

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Brenda Moats

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified [my name], and I will glorify it again'."*

*– John 12: 28b*

*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: Aria, from *Suite Antique* – John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

- Kelly Christopher Lamb

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"In the bulb there is a flower"***

**#674**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Gracious and Loving God,  
as we draw closer to the Cross,  
we recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.  
We get lost in our own concerns  
and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us.  
We find some people too difficult to care for.  
We think others unworthy of your love and ours.  
Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us,**

**so that we find the courage to go on  
and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time: Chef Tasty

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:** *"Help us to help each other, Lord"*

**#489**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

-Dean Fergusson

Psalms 51: 1-12

Hebrews 5: 5-10

-Martha Fergusson

John 12: 20-33

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Voice from Heaven"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Blessing – Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

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:** *"Lead on, O King eternal"*

**#742**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Andantino allegretto – Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738)

Greeters & Collectors: Laura & Charles Roy, Al Ireland & Patti Polowick

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts: Judy McFadden, Pat Barber, Luella Moore



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](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

This morning we are blessed to be joined by Tim Schultz, the Canadian Bible Society Regional Director for Prairies & NT. Tim will be speaking to us today about the important work of the Canadian Bible Society, both in Canada and beyond.



Palm Sunday - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am Worship

Good Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Worship

Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am Worship & Communion

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.

Please see the newsletter for more detail.

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





### 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](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com) to sign up.

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

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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 #65.

65. We call upon the federal government, through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, post-secondary institutions and educators, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and its partner institutions, to establish a national research program with multi-year funding to advance understanding of reconciliation.

### AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- \* Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter

## *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.



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

- One:** On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.
- All:** **We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.**
- One:** In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."
- All:** **And so we pray, as Jesus taught us, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."**





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# From Leprosy Recovery to Empowering Others



Gulam Hasmad, a 29-year-old man from Banke district in Nepal, was diagnosed with leprosy after experiencing symptoms such as blisters and swelling. Due to a delay in diagnosis, he developed complications, including a hand deformity and eye issues.

Gulam was able to undergo corrective surgeries at Green Pastures Hospital, supported by PWS&D. Gulam and his family were grateful that the procedures meant he regained the use of his hand and eye.

Afterward, Gulam started a self-help group for people affected by leprosy, including those recently diagnosed. He now actively raises awareness about leprosy and what can be done about it. Additionally, Gulam helped his mother and brother seek medical help, leading to their own leprosy diagnoses. Today, Gulam continues to be a positive impact on his community.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide healthy futures for all. PWS&D is working to provide access to medical care and treatment for those who need it most.**

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# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 17

For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community.

Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community.

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on

Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, March 17** We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

**Monday, March 18** We pray for the Rev. Anderson Juma, the newly elected General Secretary of Blantyre Synod, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi.

**Tuesday, March 19** We give thanks for the work of the General Assembly committees as they prepare this year's reports, and for the ministry and mission in which each of them is involved

**Wednesday, March 20** We pray for Cedar Tree Ministries, an outreach ministry for Indigenous People on Vancouver Island, and the Rev. Yong Wan (Joey) Cho.

**Thursday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)** We give thanks for human rights defenders who work to protect the rights, safety and dignity of all people. We pray for the elimination of all forms of racial harm, violence and discrimination.

**Friday, March 22 (World Water Day)** We give thanks to God that families living in conflict situations are accessing clean water provided through PWS&D's water, sanitation and hygiene projects.

**Saturday, March 23** We pray for all students enrolled in the church's theological colleges as they seek to learn and grow in their faith.