

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## *THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP*

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Fran Gordon

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord**

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you." – Isaiah 43: 5*

*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

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship:

One: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

**All: We belong to God. Alleluia!**

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

**All: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.**

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

**All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** ***"What king would wade through murky streams"*** **#184**

What king would wade through murky streams and bow beneath the wave, ignoring how the world esteems the powerful and brave?

Refrain: Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me! Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

Christ gleams with water brown with clay from land the prophets trod. Above while heaven's clouds give way descends the dove of God.

*Refrain*

Come bow beneath the flowing wave. Christ stands here at your side and raises you as from the grave God raised the crucified.

*Refrain*

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God,  
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways.  
We cling to destructive habits,  
we harbor grudges,  
and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another.  
Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities.  
In your loving kindness, forgive us.  
Have mercy upon us and move among us  
so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*Praise:*

***“Christ, when for us you were baptized”***

***#183***

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you the beloved Son, called you the servant true: sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call, freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

-Fran Gordon

Psalms 29

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-22

Sermon:

“Baptism of Justice”

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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: 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:**

***"How firm a foundation"***

**#685**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word! What more can God say than to you hath been said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow, for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply: the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not – I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!"

### 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!

**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.

"You are invited to join the **ST. ANDREW'S WALKERS** who will participate in the 2022 Saskatoon Council on Aging Globe Walk from January 7-April 30, 2022. Your team captain is Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, and you can sign up with her by phoning her at 306-229-7846 or emailing lauralene66@gmail.com. Find out more about this year's Great Trail Walk and the fun things to do during these next few months because - Motion is Lotion (for the bodyworks!). "



We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. **Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world.** Gifts to Presbyterians



Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

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DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)** Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

**Monday, January 10** We pray for congregations across Canada as they faithfully support the ministries made possible through Presbyterians Sharing.

**Tuesday, January 11** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. George Leslie Mackay's arrival in Taiwan, we pray for peace and justice for the people of Taiwan.

**Wednesday, January 12** We pray for Syrian refugees and host communities in Lebanon, and we give thanks for the church's support of Presbyterian World Service & Development programs and partners that provide aid to this deeply struggling country.

**Thursday, January 13** We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

**Friday, January 14** We give thanks for the leadership and ministry offered by LGBTQI2+ people in the church.

**Saturday, January 15** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.