

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: Spencer McKnight

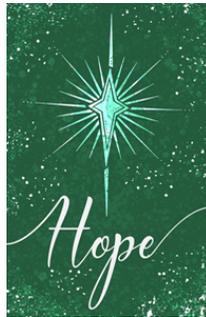
November 27th, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

"Come, let us go up the mountain to the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." – Isaiah 2: 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: Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 703 – J.S. Bach

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

Special Presentation

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

-David Tabien, Daniel Tabien, Al Ireland

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

#110

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God of hope,
we confess that we often prefer
accepting half-truths and pleasing ideas,**

rather than your challenging word.
We praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom.
We have exploited others for our benefit
and used the earth without a thought for its wellbeing.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: "Prepare the way, O Zion" #129

(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

- David Tabien

Psalms 122 (Refrain 2)

Romans 13: 11-14

- Daniel Tabien

Matthew 24: 36-44

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon "Keep Awake" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Sleepers Awake, *from Cantata, BWV 140* – J.S. Bach, arr. Paul Suchan

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

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.**

Vocal Solo: Zion hort die Wachter singen, from *Cantata, BWV 140* – J.S. Bach

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 people say: Amen.*

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:

Loving God,

**you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with
Christ.**

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: "Herald! Sound the note of judgement"

#117

Benediction

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

Postlude: Tune Your Harps from *Esther* – George Frideric Handel

Greeters and Collectors:

**Esther Efeme, Sammy Lyonga Ngombe,
Sammy Lyonga Ngombe, Laura van Loon**

Church School Leaders:

Martha Fergusson



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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.



Please check your in box for the latest edition of "Saints Alive", the church newsletter. There are also hard copies available on the entranceway table.



2023 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. 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.***

POSTPONED TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH ST. ANDREW'S/ ZION YOUTH GROUP 5:30- 8:30 p.m.

Advent, Dinner, Social Justice, and Bible Study; Rev. Roberto will be part of the evening
RSVP Martha 306 270- 2378 for meal confirmation. Pasta Bar!

The **Walk to Bethlehem** An Advent Pilgrimage, commences on Sunday Nov. 27 and ends on Dec.24. You will find the daily scripture readings and the walking log in the newsletter. You can download it at presbyterianchurch.ca or pick up the copy in the narthex. Please let me know if you are participating so that collectively we can add the km to see whether we can all walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem. If you would like it mailed to you, please let me know. You can call/text me at 306-229-7846, or email me at lauralene66@gmail.com. Thank-you.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 7, at 1:00 pm, in the lower hall.

BLANKET AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

Although our Blanket and Warm Clothing Drive is officially over for this year, we have decided to keep the bin in the entryway for those who discover additional treasures in their closets and need a place to drop them off. New socks, underwear and tights are also especially welcome. Thank you for your support.

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 #8.

8. We call upon the federal government to eliminate the discrepancy in federal education funding for First Nations children being educated on reserves and those First Nations children being educated off reserves.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes

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

ADVENT APPEAL

Another year has passed and the season of Advent is upon us once again. This year's Advent Appeal will be a hybrid appeal. Those attending the Sunday service will be able to provide physical gifts if they wish, and those worshipping from home can monetarily supporting the agencies. For of those attending Sunday services, there will be a basket in the entryway filled with ornaments for them to select. As we don't have enough ornaments for the listed needs of all the agencies, we have arbitrarily selected gifts to attach to the ornaments. The entire list is shown below, and will be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. From the basket you can select the ornaments by size, color, or shape, or you can read

what is on the tag and find an item that suits your personal gifts. Take the selected ornament home and complete the tasks on the tags. If it is a gift, peel the back off of the tag and attach it to the gift, bring the gift AND the ornament back to the church, and place the gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree. This will provide a wonderful visual progress report of this years Advent Appeal.

For those worshipping from home, please take a look at the items shown below for a list of items needed by each agency. You can then make a cash donation by e-transfer or by going to our church website and clicking on the donate button. Which ever way that you donate, please add a note to say your donation is for the Advent appeal, and also add the name of the agency where you would like your donation directed. We will add an ornament to the tree for each \$10 donated.

Below you will find a list of all of the items that the agencies are asking for. Please take a look at. You will notice some numbers in brackets. These provide a very approximate value for the items. If there is something in the list that you don't see, please let Al Ireland know. If there is something that you would like to donate and you don't see a tag for it, again, please let him know. Custom tags are always available.

Elizabeth Fry has a wonderful program called the Storybook Program that donates a book to a child of a sister, mother, aunt or grandmother that has been incarcerated, along with a recording of that person reading the book, so that the adult and child can connect during this season when family is so important. If you wish to help support this, please click on the link below to you're your donation, or you can you're your donation through the church.

