

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Orlanda Drebit

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Reign of Christ**

*"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." – Deuteronomy 31: 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: Walking in the Air, from *The Snowman* – Howard Blake (b. 1938)

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

- Orlanda Drebit

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

**The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it.**

The world and those who live in it belong to God.

**So hear what God says. He will listen to his servants**

He will speak peace to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**His voice will be heard in unexpected places.**

**God is faithful always to his people. His faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**

God's righteousness will look down from the sky.

**God's salvation is at hand for those who honour him.**

May God's glory and justice reign in our land and in our midst.

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"***

**#357**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom each week.**

**We confess we're not really clear on what that means.**

**In this world so fraught with torment, will you come to help this world?**

**Will you bring all things to an end or offer us a new beginning?**

**Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires**

**with your purposes for your people.**

**Teach us how to live out your truth.**

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, friend so kind and gentle"*

**#519**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 19: 1-18

- Donna Fenton

Psalms 66 Refrain 1

James 4: 1-10

-Orlanda Drebit

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "What We Learn from Elijah"

-Orlanda Drebit

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Deep River – Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh

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:** *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

**#267**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Evening Prayer, from *Hansel & Gretel* – Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921)

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

Coffee Hosts: Sharon & Mary Ann



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.

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

## Announcements

### Financial Update

Hello St. Andrews People. We have so much for which to be thankful. Our building fund has received some generous donations to assist with current renovations. Events like our very successful Charlie Brown Christmas concert are going to support celebratory functions of the church anniversary, and donations to the church operations are going according to forecast.

So that is the good news. Now for the not so good news. Welcome to winter! I say this because clearing of the church parking lot is one of the expenses most difficult to forecast! As of today, it is looking very much like our operational expense prediction of last year will be accurate. That means we will, in fact, as predicted have a deficit at year end. Depending on the generosity of givings between now and Dec 31, the size of the predicted deficit is shown below.

Column1	Budget	Option 1	Option 2
'Revenue	\$ 250,384	\$ 251,934	\$ 257,534
Expenses	\$ 270,753	\$ 272,472	\$ 272,472
Deficit	-\$ 20,369	-\$ 20,539	-\$ 14,939

Additionally, donations to all of the church missions are down considerably at about 75% of 2023 levels. We all realize that many people are struggling financially. We appreciate any and all gifts. We thank you for your generosity to date and ask that you prayerfully consider, what additional gift, if any, God may be calling you to make before year end and into 2025. We have a growing church - what a wonderful blessing. God Bless each of you. Do not hesitate to contact me with any question you may have. Orlanda Drebit [orlandadrebit@hotmail.com](mailto:orlandadrebit@hotmail.com)

Could you give us 2 Sundays per year? The Board of Managers needs help in opening and closing the church. During the last couple of years, this responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of a very small group of people. All it involves is arriving a bit early and leaving a bit late! Please contact Sharon Wiseman (306) 242-4779 if you are willing to help.



**Purdys 2024 Christmas Order** goes in November 25th - forms available today. Here is the link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1311233-122462>.

Or call just call Martha and she will book a time to help you. Proceeds will go to our Youth Group.

## Mini Christmas Bake Sales

At this time of year, most of us look forward to Christmas baking favourites. Some people cannot or no longer bake, while some of us love to bake and have a few extras.

Starting December 1 and going until December 22, some bake sale items may be available for purchase. Stock will vary each week, so grab your favourites when you see them; they may not be back.

For those donating their time and talent:

- Keep volumes small.
- Price your own items (or ask for help), keeping in mind that ingredients have gone up in cost over this past year. Place them in the entranceway.
- Label with any common allergens (wheat/gluten, eggs, nuts, dairy, MSG, cinnamon, mustard, artificial colouring).

For those who may consider purchasing items:

- Bring small bills and coins of various denominations, as there may not be change available. Alternately, we will have the 'tap and go' machine available.
- Items that arrive will be in the entranceway before the service and moved to the lower hall after.

