

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore

Guest Organist: Andy de Beer

Song Leader: Donna Fenton

November 28th, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

"No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame." – Psalm 25:3a

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: "Be Still My Soul" (Finlandia)

-BP#749 Jean Sibelius

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Lighting the Candle of Hope
(See PWS&D insert)

-Al Ireland

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"***

#542

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of all, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its van guard on the way,
as the Light of Light, descending from the realms of endless day,
comes the powers of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six winged Seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Lord most high.'

Prayer of Confession:

**Surprising God, forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendour.
Forgive us if we yawn when you present us with life-changing possibilities.
Forgive us for abandoning hope so quickly,
and expecting the same thing in the same old way.
Forgive us for underestimating your power to do a new thing.
Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence.
Awaken us so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10

Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon:

"Prepare Him Room"

-The Rev. Devon Pattermore

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem:

"Carol of Hope"

-Virtual Choir

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539):

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Praise:

“The Son of God proclaim”

#558

The Son of God proclaim, the Lord of time and space;
The God who bade the light break forth now shines in Jesus' face.

Behold his outstretched hands though all was in his power
He took the towel and basin then and serves us in this hour.

He, God's creative word, the church's Lord and head,
Here bids us gather as his friends and share his wine and bread.

The Lord of life and death with wondering praise we sing;
We break the bread at his command, and name him God and King.

We take this cup in hope: For he, who gladly bore
The shameful cross, is ris'n again, and reigns forevermore.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: “... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: “... we proclaim the mystery of faith:”

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology

and 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us and we praise you for awakening us to your hope. Send us out in peace for we have seen, have heard, and we have been fed by your grace. Keep us faithful and alert for the signs of Christ's coming and lead us to live lives marked by truth and light, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel"

#122

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Benediction

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

Postlude:

Festivo on "Jesus, Life of All the World"

-BP#776

HOPE

Announcements

We welcome The Rev. Devon Pattermore to the pulpit today. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Rev. Devon received her theological education at McGill University and the Presbyterian College of Montreal. For the past 18 years, she served as a full-time Minister of Word and Sacraments in Virden, MB. and Yorkton, SK. In August of this year, Rev. Devon became the Youth Coordinator for the Synod of Saskatchewan. She also continues to serve the church as an interim moderator to two Presbyterian congregations in southern Saskatchewan and as clerk of the Presbytery of Assiniboia. She resides in Regina, SK.

The poinsettias in the sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Peter Drebit, by Rose Drebit.

Check your inbox for the latest edition of *Saints Alive!*

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** invites all to attend the **Annual Service of Memory & Light at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm**. Please join us for this time of remembrance, prayer, music, reflection, and Communion either live in the sanctuary or online (live or later) at: <https://youtu.be/JILVtPkVxfU>



ADVENT IN LUKE

The Christian Education Committee invites you to take part in a four week online (Zoom) Advent Bible study beginning on Tuesday, November 30th at 2:30pm 'til Tuesday December 21st. This year we will be following the lectionary through the Gospel of Luke to prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas. To register, please contact Martha Fergusson at martha.22@live.com



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY, December 12th**. You will receive the gift cards in time for Christmas!

Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details. FundScrip has some promotions on now, until the end of the year, where the church would receive a larger percentage of the sales than usual. Some of the retailers participating in this are Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Roots, Kernals, Boston Pizza, and the Ultimate Dining Card.



CHANCEL FLOWERS With the reopening of St. Andrew's and the continuing increase in the number of those worshipping within our sanctuary, the Flower Fund is coming out of retirement! Live flowers and plants are always placed to the Glory of God, and to enhance your Worship experience. Please prayerfully consider donations to the Flower Fund so that we can once again bring some of the beauty of God's world into our sanctuary. Clearly mark "Flower Fund" on any donations.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – In 2021, less than one third of the offering envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, during Covid. The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Since paying for envelopes that are unused is not a wise use of church funds, any offering envelopes that are not claimed for 2022 will not be re-ordered for 2023.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** invites you to circle your calendars for the following: Starting December 1st, please join us on the "Walk to Bethlehem", and on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm, please attend the annual Memory and Light Service in St. Andrew's sanctuary or on- line. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Free to a good home! Ted Deacon & Fran Gordon have two sets of cross country skis and poles that are waiting to be of use. Please contact Fran for more details.