(<https://www.facebook.com/EfrySask/posts/pfbid056TvybrYit2WZWvZDJ6uyktkXRr29sinunmXWXKcT9X9cD2zjuTzmLvz8bLtzwX4I>)

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Nutrition

- Fresh/Canned/Frozen Fruit & Vegetables (5-50)
- Fresh Bread, Buns (5-50)
- Dried goods (pasta, rice, tacos, etc.) (5-50)
- Chickens, Turkeys, and Ground Beef (labeled & dated)
- Wild Meat and Venison (labeled & dated)

Hygiene*

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo, Conditioner (5-50)
- Deodorant, Disposable Razors (5-50)

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

School Supplies

- Pens, Pencils and Erasers, Pencil Cases (5-50)
- Looseleaf (5-50)
- Calculators, Geometry Sets, Rulers, etc. (5-50)
- Markers, Pencil Crayons, etc. (5-50)
- Alarm Clocks (5-50)

Bed and Bath

- Quilts and Duvets (>50)
- Sheets and Pillows (>50)
- Towels (>20)
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Alarm Clocks (10-50)

Babies and Children

- Baby and Toddler Clothing (>50)
- Strollers (>50)
- New Car Seats (>50)
- Baby Formula and Bottles (unused and unopened) (10-50)
- Disposable Diapers (>20)

- Toys and Games (10-50)
- Quilts and Blankets (>50)

Clothing

- Youth- and Teen-appropriate Clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) (>50)
- Winter Jackets, Ski-Pants, Gloves, Mitts, and Headbands (20-100)
- Shoes, and Boots (>50)
- New Underwear (>15)
- Socks (>15)

Sports, Recreation, and Crafts

- Beads and Beading Supplies (15-50)
- Youth- and Child-appropriate DVD Movies (20-100)

INTERVAL HOUSE

- Stockings (10-50)
- Nail Clippers (10-20)
- Winter Boots (>50)
- Hats/Toques (10-50)
- New Android and I-phone chargers (20-50)
- Nightlights (15-50)
- Lamps (20-50)
- dish sets (Corelle bowls, cutlery, glassware) (>20)
- brooms (>15)
- housecoats (>20)
- movie passes (>10)
- new pillows (>20)
- journals/agendas (>10)
- large bath towels (>20)
- laundry baskets (20-40)
- women's sweat pants (15-50)
- wrapping paper/gift bags (5-20)
- nail files (10-20)
- mitts/gloves (5-50)
- winter jackets/pants (>30)
- baby clothes (>20)
- twin sheets/comforters etc. (>40)
- socks/underwear (15-50)
- slippers (15-50)
- board games (15-50)
- pyjamas for women and children (>20)
- children's clothes all sizes (>20)
- gift cards (any denomination)
- outside play toys (no weapons) (>20)
- new boots/women's and children's (>20)
- baby monitors (20-90)

KIDS HAVEN CONNECTIONS (CRISIS NURSERY)

- Monetary Donations (any amount)
- Grocery gift cards
- gift cards for events
- children's clothing (new or gently used)

SNCM

- gently used shoes and warm boots
- Gift Cards (SuperStore)
- New long johns (all sizes) (>20)
- Mittens (5-50)
- monetary donations
- new and gently used back packs
- new and gently used blankets
- New dish cloths/towels (10-50)
- printer paper (20-50)
- scarves
- Sleeping Bags (>50)
- Socks (15-50)
- tarps (>15)
- toques and headbands (5-20)
- underwear (new) (15-50)
- winter jackets, ski pants (>20)
- women's tights - all sizes (>20)
- gently used boots
- pants, shirts (>20)

FRIENDSHIP INN

- Eggs (5-15)
- canned/dried beans and legumes (2-15)
- Pantry staples: cooking oil, sugar, ketchup, salt and pepper (5-25)
- Chicken or beef stock base (powdered) (5-15)
- Dried seasonings: Bay leaf, Garlic Plus, pepper, parsley, lemon pepper, dill, thyme, rosemary, sage, cumin and garam masala (5-15)
- Diapers: especially sizes 4 & 5 (>20)
- Pull-ups: especially 3T, 4T & 5T (>20)
- Baby formula (20-50)
- toothbrushes/paste (10-50)
- deodorant (10-30)
- feminine pads (10-50)
- men's razors (10-50)
- shampoo/conditioner (5-50)
- unisex t-shirts (15- 50)

ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY

- Monetary donations
- Donations for Storybook Program so that mothers can read to their children.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (5-50)
- Shampoo and conditioner (either small or regular size) (5-50)
- Combs (5-10)
- Deodorant (5-20)
- Soap, body wash/shower gel, and body lotion (5-50)
- Feminine pads and tampons (>15)
- Underwear (all sizes) (>15)
- Socks 10-50)
- Mittens (10-20)
- Journal notebooks (10-50)
- Reusable water bottles, travel mugs, and bags/totes (5-50)

- Backpacks (>30)
- Stamps and envelopes (10-50)

YWCA WOMEN'S CRISIS SHELTER

- New pillows (>50)
- New bedding for single beds (fitted and flat, children's bedding) (>50)
- New bath towels and face cloths (>20)
- New bowls, cups and mugs (microwave safe) (>20)
- Cutlery and kitchen supplies (>20)
- Pots and Pans (>20)
- New dishcloths and towels (15-50)
- New full-size and bulk containers of shampoo, conditioner and soap bars (unscented) (10- 50)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss (10-50)
- New pajamas, socks and underwear for women and children (15- 50)
- New sweatpants and leggings of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- New sweatshirts and t-shirts of various sizes for women (15- 50)
- Grocery and phone gift cards of any denomination
- New swimsuits for women and children

Other suggestions

- Set the table during Lent
- 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 still 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.

In Our Wider Community

Congratulations to Yonas Sbhatu recipient of funding from St. Andrew's Education Fund this year. Yonas is a member of the refugee family that was sponsored by the Tri-Church Refugee Support Committee of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Knox United Church and Third Avenue United Church. We sponsored the family beginning in September 2017. He became a Canadian Citizen on December 1, 2021.

Yonas, a graduate of Bishop James Mahoney High School, was accepted into the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan. He began his studies in September 2022.

"LET'S CELEBRATE" – Saskatoon Choral Society and Holosy Ukrainian Choir are performing a Christmas Season Concert on Sunday, November 27, from 7-9 pm at Calvin Goforth Presbyterian Church. Admission by donation; masks required.

"WITH JOYFUL HEARTS" - a concert by the Magic City Chorus on Sunday, December 10 at St. Paul's United Church. There are two shows – 3pm and 7pm, and \$20 tickets are available from Fran Gordon.

GoFORTH HUB CLUB will meet next on Monday, December 5 from 1:30 – 4 pm, at Calvin Goforth. Masks required. See poster for more details.



First Sunday in Advent

Hope

Written by the Rev. Mavis Currie,
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

Reader 1: We are people of hope.

Reader 2: God longs for a day when weapons will be replaced with tools for rebuilding.

People: We see your goodness and signs of new life all around us.

Reader 1: The first candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of hope.

Reader 2: We light this candle to remind us to see God's hope shining in our world.

(Light the candle of hope)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

People: Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.

Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star



Scholarship Provides Hope for the Future

Despite facing challenges during her childhood, 16-year-old Emmice was doing exceptionally well in school in Malawi.

Raising Emmice alone, her mother found it difficult to find jobs with only a grade eight education. Leaving Emmice with her grandmother, Emmice's mother moved to South Africa in search of employment to help her support her family. But, after a xenophobic attack on her small business, she returned to her family in Malawi empty-handed.

At this time, Emmice was attending her first year at Neno Girls Secondary School, where PWS&D funds bursaries for marginalized students who might be at risk of dropping out without support.

Due to financial troubles, Emmice's mom decided to withdraw Emmice from school. But knowing how successful Emmice's studies had been, the school selected her to receive a bursary, allowing her to continue attending.

Today Emmice is working to earn her high school diploma, which will provide her with more opportunities for the future.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to support those in need. In countries around the world, PWS&D is helping children access opportunities to create brighter futures.

WeRespond.ca



Raamia fled to Pakistan with her daughter after divorcing her abusive husband in Afghanistan. As a single mother, Raamia made and sold handicrafts to support herself and her daughter, Zainab. On their way to the city of Lahore, she and her daughter got into an accident. Her daughter was unharmed, but Raaima was severely injured, resulting in her arm having to be amputated. After the accident, she could not continue working on her handicrafts. Raamia and her daughter were selected to receive cash support from a project by Community World Service Asia, a Presbyterian World Service & Development partner. "I was able to buy some food supplies with the money I received," she said. **This project is helping refugee families who have fled Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover.**



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent) Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, November 28 We pray for the safety of all those whose lives have been uprooted by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, and we give thanks for the emergency support that Presbyterians in Canada are helping to provide through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, November 29 We pray for congregations participating in the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program as they work to discern God's call for their future and plan a way forward.

Wednesday, November 30 We pray for theological students who are graduating this winter and beginning to seek a call to a congregation.

Thursday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS. We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who provide vital support to those living with HIV/AIDS and also pray for improved access to health care and life-saving treatments.

Friday, December 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, December 3 On the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, we pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community and church life.