15.
- ❖ Dorothy will be creating a new database very soon, and needs your most current information!
- ❖ The church offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 4.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – In 2021, less than one third of the offering envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, during Covid. The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Since paying for envelopes that are unused is not a wise use of church funds, any offering envelopes that are not claimed for 2022 will not be re-ordered for 2023.



In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health.



One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family. **This therapeutic nutrition project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

DAILY PRAYERS

Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day) We begin the year in gratitude to God and for God's presence with us, and we pray for a more just and loving world where we witness God's righteousness, mercy and grace.

Sunday, January 2 We give thanks for the programs that respond to hunger around the world that are supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, January 3 We pray for God's guidance for students studying at the church's theological colleges.

Tuesday, January 4 We give thanks for the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives staff.

Wednesday, January 5 We pray for Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and give thanks for the Director, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, who is called by her community to pray, advocate and intervene in times of deep sorrow, isolation and loss.

Thursday, January 6 (Epiphany) Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 7 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay in British Columbia.

Saturday, January 8 We pray for the committees of the General Assembly as they discern what God is calling the church to say, learn and do.