

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

January 5th, 2025

Epiphany

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." – John 1: 14

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: Ach Gott und Herr, BWV 692 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Praise the Lord, all you people,

Praise the Lord, in every nation!

He who grants you with peace,

He who sends his command upon the earth!

He who gives snow like wool,

He who scatters frost like ashes!

Come, let us go to the Lord and dwell in his house forever.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of goodness and guidance,

In Christ you sent us light to live by,

yet we seek shadows in which to hide.

In him, you promise new life,

but we prefer with old habits,

nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions.

**You are generous with your love,
but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us.
Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy,
and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead.**

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

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.

Praise: *"We three kings"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalms 147: 12-20 Refrain 2

Ephesians 1: 3-14

John 1: 1-18

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Holy"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: How brightly beams the morning star – Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), har. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"As with gladness men of old"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Charles & Laura Roy



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

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.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



2025 is our 100 years in Saskatoon and as a congregation! This is our year to reflect where we have come from and where we intend to go. On Sunday, January 12, the Worship and Music committee along with the Anniversary committee are hosting a CAROL SING beginning at 7pm. Come and sing your favorite Christmas Carols through the season of Epiphany. A fellowship will follow the CAROL SING.

January 19th is our Heritage Sunday reflecting on the history, the people, the depth of belief and commitment to have a Presbyterian denomination in

Saskatoon. A special Heritage Worship service is being planned followed by fellowship and reflection during our coffee hour. We invite you all to attend and rejoice in our 100 years!

With the start of a New Year we are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter. Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. We would like to thank everyone who hosted in 2024 and hope you will continue to sign up in 2025. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca



Join Rev Roberto & Pastor Ron as they share a pasta dinner and more on Sunday January 19 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at Zion. Info & sharing you are attending: Martha 306.270.2378.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday.

WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter.

Thank you for your support!



2025 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, which is \$12.29. 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.***

Any donations that you wish to have included on your 2024 charitable donation receipt **MUST** be received no later than January 15th, 2025, and be dated 2024.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive!", the newsletter
- * Annual Report & Financial Statements

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

In Our Wider Community

Hello Friends of the **GoForth Hub Club!**

The GoForth Hub Club is starting a new year on Monday, January 6 at 1:30 pm. See poster for more details.

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

A LOOK BACK AT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA 150 YEARS: 1875-2025

Here are a few interesting facts from The Record.

These are the actual words, not altered, but may be abbreviated:

- Nov., 1885 "Dr. Robertson recently visited a new place in the West where there were 750 people, chiefly miners: 15 saloons, 60 fallen women and no church".
- Feb., 1889 "It needs no laboured argument to prove that the future of our vast and splendid country depends upon the moral and religious training of our youth". Last year, there were 118,841 scholars, 13,514 teachers. It is necessary to call the attention of the Assembly to the prevailing lack of interest on the part of parents and congregations".
- Feb., 1892 "Poor Russia! What a history behind her; and darker, if possible, the history she is making now. What a track of sin and sorrow as she trails her huge breadth across the centuries. ... The suffering by millions of people without food increases the unrest caused by overtaxing and tyranny".
- April, 1894. Kettle River, B.C. The Minister, Reverend Thomas Paton writes a letter to Montreal about a new church at Kettle River: "It is the first plastered church within 200 miles on the Canadian side and nearly 150 miles on the American side. It is 22' x 33' and will seat 130 and we have a stove to keep us warm. I have been enabled to get another horse in place of the one we sold to buy new shingles. I did most of the hauling of lumber ..."

In 2000, The Record published a Series, "Through The Century With The Presbyterian Record":

- 1900 – The Editor, Ephraim Scott welcomes the new year as the one to close a century and states, "the most notable that the world has seen since the first year of the Christian era. The Record also reports "in the sacred cause of liberty in defence of the invaded Empire, some of our own missionaries leave China in the wake of the Boxer Rebellions".
- 1902 – The Church reports 213,671 members. The Twentieth Century Fund has been established to raise a million dollars to reduce the church debts and support for the educational and missionary work. Jonathon Goforth returns to his work in China. The Federal Government gives the provinces the right to introduce prohibition if they so desire.
- 1905 – Two great tragedies are reported: the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy and the San Francisco earthquake.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 5

In Nepal, 60-year-old Sakkal Bahadur Shahi had a keen interest in agriculture. However, a lack of training, resources and community support hindered his efforts. In addition, due to his poor economic condition, he lacked the means to transform his farm into a



sustainable, income-generating operation. Sakkal's situation changed when he joined a PWS&D-supported project. The project formed the Phulbari Swabalamban self-help group, which includes 25 members working to improve the living standards of poor members of their community. Through training from the project, Sakkal transformed his farm into a model farm, where he adopted climate-resilient farming practices and started growing various vegetables. Sakkal is now better able to support his family through his farm.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 5 As a new year begins, we pray for PWS&D programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and emergency situations around the world.

Monday, 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.

Tuesday, January 7 We pray for Knox College students as they begin the winter semester—that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.

Wednesday, January 8 We pray for God's guidance for students studying at the PCC's theological colleges.

Thursday, January 9 We pray for students in their last semester of study at VST. May they be blessed with the grace to finish well and to follow God's leading into ministries that flourish.

Friday, January 10 We pray for those preparing the celebration of the denomination's 150th anniversary by remembering the past, acknowledging the present, and looking to the future.

Saturday, January 11 We pray for the dedicated researchers, scholars and historians who participate in the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History, and pray that their annual meeting was successful and educational.