

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Kwaku Kyei

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

November 26th, 2023

26th Sunday after Pentecost/Reign of Christ

"Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture." – Psalm 100:3

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: Allegretto, from *Symphony no. 3* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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

- Jan Rodda

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

Many: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is to come.

All: Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"The love of God comes close"

#474

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God most merciful,

We confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly.

You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar.

You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next.

Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness,

so that we can offer you our whole lives,

and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time: Kwaku Kyei

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: *"Who's goin' to tell the story"* (vs. 1,2,4) #761
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 11-24

- Donna Bailey

Psalms 100: Refrain 1

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

- Kwaku Kyei

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Called to Serve" - Kwaku Kyei

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Dresden Amen, from *Parsifal* – Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

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

Your Kingdom come

Your will be done

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Jesus, life of all the world"* #776

Benediction

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

Postlude: Theme, from *Symphony no. 9 "From the New World"*– Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Lock up:

Heather Reichert

Coffee Hosts:

Laura & Charles Roy

This morning St. Andrew's is blessed to be led in worship by two of our Elders: Kwaku Kyei and Jan Rodda.



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hereby announces that Kelly Christopher- Lamb, Dr. Vickie Lamb Drover, and Alicia Monson have been duly elected to the office of Eldership. Each exceeded the threshold of 67% of ballots cast from members and adherents for each of the three candidates.

The Session therefore, upon the results of the election call for the ordination of each newly elected elder during the worship service that is to occur on December 3, 2023. At the end of the December 3 worship service members and adherents are encouraged to provide the right hand of fellowship to Kelly, Vickie and Alicia. Please note that December 3 is the beginning of Advent and Communion will be served at this time.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Rodda, Clerk



Poinsettias are ordered! Pick-up is December 1 between 12-2pm from the Church. See you then! Thank you very much for your support!

Mini Christmas Bake Sales

Starting this week, some bake sale items may be available for purchase. Stock will vary each week.

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.
- Items that arrived this week will be in the entranceway before the service and moved to the lower hall after.

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC will be offered following the church service today downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will have blood pressure cuffs to fit all arms!



LIFT is the new Canada Youth

This 20-year-old tradition of sending our youth to Brock University for a large youth based conference is BACK after a 5 year hiatus- thank-you COVID-19.

For the 3rd time we are selling **PURDYS chocolate** to raise some money toward registration and other required things for the conference that cost money.

So IF you LIKE Purdy's buy from US. **If you don't, there will be other ways** to support the youth in the weeks ahead, like direct donation, other events, prayer partners when they go, and welcome partners when they return. This is just the start.

Here is the Purdy's Information- need help? call 306 270 2378 Martha

TODAY is the final day you can order Purdys treats for our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. If you prefer cheque or cash call Martha to arrange and skip online. Paper Catalogues are limited but available in the narthex starting November 5, 2023. Online can begin NOW.

After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

What you'll need to order

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: (cut and paste in browser, or type in)

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311233-112320>

3. Click "Join Campaign" **Lift Saskatoon**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. It would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

The St. Andrew's Board of Managers is looking for individuals to help with **counting** and **opening/lock-up** to help our Sunday mornings run smoothly. If you are willing to help with either (or both) counting the cash offering immediately after worship (a 15 minute job) or opening and closing up the church building on Sunday mornings then please contact Dorothy in the church office at office@standrews-saskatoon.com



Did you know that Tuesday November 28 is known as "**Giving Tuesday**"? What is behind this concept? Apparently, in 2012 the New York City 92nd Street Y partnered with United Nations Foundation to launch this tradition. It was formed in contrast to the excess consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday traditions. The concept is to encourage people to make a difference in their community by giving. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to donate this "Giving Tuesday."

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 1:30 pm in the lower hall.



We are about to enter the season of Advent, and with it we will be celebrating our annual Advent Appeal. If you worship in person, please take the time to search through the ornaments found in the entryway of the church OR, if you are worshipping from home simply browse through the items listed below to see what the downtown agencies are looking for this year, and then make a donation where you feel it is most needed. We have included approximate prices for the items, but this is more to give you an idea what the agencies will have to pay for them. We have no way of directing what your donations will go towards. The agencies will purchase the items most needed at the time. Please donate what you feel

comfortable with.

If you worship in person, select an ornament that has a gift of Advent attached and take it home. (Feel free to select more than one) Complete what is on the tag and bring it back to the church. Place the gift

under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide us with a visual progress report on this year's appeal. Copies of the Wish List are available on the entranceway table.

If you worship on line, select an agency that you would like to support. You can check the costs of items, or you can just donate an amount that you are comfortable with. Make your donation through the church website, or by e-transfer. In either case please make a note where you would like to direct your donation, and that the donation is a part of our Advent Appeal. For each \$10 donated we will add another ornament to the tree.

We have tried to make it as easy as possible but if you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach Committee. Please don't feel that you have to pick up an ornament if you worship in person (the agencies are always looking for monetary donations), and if you worship from home, arrangements can always be made to pick up any physical donations. If there is a gift that you would like to contribute, but you can't find it on the list, please contact Al Ireland and he will add it to the list and can custom-make an ornament if needed. We feel that the most important part of our appeal is to share the bounty with which we've been blessed, and to perhaps enjoy doing so.

Have fun!

