

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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Guest Musician: Peter Gravlin, Bassoon

November 15th, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost/ Legacy Giving Sunday

"But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works" – Psalm 73: 28

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"How firm a foundation"

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word! What more can God say than to you hath been said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow, for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials the pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply: the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not – I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never – no, never – ne, never forsake!"

Prayer of Confession:

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Lead me, Lord"

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face, for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me dwell in safety. (X2)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 73

John 14: 6–14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The reality of God's goodness"

-Matthew Neufeld

Solo: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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 GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"A mighty fortress is our God"

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A mighty fortress is our God, a refuge never failing, our helper sure amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe yet seeks to work us woe with craft and power great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth has not an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not a Saviour on our side, the One of God's own choosing. Who is this Saviour, who? Christ Jesus, living, true. Lord Sabaoth by name, from age to age the same, already wins the battle.

And though this world, with evil filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us: the powers of death and hell our God will surely quell; their rage we can endure, for look! their doom is sure: one little word will fell them.

That Word above all earthly powers – no thanks to them! – abiding, ensures that all God's gifts are ours, through Christ in us residing, whose summons rings above all goods, all earthly love. Earth's powers waste away; God's word endures always, whose reign will last forever.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" with Awesome God arr. Tornquist

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Announcements

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note that due to the recent local uptick in Covid-19 cases, St. Andrew's will be closed to in-person worship until further notice. We will continue to meet online at 11:00am every Sunday on our website (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!

The next PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE meeting will be a teleconference on Monday, November 23rd, at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas is not far ahead!

Are you thinking that you may buy a gift card or two for Christmas? If so, why not put in your order through Arline Sanderson? You will get your gift, the church will get a percentage of the proceeds and instead of running around to various stores, you can pick up your FundScripts at one place (either the church or the Sandersons). In addition to grocery stores and gas stations, there is a long list of restaurants. For the men in your life Canadian Tire, Rona, Home Depot, Home Hardware, Marks Work Warehouse and Cabelas all have gift certificates. For the women on your list, Claires, the Bay, Sephora, Shoppers Drug Mart, Bath and Body Works and Winners are all there. For the pet lover, PetSmart is on the list. For the shoppers, Amazon.ca, Giant Tiger, Walmart, and The Bay are all there. How about the reader - yup, Chapters and Indigo. If 50 of us purchased \$50 worth of gift certificates, the church would net over \$60, and we could cross off some names from our gift list. Please get your order in to Arline before November 15. The certificates will be back by the 19th, in lots of time for Christmas mailing. If you have someone on the list that does not need any more gifts, give a gift from The PWSD Gifts of Change Catalogue. You can find the catalogue here on line.

[:https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/gifts-of-change/](https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/gifts-of-change/) There are gifts (for any price range and to cover a variety of interests) from \$2 to supply one week's supply of soap to a school, \$5 to give seeds to a farmer, \$30 buys a pair of shoes, and \$50 buys a solar light and cell phone charging station. These are gifts that will truly make a difference in the world of those less fortunate than us.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY: October 12 to November 16 (Mondays at 7pm on Zoom)

Rev. Roberto and the Christian Education Committee invite you to take part in a new six-week Bible Study, following William C. Pender's *Revelation* (ISBN: 0664228585) starting on Monday, October 12th at 7pm on Zoom. Please see the October 1 newsletter for more information. Contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli to learn more or to sign up (roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com).



OUTREACH ADVENT APPEAL

The time is fast approaching for our annual Advent Appeal.

This year's appeal, like so many other things, will have a different look. With the recent upsurge in Covid infections in Saskatchewan it will be taking on a new look in order to keep people safe.

We recognize that there are members that are not comfortable with being out and about to pick up items for the appeal. We also realized that delivery of these items may be a little more difficult, and so we have decided to provide a

number of options that we hope will accommodate most people.

First of all, we will still have an Advent tree. With the recent live-streaming of our services, we realized that we can still set up a 'real' tree in our sanctuary to provide the visual progress report on our Appeal. Unfortunately, we were unable to come up with a way for you to choose your 'Gift of Advent' ornament, but hopefully by next year we can come up with something. In a future bulletin we will provide a list of items needed by the agencies for you to choose from, along with some suggested dollar amounts for the gifts.

