

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

March 10th, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." – Ephesians 2: 8

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: Amazing Grace – John Newton (1725-1807)

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: Lenten Insert

- Ramona Nyekanyeka

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Light of the minds that know him"

#355

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

Merciful God,

We confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted.

**We are careless in our relationships,
focused on our own needs and desires.**

**The news distracts us,
and we put opinion above your expectations of us.**

Forgive us.

**Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within them,
so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day. 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: *"Who's goin' to tell the story"* #761, vs. 1, 2, 4
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 21: 4-9

- Rianne Nyekanyeka

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22 Refrain 1

Ephesians 2: 1-10

-Rehema Nyekanyeka

John 3: 14-21

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "By Grace" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Take My Yoke Upon You – Douglas Nolan & Joseph M. Martin

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 when the Hebrew prophet raised"* #189

Benediction

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

Postlude: Just a Closer Walk With Thee – Traditional

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



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS! St. Andrew's AGM will be held on Sunday April 7th, following Worship. Dorothy needs your written and financial reports by Monday, March 11th to prepare the report for the meeting. **That's tomorrow!**

The children thru Lent are learning a simple music piece with Choir Director, Naomi Suchan. She is carefully scooting down to teach them the hymn each Sunday. If you are away and want to practice the piece at home with your children, contact Naomi or Martha for the MP4 version to assist you. We are looking forward to this music on Sunday March 24 as part of Palm Sunday worship.



**Presbyterian World Service
& Development**

PWS&D Lenten Appeal

Every Lenten period, St. Andrew's promotes the work of PWS&D around the world and highlights one aspect of this work. This year, after several years of emergency relief, the focus during 2024 is on maternal care. While improvements in diet and health care over the century have made maternal mortality a rarity in Canada, concerns over survival still run high in developing countries.

During this Lenten period, all donations to PWS&D from St. Andrew's, including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, will go towards the maternal health program, unless a donation states otherwise. Please see the newsletter for more detail.



**JOIN OUR
STUDY**

2024 Lenten Book Study

All are invited to join the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Roberto on Mondays at 7pm for our 6-part Lenten Book Study. Meeting by Zoom from February 19th to March 25th, we will be exploring N.T. Wright's "Lent for Everybody: Year B." The book is available both digitally and in print and we have purchased a number of hardcopies for those who want one. Please email Rev. Roberto at roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com to sign up.

Book link: <https://www.amazon.ca/Lent-Everyone-Mark-Year-B/dp/0664238947>

The Pastoral Care Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13th – 1:30 -3:00 p.m. in the lower hall of the church.

CHEF TASTY ANNOUNCES THE INDOOR SPRING CLEAN.

The Anniversary Committee is heading up an opportunity to get to know each other through our Interior Spring Clean. The main focus is the church kitchen. We could use about 6-8 people to give a hand. On Saturday, April 20th, beginning at 10: am. Supplies will be on hand to clean up. Contact Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda for more info. Thanks for making a date!



We are so grateful for congregation member and owner of Relish Photography, Amanda Kirkpatrick, for her tedious work on adjusting all the photos we took last year. The new office software would not accept the format in which they were taken. Amanda painstakingly adjusted each photo to import them into our new system.

So we are on the brink of issuing our new photo directory! However, some of you might want an update or submit a new photo (to the office). If you want to submit a photo, that is great, however it can **only be as "800x600 ppi, in Jpeg format"** or send Martha a request to have your photo taken and we will work on a plan to add your photo. (306 270 2378).

The office updates addresses and emails as they are received, so make sure the church is aware when you change your contact information.

Parents sending your name & child's birthdate to the office helps greatly as we sort for class lists etc. Put Contact Info in the subject line and send to office@standrews-saskatoon.com

This year we have Youth attending LIFT Conference July 3-7, 2024. One way to support Youth Ministry is to use your Easter chocolate dollars in our campaign. From now until **Sunday March 10** you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. Purdy's chocolate catalogues are available in the Narthex.



What you'll need to order: (they arrive **March 24, 2024**)

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311232-116407>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating! Martha Fergusson 306 270 2378

HOLD THE DATE:

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

Good Friday - March 29th, 10:30 am Worship

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



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 #64.

64. We call upon all levels of government that provide public funds to denominational schools to require such schools to provide an education on comparative religious studies, which must include a segment on Aboriginal spiritual beliefs and practices developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Elders.

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

In Our Wider Community

He's In the Room: A Night of Praise and Worship (March 16)

Saskatoon's own "Sisterhood" ministry invites all women to take part in this evening of praise and worship on March 16th at 7pm at Knox United Church.





Fourth Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)

- One:** On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we overhear a nighttime conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee named Nicodemus.
- All:** **Jesus says we must be born anew and born of the Spirit. With Nicodemus we ask, "How can these things be?"**
- One:** But maybe it's not all about understanding these mysteries. Maybe it's about hearing, believing and sharing the good news with our words and our actions.
- All:** **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."**



Transforming Lives Through Education



"Speaking on behalf of most mothers at the school, we are grateful," Marta, a mother of four, expresses deep gratitude. Marta's two children attend Francisco Coll School, which is supported by PWS&D and located near a landfill in Guatemala City. Additionally, her eldest son, 14-year-old Anderson, benefits from a scholarship, facilitating his continued education after graduation.

Marta's relentless efforts to make ends meet involve hard work—preparing and selling food. She recognizes the invaluable opportunity Francisco Coll provides for her children.

"Francisco Coll is a blessing. It is an opportunity. It is a great support for us—people of low income—because otherwise we wouldn't be able to send our kids to school," she shares.

Francisco Coll not only enables marginalized children, but also extends its impact to parents. As Marta notes, "Parenting classes are very good because as a parent, as a mother, there are things we don't know, and we learn so much."

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to help students discover their potential, break cycles of poverty and build brighter futures.



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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 10

"We are brave and strong because we learned important information about rights, feelings and participation." PWS&D supports a human rights program in Guatemala that not only empowers women by ensuring they know their rights but also equips them with essential skills and knowledge about food security and nutrition. Through education on when and how to plant vegetables, grow tree seedlings and how to care for livestock, women have more stable incomes and improve their family's access to nutritious meals. "We are happy for our project. We sell the trees in the town and use the money to buy food," shares one of the participants. This program provides women with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and create a more equitable society.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 10 We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Atlantic Mission Society into new and effective ways to share Christ's love and light.

Monday, March 11 We praise God and pray for the people in our congregations who share the gift of hospitality—from after church fellowship hours to welcoming the stranger, their gifts put faith into action.

Tuesday, March 12 We pray that we may act with dignity and respect, offering compassionate care and encouraging a sense of belonging and connection to Christ through our actions.

Wednesday, March 13 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, March 14 We give thanks for ministries with Indigenous people that provide support to people impacted by intergenerational trauma and overwhelming loss and grief.

Friday, March 15 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's (Lunenburg) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry

Saturday, March 16 We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and its director Adrian Langdon. May the centre's ministry continue to enrich and energize pastors and lay leaders.