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

WISH LISTS

Friendship Inn

If you are going to donate food items, please bring the items in on the last Sunday (Dec 17th) so that they can be delivered as soon as possible

- Eggs
- Bread and buns
- Mustard
- Powdered soup bases (beef and chicken)
- 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
- 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

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Hygiene

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

*Health Regulations require that these items be unopened and/or in their original packaging

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 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
- Lamps/Nightlights \$5-\$15
- House Coats \$15-\$30
- Children's clothing (all sizes) \$5-\$50
- Tupperware containers \$5-\$30
- Pencil crayons/markers \$5-\$15
- Paints/brushes \$5-\$10
- Women's sweatpants (all sizes) \$5-\$20
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Bodywash \$5-\$10
- Baby cloths \$5-\$10
- New sheets for twin bed \$15-\$50
- Pajamas for women and children \$10-\$20
- Dish sets \$25

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

Household items

- Non scented laundry detergent pods \$15-\$25
- Non scented fabric dryer sheets \$5-\$10
- Paper towels/Kleenex \$5-\$15
- S-M-L Zip lock bags \$5-\$15
- Non scented baby wipes \$5-\$15
- Coffee K cups \$10-\$25
- Dish soap and hand soap \$5-\$10
- Dishwasher pods \$10-\$25
- Large fluffy towels and pillows \$10-\$30
- DISNEY+ (Annual Subscriptions) \$120

Food Items

- Baking supplies, pasta, rice \$5-\$20
- Cereal (no nuts-low sugar) \$5-\$15
- Canned goods, including canned fruit \$5-\$10
- School lunch snacks and juice boxes \$5-\$10

Clothing items

- Boys underwear Size 4-12 \$10-\$20
- Girls underwear size 4-12 \$10-\$20

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

- New or gently used bowls, cups or mugs \$0-\$20
- New or gently used cutlery, spatulas, mixing spoons etc \$0-\$20
- Dish cloths and dish towels (new) \$5-\$10
- Bedding for single beds (new) \$15-\$50
- 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
- Baby bottles/nipples (new) \$5-\$20
- New swim suits for women and children \$10-\$40

- Combs and brushes \$5-\$10
- Disposable razors \$2-\$10
- Epsom Salt \$5-\$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

The Amazing Stuff

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



SHARE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY! Want to help out with coffee hour on Sundays, but not sure about what's all involved? No problem! A list of responsibilities is posted in the kitchen and everything is supplied. To be added to the rotation of coffee hour volunteers, contact Charles or Laura Roy. A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen.

In Our Wider Community

Greetings Everyone,

The 2023 General Assembly adopted a Confession regarding the ways in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada has silenced, mistreated and slandered the “ethnic contingent” of the church. Following the Assembly's direction, on Sunday December 3, 2023, at 3:00 pm (et) a Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope will be held at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, located at 106 Ravenscrest Dr., Etobicoke, Ontario. This service will also be livestreamed so that Presbyterians across the country may be able to participate.

As the church begins a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, we pray that this service of repentance will lead to a renewed journey of healing and hope within all parts of our church.

The service will feature leadership from the diversity of our denomination, including The Rev. In Kee Kim of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, who will preach the sermon and The Rev. Drs. Heather Vais and John Vissers.

The service will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person. The link is <https://timothypc.com/repentance/> or visit the congregation's website, <http://timothypc.com/>.

HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The session will begin at 1:30 at the church. Each afternoon will include a time to socialize, an opportunity to have your blood pressure checked, a brief exercise time, entertainment and refreshments. Masks are required. Fully accessible, free parking.

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

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 #49.

Settlement Agreement Parties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

49. We call upon all religious denominations and faith groups who have not already done so to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius.

The dinner for InterChurch Health Ministries-Saskatchewan (ICHM-SK) on November 26, 2023 at the top of Luther Tower has been postponed until some time in the new year.

Micah Mission Fundraiser: Reconciliation Reels at the Roxy Theatre

The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm

See poster for more details.

CAMP TAPAWINGO, United Church Camp at Candle Lake Sask. Is looking for a mature organized and self-motivated individual for the full-time, permanent camp operations manager. Please see the full job description, roles, responsibilities, time commitment and wage on our website at www.camptapawingo.net. Please direct questions and applications to Terry at info@camptapawingo.net



Over the past two years, Canadian aid organizations advocated to remove legal barriers to much-needed aid in Afghanistan. The barriers prevented aid organizations, including PWS&D, from providing urgent humanitarian



assistance since the Taliban took control in August 2021. The recent parliamentary adoption of Bill C-41 now enables Canadian aid organizations to provide crucial aid in Afghanistan safely and effectively. Bill C-41 is vital to improving access to health care, ensuring access to food, water and sanitation, education, and protecting human dignity. As winter approaches, the needs are even greater. PWS&D will now support work in Afghanistan once again—an important step in coping with political, economic and climate adversity for many in the country.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 26 (Reign of Christ Sunday) 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 27 Creator, we give thanks for the wisdom of Indigenous elders and their desire to share their stories and teachings with future generations.

Tuesday, November 28 We pray for all those who lead and contribute to the ministry of worship and praise in congregations at this sacred and busy time of year.

Wednesday, November 29 Transform, O God, curiosity into call by the grace of your Holy Spirit for the sake of the church and the world you so love.

Thursday, November 30 We pray for Place of Hope Presbyterian Church as they minister to Indigenous people in the inner city of Winnipeg, Manitoba by providing spiritual and tangible care.

Friday, December 1 We pray for PWS&D's partners in Malawi who are helping reduce the spread of HIV infections among youth and promoting positive, healthy, sustainable living with access to life-saving treatments.

Saturday, December 2 We pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministry which offers a range of services to Indigenous people through their drop-in centre, located at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.