From **OUTREACH**: Advent is approaching and with it our Advent Appeal. Even with the increase in the number of people attending out in-person worship we have decided to repeat our last year's appeal. As most of you know, before we had to deal with Covid, we asked the congregation to select an ornament with tag attached that had a gift of outreach written on it. When the suggested gift had been purchased it was placed under our Advent tree at the front of the Sanctuary and the ornament was attached to the tree so that everyone could follow the progress of our appeal.

There are a number of ways that you can participate in this year's Advent Appeal.

If you have already purchased gifts, you are invited to bring them down to the church, or arrange to have them delivered, and we will make sure that they get to where they are needed.

Otherwise, we ask that you to through the list of agencies that are listed below and choose one (or more) that you would like to support. Choose items that are needed by that agency and donate that dollar amount to our Advent Appeal. This year, for each \$10 that is donated, an ornament will be placed on our Advent tree.

Donations can be made in a number of different ways:

You can go to the St. Andrew's website and 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, scroll down to the bottom and add a note to let us know that it for the Advent Appeal AND the agency that you would like to support. By doing this we can add your ornament(s) 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. For those without internet connections, checks are still more than welcome.

The last way of donating is through our FundScrip program. Not only do you support the agencies, you support St. Andrew's as well.

Even with the reduction in restrictions there is still a large number of our population that are affected by Covid and it is more important than ever to find ways of reaching beyond our wall to touch the lives and show the love of God to others within our community. Thank you for all of your help!

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Suggested

dish towels	\$5.00-\$20.00	
gently used shoes and warm boots	\$0.00-\$50.00	
Gift Cards (SuperStore)	\$10.00-\$100.00	
long johns	\$10.00-\$20.00	
mittens	\$0.00-\$10.00	
Monetary	\$1.00-\$100.00	
Donate money for sandwiches	\$1.00-\$100.00	
new and gently used back packs	\$0.00-\$30.00	
new and gently used blankets	\$0.00-\$30.00	
New dish cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00	
printer paper	\$8.00-\$40.00	
scarves	\$0.00-\$8.00	
Sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
tarps	\$5.00-\$15.00	
toques	\$0.00-\$10.00	
underwear	\$15.00-\$20.00	
Winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	4 pk

Haven Family Connections (Crisis Nursery) Suggested

toilet paper	\$15.00-\$30.00
Kleenex	\$8.00-\$20.00
paper towels	\$15.00-\$25.00
Fruit	\$1.00-\$10.00
cheese	\$1.00-\$10.00
yoghurt	\$1.00-\$10.00
veggies	\$1.00-\$10.00
snacks	\$1.00-\$10.00
SuperStore Gift Cards	\$25.00-\$100.00
Childs outerwear	\$5.00-\$50.00
children's boots	\$5.00-\$50.00
children's pants, shirts socks etc.	\$5.00-\$20.00

Friendship Inn**Suggested**

canned goods	\$1.00-\$5.00	
conditioner	\$4.00-\$8.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
flour	\$8.00-\$15.00	
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
juice boxes	\$1.00-\$10.00	
rice	\$6.00-\$25.00	
shampoo	\$4.00-\$10.00	
soup stocks	\$2.50-\$5.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	6 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
vegetables	\$5.00-\$10.00	

Interval House**Suggested**

Gift cards	\$25.00-\$100.00
Night lights	\$5.00-\$10.00
dish sets, pots and pans	\$25.00-\$50.00
pots and pans	\$50.00-\$125.00
house coats	\$45.00-\$60.00
pillows (new)	\$10.00-\$50.00
twin bed sheets, comforters	\$30.00-\$60.00
socks, underwear (new)	\$5.00-\$15.00
shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00
pyjamas	\$5.00-\$25.00
laundry baskets	\$12.00-\$20.00
baby monitors	\$20.00-\$70.00