This year, the proceeds will go to Presbyterians Sharing



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a “sandwich making party” in the church kitchen **following worship today**, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation “Operation Sandwiches”, and place it in the offering plate.



**We are Expecting!** - Four new babies at St. Andrew's in our anniversary year! We plan to honor them with a Baby Shower after Church during our regular Coffee Hour on December 15, 2024. You may donate (cash, debit, or credit) at the Shower to support the purchase of a new baby play pen and rocking chair for our nursery, and some individual baby gifts. Please save a moment on that day to take a peek at the renovated nursery. For further information, contact Heather

Shouse, 705 493-2724 (call or text).

## **WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE**

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter.

Thank you for your support!



**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the entranceway table. In each box there is a designated envelope that enables you to help offset the cost of the offering envelopes, which is \$12.29. If you would like to have your own box of envelopes, fill out the information on a Visitor's Envelope located in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or contact the church office. ***If you would prefer to make pre-authorized remittances, please fill out a blue PAR authorization form (found on the entranceway table), attach a void cheque, and place it in the offering plate.***



### **Welcome to St. Andrew's –**

A brand-new **Automatic Door Opener** has been installed on the Southeast Entrance (Door #4). This is one of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Projects and marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> improvement (after the Nursery) to celebrate our Church. Special thanks to Trung Nguyen for all his work in the planning and installation of this new device to help make St. Andrew's more accessible.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:ma.wilson@shaw.ca) More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

### **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](http://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

Advent is right around the corner and with it, the **Outreach Committee's Advent Appeal**.

We have tried to set up the appeal so that it is as easy as possible to take part, both for those who worship with us in person and for those who worship with us online.

For anyone worshipping with us online, you will find a list of items needed by the various downtown agencies, along with a suggested value that each item might cost, in this week's on-line bulletin. Simply select the agency that you would like to support, find an item that you would like to provide to that agency, and make your donation, either by e-transfer, or by using the church's website. Please indicate that the donation is part of the Advent Appeal, and note which agency you are supporting. Our bookkeeper will then make sure that your donation gets to where it needs to go. For every \$10 donated, we will add an ornament to our Advent Tree.

For those worshipping in person, there are three steps. The first step is selecting an ornament. These can be found in the entryway of the church.

As always, you can choose the ornament by color, shape, or size, but the best way might be to just read what is on the tags. You then take the ornament home and complete whatever is on the tag. Once it is complete, peel the backing off of the tag and place it on the gift that you have purchased or donated, OR, if it a gift of talent, (like mine), place it on the ornament. The final step is to bring the gift AND the ornament back to the church, place the gift under the tree, and the ornament on the tree. All of the returned ornaments will provide a visual progress report of this year's Appeal.

We will officially start receiving gifts next week and the appeal will proceed until December 15 after which we will distribute the gifts to the agencies. If you would like to help us with this, please let us know. It really is an amazing experience.

In closing, I would just like to say that the agencies in our appeal have been on the frontline when it comes to providing care and support for the homeless, the hungry, and the vulnerable here in Saskatoon. We feel that our appeal provides an opportunity to do what we can to share the love of God through our support of their programs. Thank you very much, and we hope that you have fun with the appeal.

We are: Al Ireland, Donna Fenton, Linda Dietz, and Rachel Giesbrecht.

## ADVENT WISH LISTS

### Friendship Inn

If you are going to donate food items, and want us to deliver them, please bring the items in on the last Sunday (Dec 15<sup>th</sup>) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Eggs
- Potatoes
- Bread and buns
- Coffee (ground or beans)
- oatmeal
- fresh fruit and vegetables
- Vanilla
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala
- Non-stick cooking spray, or canola oil

### **Personal Items**

- Diapers, Pull-ups and wipes \$20-\$40
- Baby formula \$20-\$60
- Socks \$5-\$20
- Tooth brushes & paste \$5-\$25
- Shampoo & conditioner \$5-\$10
- Deodorant \$2-\$10
- Razors \$2-\$10