1. For those among us who are able to move about and purchase items, it will be very similar to what we have done in the past. Purchase the item and drop it off the item at the church on a Wednesday or Saturday from noon until 3 pm. If you can't make these times, contact either Al Ireland or Linda Dietz and arrange a more convenient time to drop off the items off, or you can drop the items off directly at the agency. If you do drop them off directly, let Al, Linda, Heather or Sharon know so that we can credit you with the gift and add your ornament to our Advent tree.
2. If you are self isolating or you have vulnerable members in your household, there are a couple of options. The most obvious is to donate the amount that you would spend by clicking on our website's DONATE button. Where it asks where you would like your donation allocated select 'other', enter the amount for the donation in the appropriate spot along with any other needed information and then, down at the bottom add a note letting us know that it for the Advent appeal **AND** the agency you would like to support. By doing this we can add your ornament to the tree, and direct your donation to your preferred agency. You can also donate using E-Transfer if this is a method that you are more comfortable using. Make sure that you include the same information; that it is for the Advent Appeal, and the agency to receive the donation.
3. One more way of supporting our downtown agencies is through FundScrip gift cards. It's a great way of giving as it supports the agency, and St. Andrew's at the same time. Contact Arline Sanderson and provide the agency and amount that you would like to donate.

As this is something new, we realize that there may be things that we haven't addressed. If you have a question or concern, please contact one of the Outreach committee and we will try to correct the situation. At this time of year, at this time when we are more closely tied to our own homes, it is more important to reach out to those who are so much less fortunate than us. Help us reach out and touch someone with the love of God during these difficult times.



The Church School is looking for donations of small glass jars for an Advent project. Drop off at the church, or contact Martha, if you are able to help.

SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

WEDNESDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

In Our Wider Community

Gathering God's Harvest: An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series

You are invited to join us for our fall ecumenical series on stewardship, Thursdays, October 22 to November 19 at 3pm and 7pm.

Each webinar will be live on Zoom at 3pm with presentation, break-out rooms, and Q&A.

The sessions will be repeated at 7pm with the recorded presentation, new break-out sessions, and Q&A.

The series will also be posted on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3jFN1RU>

One registration works for all afternoon and evening sessions.

Please register by emailing Nick Jesson at njesson@archregina.sk.ca

If you registered for the October 1 webinar, you do not need to register again. New registrants are welcome.

Maximum 100 participants. Zoom software is available for free at www.zoom.us

This series is organized in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

Nov. 19, "Ordinary" People doing Extraordinary Things!, with Kurtis Krug

Join Kurtis Krug, Professional Financial Advisor, on a journey to demystify planned, legacy, and major giving. Discover how easy and affordable it is to empower yourself to enable your favourite charities to do transformational things.

CORONAVIRUS = ISOLATION

We have experienced almost 8 months of the pandemic that has forced us into isolation. During the good weather, we have enjoyed sitting and bird watching from our porch or balcony, gardening, and walking in our neighbourhoods. Visiting outside was easy with extra planning. Now, however, we are all forced inside and ISOLATION may cause loneliness, sadness, depression and apathy. Although it's hard to measure social isolation and loneliness precisely, there is strong evidence that many adults aged 50 and older are socially isolated or lonely in ways that put their health at risk.

What can we do to help?

The Pastoral Care Team at St. Andrew's, oversees a PRAYER GROUP who are also members of the PRAYER CHAIN. Any member or adherent are most welcome to join. Our Prayer Group leader Bernice, provides the members of the Prayer Chain with all the requests for prayer in a confidential manner. The Phone Ministry is so important at this time for our homebound. We do welcome phoners who will check in with members of our congregation and have a "visit".

Please plan to reflect and walk with our other church members from December 1-25 when we **Walk to Bethlehem**. For each day of the 4 weeks, there will be a reflection to ponder as you walk with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem where our Lord and Saviour, Jesus was born. Last year, members walked in their hallways, around their house, outdoors, bicycled on a stationary bike, walked a treadmill and swam. There is a sheet provided for you to track the steps or kilometers travelled each day.

If you have any suggestions or comments or want to get in touch, please call Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846. Blessings!

