

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 15th, 2023

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

"Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever." – Psalm 40: 11

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: How Great Thou Art – Traditional

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)

O Lord, open our lips,

And our mouths shall declare your praise.

O Lord, open our eyes,

So that we may behold your presence.

O Lord, open our ears,

So that we may hear your call to follow.

O Lord, open our hearts,

So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "O Lord my God!/How great thou art"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Faithful God,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost

yet it is hard to recognize that we have lost our way.

We seek the new thing instead of your gift of new life.

We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example.

Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Brother, sister, let me serve you"* **#635**

(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1-7

- Ken Wilson

Psalms 40: 1-11 (Refrain 1)

I Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Lamb of God" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Chariot's Comin'! – arr. Don Besig

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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"* **#290**

Benediction

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

Postlude: When the Saints Go Marchin' In – Traditional

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths



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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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

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

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

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



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

Restorative Justice Event

Today, January 15th St Andrew's will be part of a leadership team that is hosting an "Interfaith-Ecumenical - Everyone is Welcome" - Youth Night at Zion Lutheran. Our guest will be Dave Feick from The Micah Mission. Our theme is Restorative Justice which also- the theme of the 2023 Week of Christian Unity

Two key activities happening at this event.

1. "**You Got Booked**" is played as a life-sized board game, facilitated by MCC staff. The activity highlights the racial disparities within the criminal justice system and outlines how people find themselves in a criminal or poverty cycle. STR8 UP is a gang exit strategy that uses story sharing as a model for accountability, capacity building and healing for its members. STR8 UP members tell their personal stories of crime, violence and gang affiliation which offers a first-person perspective to a lived experience that is explored through You Got Booked.

2. "**Hat, scarf & glove**" toss- we will be tossing these items along the river into trees and bushes with the words "this item is for you- you are loved". These items are for the unhoused citizens of Saskatoon.

Dinner provided

The Event is 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran

Contact Martha 306 270 2378 to confirm attendance

NOT a youth? - you can bring in a HAT, SCARF, or set of gloves to donate to the laundry basket in the Narthex- Youth members will toss your items on Jan 15th.



Year end charitable donation receipts will be available next month. If you have moved within the past year, **PLEASE** ensure that the office has that new information!

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #14.

14. We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that incorporates the following principles: i. Aboriginal languages are a fundamental and valued element of Canadian culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them. ii. Aboriginal language rights are reinforced by the Treaties. iii. The federal government has a responsibility to provide sufficient funds for Aboriginal-language revitalization and preservation. iv. The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities. v. Funding for Aboriginal language initiatives must reflect the diversity of Aboriginal languages.



HOLD THE DATE

As we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season, please hold the date for the 2023 Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper to be held on Tuesday February 21st. This is a joint venture of the Christian Education and Stewardship Committees in support of PWS&D. As with last two years, it will be virtual, with bags of supper and Lenten supplies available. Further information on how to place an order and join the Zoom call for fellowship and entertainment will be forthcoming.



We will soon be working on the next edition of “Saints Alive”, St. Andrew’s newsletter. Please have all submissions into the office by Sunday, February 12th.

In Our Wider Community



The annual **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** will be observed from Wednesday, January 18 to Wednesday, January 25, 2023. In Saskatchewan we will have local prayer services in towns and cities across the province. We encourage you to gather with your neighbouring churches to pray for the unity that Christ wills. Complete resources are available for free

at <https://weekofprayer.ca>

Local highlights:

Thursday, January 19 at 7pm at St. Thomas Moore College – Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, “Ecumenical Log Drivers: Forming Agents of Reconciliation for Church and World”

Friday, January 20 at 10am at St. Stephan’s Anglican Church – “Ministering Ecumenically in Our Congregations”, a workshop for clergy and pastoral leadership

Saturday, January 21 at 9am (breakfast) at St. Stephan’s Anglican Church – “Living into the Unity We Seek”, a public workshop for all people of God

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism website has a complete list of events for the week – for in person and online. <https://pcecumenism.ca/>

Winner of the Honens International Piano Competition, Luca Buratto opens the 2023 Lyell Gustin Recital Series celebrating 300 years of The Piano. Milanese artist now based in Berlin, Mr. Buratto will perform spectacular Romantic music by Robert Schumann and works of the French musical luminaries, Debussy and Ravel. Please note that masks are required at this recital.

St. Andrew's, Tuesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. (N.B.: three-concert season ticket package available for 2023 includes this event). Single tickets \$50 reg./ \$30 student: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee, at the door, or www.gustinhouse.ca

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jan/Feb/Mar Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes

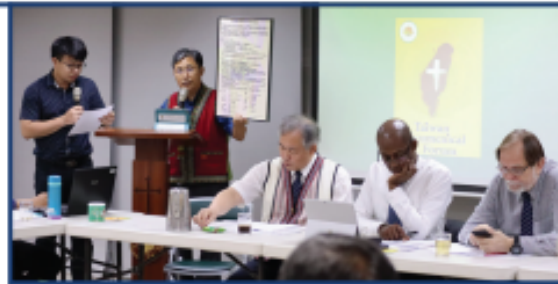
Missed out on a worship service?

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



Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally.



In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in

Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. **The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan.** Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 15 As geopolitical tensions over Taiwan grow, we pray for justice and peace for Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and the possibility of war.

Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Give us the strength and courage, O God, to live out the dream that one day freedom will ring for all your beloved children.

Tuesday, January 17 We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Wednesday, January 18 We pray for the Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development, and we give thanks for the dedicated teachers who work hard to ensure a quality education and a better future for underprivileged children in Guatemala.

Thursday, January 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Friday, January 20 We pray for the ministry of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Christ.

Saturday, January 21 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.