### Egadz

#### Hygiene

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste \$5-\$25
- Shampoo, Conditioner \$5-\$10
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors \$2-\$10

#### School Supplies

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases \$2-\$10
- Looseleaf \$10-\$20
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. \$5-\$50
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. \$5-\$15

#### Bed and Bath

- Quilts and Duvets >\$50
- Sheets and Pillows >\$30
- Towels \$10-\$30
- Sleeping Bags \$25-\$60
- Alarm Clocks \$5-\$25

#### Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing \$5-\$30
- Strollers \$60-\$200
- New Car Seats \$70-\$200
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) \$20-\$60
- Disposable Diapers \$20-\$40
- Toys and Games \$5-\$50
- Quilts and Blankets \$5-\$30

## Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) >\$20
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants >\$20
- Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands \$5-\$30
- Socks \$5-\$15
- Shoes, and Boots \$20-\$40
- New Underwear \$10-\$20

## Sport/Recreation/Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies \$5-\$15
- Sleeping Bags \$30-\$60
- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies \$5-\$15
- Paint and Paint Accessories \$1-\$10

## Interval House

### ALL ITEMS BELOW SHOULD BE NEW OR VERY GENTLY USED ITEMS

- Socks and underwear \$5-\$20
- Nail files/Clippers \$5
- Winter Boots \$20-\$50
- Hats/Toques/Mitts/Gloves \$5-\$10
- Cell phone chargers \$5-\$20
- House Coats \$15-\$30
- Children's clothing (all sizes, boys and girls) \$5-\$50
- Tupperware containers \$5-\$30
- Pencil crayons/markers \$5-\$15
- Paints/brushes/general art supplies \$5-\$10
- Women's sweatpants (all sizes) \$5-\$20
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Pajamas for women and children \$10-\$20
- Lip balm \$3-\$5
- Large drinking glasses \$5
- Nightlights \$3-\$10
- Large bath towels \$15-\$50
- Bathroom loofahs \$5-\$10
- Movie passes \$10-\$50
- Women's and children's socks (all sizes) \$5-\$15
- Slippers (women and children's) \$5-\$30
- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Superstore, Co-op, Gas Cards) \$10-\$100
- Inside and outside play toys (no aggressive toys) \$5-\$50
- New books (all ages) \$5-\$30
- Assorted women's running shoes (size 5-10, most commonly 7, 8, 9) \$20-\$100

## Haven Family Connections

### Gift Cards

- Grocery store gift cards \$20-\$100
- Gift cards/certificates for children's outings and events.
  - Bowling, minigolf, swimming, movies and kid's play villages \$20-\$50
- Co-op \$20-\$100

- McDonald's \$10-\$50
- Tim Horton's \$20-\$50
- Canadian Tire \$20-\$50
- Home Sense \$20-\$50
- Fuddruckers/RUCKERS \$20-\$50

Clothing items

- New or gently used children's clothing from birth to 12 years) \$10-\$100

**Elizabeth Fry Society**

Elizabeth Fry is hoping to provide small Christmas gifts to women and gender diverse people who are incarcerated. Some ideas for gifts are in the following list, but don't feel limited by them. If there is some small item that you feel is appropriate, please go ahead.

- Fuzzy socks \$5-\$15
- Lip balm \$5-\$10
- Calendar (no coils) \$15-\$20
- Notebook (no coils) \$5-\$10
- Chocolate bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Candy canes \$5-\$10
- Granola bars (peanut free) \$5-\$10
- Hot chocolate (individual packets) \$5-\$10
- Housecoats \$15-\$30
- Feminine Hygiene Products

\*If you would like to do something on a continuing basis, Elizabeth Fry is constantly in need of feminine hygiene products. You can donate these items during Advent, but if you feel that you can supply them at other times of the year please contact someone on the Outreach committee and we will either drop them off for you, or will put you in touch with someone at Elizabeth Fry who would be more than happy to take them off your hands.

