

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

Hymn: O Breath of life, come sweeping through us #384

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;

we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

(Pause for silent confession)

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power

to change our lives and make us new,

that we may know the joy of life abundant

given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: O look and wonder! (Psalm 133) #93

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music

Rodolfo Omolida

Sermon: *These are the Days*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People 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.

Hymn: Where charity and love prevail #692

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

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. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Christ is alive #251

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619):

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

HYMNS for Sunday April 11th

#384 - O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip your church to spread the light.

#93 - Oh look and wonder

Refrain Oh look and wonder; how good it is!
Oh look and wonder; how good it is!

How good it is when kindred live in harmony together,
joyous and sweet as precious oil anointing Aaron's head.

Refrain

How good it is when kindred live in harmony together,
joyous and sweet as precious oil that flows down Aaron's
beard.

Refrain

How good it is when kindred live in harmony together,
joyous and sweet as dew that falls on Zion, new and pure.

Refrain

How good it is when kindred live in harmony together,
joyous and sweet as life God gives on Zion evermore.

Refrain

#692 - Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease;
be God's the glory that we seek;
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude,
if honoured by God's name;
our family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

#251 - Christ is alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the life, the way, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- All Christian communities, that they may grow in diversity and be bound together in love.
- The 146th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and its Moderator-elect, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott.
- Those who are sick with Covid-19 in Saskatchewan, those who are caring for them, and especially for our overflowing ICUs in Regina.
- The smooth roll-out of the vaccination program in Saskatchewan and across the country.
- Countries and communities that are experiencing outbreaks of Covid with few resources to respond and little access to vaccines.

Praise God for...

- Christian communities that are learning to share their resources with one another and with those in need.
- The youth and young adults of First Church who began a new part of their faith journey when they professed their faith at Easter: Asher Ferozdin, Shazia Ferozdin, Ace Miller, Amber Robson, Luke Yakemchuk, & Matthew Yakemchuk.
- Our church family and the love we continue to share with each other even when we cannot gather together.

This Week at First Church

Apr. 11	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship
	12:15 pm	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Easter with the Moderator
Apr. 13	noon	Freedom 55'ers
Apr. 14	9:30 am	Pastoral Care Committee
	7:00 pm	First Church Book Club
Apr. 15	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Apr. 18	10:30 am	Worship
	12:15 pm	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour

Newsletter April's edition of First Things First was sent out by e-mail Friday. Please take time to read it and see what is coming up on the calendar.

Thank you We, the family of Fred Urschel, wish to thank our church friends for the cards and phone calls we received on the passing of Fred. They were much appreciated at this most difficult time. God bless.

Elinor, Barb, Carol, and families

Thank you to everyone who supplied the wonderful meals to me while I was recovering. I appreciated all of the prayers and phone calls.

Margaret MacDonald

Easter with the Moderator: Oh look and wonder, how good it is!

When: TODAY Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2:00 pm

You are invited to spend an hour with the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the General Assembly, and begin the Season of Easter together with Presbyterians across the country.

While we continue to struggle through the global pandemic in the world and endure the ongoing conflicts and disagreements in the church, the Season of Easter invites us to look for and celebrate the experiences of unity, compassion and hope that are happening right now. This gathering will include a look at the early church's witness of fellowship and sharing, and invite us to identify and rejoice in the ways God's Spirit is drawing us together in unity and common mission today.

Please register for this gathering to receive your unique link to join the meeting: <https://presbyterian-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtf-yqpzIqGNdGTbr2JMELsmRS5HQRDD8>

Office Hours Mon.: 8:30 - 11:15 / Wed. to Fri.: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Rev. Amanda Currie works from home most days and from the office occasionally. You can continue to reach her by phone or text message (306-580-8095) or by email (revfpc@sasktel.net). A physically-distanced pastoral visit is always possible, as well as a phone call or Zoom video call.