Egadz**Suggested**

Cash donations (for gifts)	\$30.00-\$60.00
feminine hygiene items in packaging	\$5.00-\$25.00
pens/pencils/erasers	\$2.00-\$10.00
loose-leaf	\$2.00-\$12.00
calculators, geometry sets, rulers, etc.	\$5.00-\$30.00
markers, pencil crayons	\$7.00-\$15.00
alarm clocks	\$6.00-\$10.00
quilts/duvets, sheets, pillows	\$25.00-\$60.00

Thermometers	\$8.00-\$40.00	
Teethers	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bottles/nipples	\$7.00-\$20.00	
Baby towels	\$10.00-\$20.00	
Baby wipes	\$3.00-\$10.00	
sleeping bags	\$29.00-\$60.00	
diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
baby/toddler clothing	\$10.00-\$20.00	
formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
toys and games	\$0.00-\$30.00	
youth and teen appropriate clothing	\$15.00-\$50.00	
new or gently used winter clothing	\$0.00-\$50.00	
socks	\$12.00-\$20.00	6 pr
new or gently used shoes and boots	\$0.00-\$50.00	
baby blankets	\$19.00-\$25.00	
baby shampoo/lotion	\$5.00-\$15.00	
Baby bags*	\$65.00-\$145.00	

*the baby bags consist of blankets, shampoo, lotion, thermometers, baby bottles, wipes, towels, teethers, clippers and soothers.

YWCA Women's Shelter

Suggested

Baby and Toddler Clothing	\$5.00-\$25.00	
baby bottle nipples	\$2.00-\$10.00	
Baby bottles	\$5.00-\$7.00	
Baby Food/Snacks	\$3.00-\$10.00	
Disposable Diapers	\$15.00-\$30.00	
Disposable Diapers (larger sizes)	\$15.00-\$30.00	
Formula	\$15.00-\$30.00	
gloves/mitts	\$5.00-\$25.00	
headbands	\$2.50-\$5.00	
New bedding for single beds	\$30.00-\$50.00	
new bowls, cups and mugs	\$3.00-\$25.00	
new cutlery	\$4.00-\$25.00	
new dishcloths and dish towels	\$4.00-\$20.00	
New multi pack generic crew neck t-shirts sizes M-XL	\$8.00-\$25.00	
new pyjamas for women and children	\$5.00-\$25.00	
new socks and underwear for kids and women	\$10.00-\$20.00	
New sweat pants of various sizes	\$20.00-\$30.00	
New towels and face cloths	\$4.00-\$12.00	
New, unopened shampoo and conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00	
winter jackets, ski pants	\$0.00-\$50.00	

Elizabeth Fry Society

Suggested

backpacks/totes	\$0.00-\$25.00	
body lotion	\$7.00-\$15.00	
body wash/shower gel	\$4.00-\$10.00	
brushes	\$5.00-\$15.00	
combs	\$2.00-\$5.00	
deodorant	\$4.00-\$8.00	
Disposable Razors	\$20.00	16 pk
gently used/new coats and jackets	\$0.00-\$50.00	
gently used/new footwear	\$0.00-\$50.00	

new undergarments (bras and panties)	\$10.00-\$20.00	
new/gently used toques, mitts and scarves	\$0.00-\$10.00	
shampoo/conditioner	\$4.00-\$10.00	
Tampons and pads	\$5.00-\$25.00	
toothbrushes	\$12.00-\$15.00	4 pk
toothpaste	\$4.00-\$7.00	
water bottles	\$5.00-\$10.00	
women's tights - all sizes	\$10.00-\$20.00	

The Amazing Stuff

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| • Set the table during Lent | Suggested Priceless! |
| • Make your bed without too much complaining | “ |
| • Be especially nice to your sister/brother | “ |
| • Shovel the walk after it snows | “ |
| • 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 <u>her</u> room. | ” |
| • Be especially nice to everyone around you during Advent. | ” |



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli’s services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew’s home, but many others who have found St. Andrew’s while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.



Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.

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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

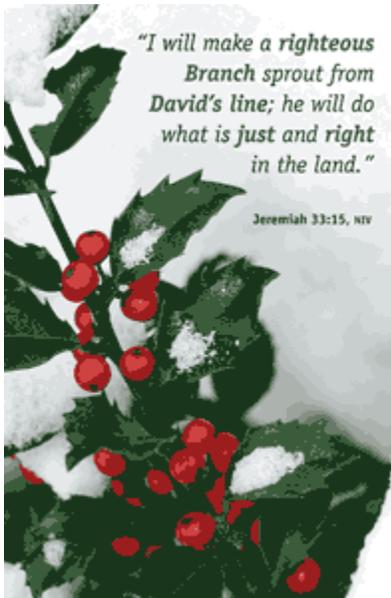
Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

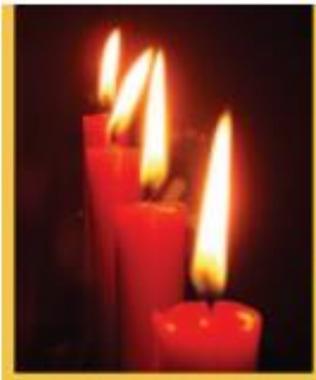
Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007





First Sunday in Advent

Hope

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

L: Hope is a flame that is given by God.

P: Hope for a new world burns in our hearts.

L: Hope burns in the message of the Law
and the teaching of the Prophets.

P: Hope is revealed in Jesus Christ.

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray:

P: Source of light,
burn in our lives
and in your world with
your renewing hope.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



Hope for Single Mothers in Somalia

For single mothers living in internally displaced persons camps in Somalia, life is a balancing act. Time is split between caring for their infants and tireless efforts to find work to afford necessities like food.

Single mother Fatuma lives in one such camp with her daughter, Hawa.

At just under two years old, Hawa weighed less than 14 pounds. Despite Fatuma working three jobs, a prolonged lack of nutritious food meant Hawa had lesions on her skin and was terribly anemic—she needed a blood transfusion immediately.

Fatuma brought her daughter to a nearby clinic supported by PWS&D.

“She spent 12 days in the stabilization centre where she was given medicine, nutritional feeds and received a transfusion. I was also given meals while she was admitted,” she shared.

Now, Fatuma can once again hold her daughter close, knowing Hawa has made a full recovery.

This Advent season help make sure children have access to nutritious food so that they can lead healthy lives.

** This project is a collaborative effort led by Development and Peace with matching funds from the Government of Canada at Canadian Foodgrains Bank.*



WeRespond.ca



The development and relief agency
of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Embracing Education in Afghanistan

Khadija is five years old and attends a community-based school in Laghman, Afghanistan. Khadija's older sister did not have the opportunity to attend school, so the Grade One student has wholeheartedly embraced her studies. "I love going to school every day and meeting my friends there. My favourite subject is mathematics." Through the support of Community World Service Asia, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development, Khadija and her friends also received school supplies. "One day, after completing my studies, I will become a traffic police officer and guide people in the right direction," said Khadija, smiling.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 28 (First Sunday of Advent) We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, November 29 We pray for congregations seeking God's direction in changing times, that they are steadfast in hope and learn to be patient and prayerful when times are challenging.

Tuesday, November 30 (Feast Day of Andrew the Apostle) Just as Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, we pray for help and guidance to be like Andrew and introduce others to Jesus.

Wednesday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for all people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Thursday, December 2 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

Friday, December 3 (International Day for Persons with Disabilities) We pray for the Respite Ministry of St. Columba, a parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius, that offers support to families caring for persons with learning disabilities.

Saturday, December 4 We give thanks for the vital support the church is helping to provide to those with HIV through Presbyterian World Service & Development.