**YWCA Crisis Center**

- Towels and face cloths \$10-\$30
- New Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Feminine Hygiene Products \$10-\$30
- Pajamas (new) for women and children \$10-\$20
- New socks for women and children \$5-\$15
- Disposable diapers (sizes 4-6) \$10-\$40
- new swim suits for women and children \$10-\$40
- Combs and brushes \$5-\$10
- Disposable razors \$2-\$10
- Small toys for children \$5-\$20
- Baby blankets \$5-\$10

**SNCM**

NEW Long underwear (all sizes) \$5-\$20

NEW Tights for women (all sizes) \$5-\$15

Warm clothing

- Parkas, sweaters, boots, snowpants, shoes etc. \$0-\$50
- Shirts, pants \$0-\$30



Gloves, Mitts.

\$0-\$30

*If you are donating mitts or gloves, please drop them off at the church before December 11, so that they can be handed out as part of their Christmas celebrations)*

**Carter House**

Carter House is a newly established agency that provides a holistic approach to supporting families dealing with trauma and substance abuse. It provides a safe healing environment where families and individual can work towards recovery. While donations are greatly appreciated, tax receipts cannot be provided as they are privately run. For more information, please talk to Martha Fergusson.

- Gift Cards for hygiene products (Walmart, Dollarama) \$10-\$50
- Movie Tickets (Cineplex) \$10-\$50
- Museum Admission (WDM, WonderHub) \$10-\$50
- Amazon or McNally Gift Cards \$10-\$100
- Books for our collection (new or gently used) \$0-\$50
- New books to gift at graduation \$10-\$50
- Board Games (for all ages, from children to adults) \$10-\$60
- Toys and Building Kits (Lego, Duplo) \$30-\$100

Group Contributions (e.g., book clubs, community groups):

- Create 15 homemade infinity scarves (neutral colors blue, beige, grey))
- Create 15 adult-sized crochet scarves ( neutral colours blue, beige, grey)
- Create square blankets
- 15 boxes of chocolates (such as Purdy's)
- Craft sets (for kids' activities)

**The Amazing Stuff**

- Set the table during Lent Priceless!
- Make your bed without (too much) complaining ""
- Be especially nice to your sister/brother ""
- Shovel the walk after it snows OR sweep the walk if it doesn't ""
- Keep your room tidy (my wife's personal favourite) ""
- Do you know someone who is isolated? Give them a call! ""
- Invite someone to take part in Kidz Klub ""
- Invite someone to participate in our on-line service ""
- Surprise your mom and clean up her room. ""
- Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent. ""
- Rake the leaves in your yard?? (Before it snows works best)

# MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 24**

In Nicaragua, Urania is a 27-year-old mother who has many goals that she has not been able to achieve since becoming pregnant at the age of 17. Forced to drop out of high school, she dedicated herself to working to give her daughter the best. Now a single mother of two girls, earning an income has become increasingly difficult. With the support of PWS&D's local partner, who is working to empower young women and girls, Urania was able to start a café business. This initiative provides an income, as well as a flexible schedule that allows her to accompany her daughters in school and activities. She resumed her high school studies, improved her self-esteem and feels like an example for many young women.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, November 24 (Reign of Christ)** Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us kind; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Monday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)** We pray for the healing and wellbeing of women who experience violence. May God's unfailing love guide our actions to build more equitable and just communities where all women may flourish and violence is ended.

**Tuesday, November 26** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Niagara.

**Wednesday, November 27** We pray for those seeking God's light and warmth on personal spiritual retreats at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, that God might meet them in moments of comfort and inspiration.

**Thursday, November 28** We pray for the Christian Medical Association of India and for Dr. Priya John, General Secretary, as they work towards building a just and healthy society and serve the church in its ministry of healing.

**Friday, November 29** We give thanks and pray for coaches involved in Cyclical PCC and the New Beginnings program who help ministers continue Christ's ministry in new ways.

**Saturday, November 30** We pray for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as it encourages Presbyterians to understand and appreciate other faith traditions, and to live in good relationship with people of other faiths.