

# 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"*

*– Psalm 95: 1*

*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: Kingsfold – Traditional, har. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

- David and Daniel Tabien

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"O Master, let me walk with thee"***

**#642**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God, our Redeemer,**

**Forgive us for the times that we have kept your Good News to ourselves. Forgive us for our unexamined biases, our hidden shames that have caused us to judge our neighbours by the ways of this world. Give us kingdom hearts instead, O Lord.**

**Help us as we seek better ways of being with others, both strangers and friends, refine us until we are purely loving, as you are purely love.**

**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:** *"I to the hills will lift my eyes"* **#82**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 17: 1-7

- David Tabien

Psalms 95 (Refrain 1)

Romans 5: 1-11

- Daniel Tabien

John 4: 5-42

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Who's in?" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: May the Road Rise to Meet You – Lori True

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:** *"Be still, my soul"* **#749**

Benediction

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

Postlude: St. Columba – Traditional Irish

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Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

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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](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.



**Mark your calendars! Join the reflection!**

**Lent Study Group by Zoom**

**Host Rev Roberto DeSandoli & The CE Committee**

**Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. March 1- April 5, 2023**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369280244>

**Zion- St. Andrew's Youth Event** on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30- 8:30 p.m.

Tacos in a Bag

RSVP Martha by text at 306 270 2378

An evening of activities and presentations from Lutheran, Anglican & Presbyterian Youth Camp



**SCRIPTURE READER TRAINING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:**

Are you interested in reading Scripture for Sunday worship? Have you read in the past but feel out of practice? Please join Rev. Roberto and CE Coordinator Jim Fenton after worship today to join in our Scripture Reader Training session.



Dear Congregation,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Managers is providing **Notice of the Congregational AGM to be held on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm via Zoom.** This is an important meeting to review the past year's activities and to review the 2023 year's budget as put forward by the Board of Managers.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318997708>

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jan Rodda on Behalf of the Session and Board of Managers

## *In Our Wider Community*



### **Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response**

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 5,000 have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

#### **Please pray for all of those affected.**

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

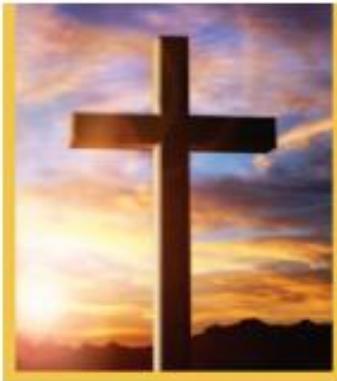
**To support the response**, you can give through St. Andrew's by normal procedures, go to the PWS&D website, or call 1-800-619-7301. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

### **OPERATION SANDWICHES**

The Outreach Committee has decided to start up Operation Sandwiches once again in order to help SNCM feed those coming through their doors. We are planning to provide 10 loaves of substantial sandwiches on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, starting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. For those who are comfortable with doing so, we will meet downstairs in the kitchen after the service. If you would like to help, but don't like the smell of egg salad, we are always looking for monetary donations in order to help us purchase the ingredients. If you decide to donate, please make sure that you note that it is for Operation Sandwiches. Please contact Al Ireland if you have any questions.

St. Andrew's Congregation: We at St. Andrew's do hold a membership with ICHM-SK. If anyone would like to attend, in person or by Zoom, please call Luella Moore, Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee or Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846.

Parish Nursing Ministries (InterChurch Health Ministries--SK) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue, Saskatoon. This is an invitation to learn about parish nursing ministry in Saskatoon. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. with registration and refreshments. 2:45 p.m. is the Annual General Meeting. At 4:00 p.m. we will have a brief time of worship and the installation of board members. Any number of people may attend from each partnership, but partners should name four (4) people to be their voting representatives at the AGM. We especially welcome partner pastors, parish nurses and health cabinet members.



# Third Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and  
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L:** Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P:** the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L:** Here we are taught to pay attention to those whom others discard.
- P:** Jesus insists that God is revealed in unlikely people.
- L:** Jesus offered living water to the Samaritan woman at the well who was the wrong religion, the wrong gender, and had the wrong marital status.
- P:** We, too, are a gathering of nobodies, yet Jesus claims us as somebodies who all have a place.
- L:** In Christ, there is neither insider nor outsider, invited nor shunned, accepted nor rejected.
- P:** We, too, are called to see beyond outdated categories and to offer living water to the thirsty.
- L:** It is those who have been rejected who most need to know acceptance.
- P:** Let our gatherings be a place for those who have been told they don't belong.



# Education Helps Make Dreams Possible

Education is vital to overcome poverty, reduce gender and economic inequality, and foster a peaceful society.

In a poor neighborhood of Guatemala City, where many families struggle to get by through scavenging in a waste disposal site, PWS&D supports an education program with the Francisco Coll School. This provides not only primary school education, but also includes continuing education scholarships for graduating students so that they may find a better livelihood. This presents the opportunity to break cycles of poverty by opening doors to the job market.

Ingrid was one of six students to receive this scholarship, which enabled her to continue her studies. Today she proudly holds the title of an accountant.

"I want to thank God for the blessings and opportunities that God has given me through the support received from the Francisco Coll Educational Center, an establishment in which I took my first steps in the process of my education. I appreciate the financial support that has helped me to achieve an important stage in my life," she expresses with gratitude.

**This Lenten season,  
help make sure children  
have access to quality  
education so that they  
can build bright futures.**

[WeRespond.ca](http://WeRespond.ca)



When Sieglinde—a single mother living in the Little Burgundy area of Montreal, Quebec—first arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed.

"My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be

independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy."

**Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy.**



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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 12 (Third Sunday in Lent)** We pray for those who are keeping a Lenten devotion and discipline.

**Monday, March 13** We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

**Tuesday, March 14** We pray for Donna McIlveen, serving as clerk for the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

**Wednesday, March 15** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

**Thursday, March 16** We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

**Friday, March 17** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Saturday, March 18** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.