

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 28th, 2024

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

"They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.""

– Mark 1: 27

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: Lied, from *24 pièces en style libre*, Op. 31 - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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)

God's praise endures forever,
and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

God's praise endures forever,
and glory bursts into ordinary activities.

God's praise endures forever,
and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"Great Shepherd of your people, hear"*

#450

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Gracious God,
we confess there are many times we forget you.
We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer.
We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.
In thoughtless moments,
we harm the earth and each another.
Forgive us.
Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes
revealed in Christ who loves us. Amen.

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: "Jesus bids us shine" #773
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

- Orlanda Drebit

Psalm 111 Refrain 2

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "A New Teaching" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: As We Come Together – Stan Pethel (b.1950)

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: "Sometimes a healing word is comfort" #768

Benediction

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

Postlude: Berceuse, from *24 pièces en style libre*, Op. 31 - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

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.

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

HOLD THE DATE:

Shrove Tuesday - February 13th, 5-6:30 pm (in person)

Communion Sunday - February 18th, 11:00 am Worship

February 25th - Learn about safety with Dylon Nippi, Executive Director of SNCM, at Coffee Hour

Palm Sunday - March 24th, 11:00 am Worship

Good Friday - March 30th, 10:30 am Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31st, 11:00 am Worship & Communion

Engage in these special programs:

Faith & Film on Zoom Tuesdays, January 30 & February 6

Lent Bible Study: Mondays, February 19 - March 25 at 7pm

St A's & Zion Youth Group - February 18, March 17th



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **TOMORROW, Monday, January 29th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



The Pastoral Care Team will meet in the lower Fellowship Hall of the church – Wednesday February 7th 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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 #58.

Church Apologies and Reconciliation

58. We call upon the Pope to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools. We call for that apology to be similar to the 2010 apology issued to Irish victims of abuse and to occur within one year of the issuing of this Report and to be delivered by the Pope in Canada.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of “*Saints Alive*”, the newsletter
- * 2024 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



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 28

In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provided financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 28 We pray that those who are receiving treatment for leprosy at the Shining Hospital in Nepal know God's healing love.

Monday, January 29 We pray for congregations as they prepare to gather for their annual meetings.

Tuesday, January 30 We pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministries, which runs a drop-in centre out of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the people it serves.

Wednesday, January 31 We pray for people who struggle to afford food to eat during these difficult economic times, and for food banks and those who support them with donations of food and money.

Thursday, February 1 (Black History Month) We give thanks for Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

Friday, February 2 We pray for wisdom as sessions and presbyteries prepare nominations for the standing committees of the General Assembly. We give thanks for those willing to be considered to serve our church in this fashion.

Saturday, February 3 We give thanks for the leadership of PCC camps as they work to provide safe spaces for children and teens to learn and grow in God's love.