

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Alicia Monson

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

April 14th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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: Prelude in E Major, BWV 854 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *“Morning has broken”*

#814

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God our Redeemer,

in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.

Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain

if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves.

Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us.

Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

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: *"Come to us, beloved Stranger"* #262
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 3: 12-19

- Heather Shouse

Psalm 4

I John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

- Alicia Monson

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "They Finally Understood" - Alicia Monson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Präludium XIII, op. 87 – Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

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: *"They set out on their homeward road"* #263

Benediction

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

Postlude: Aria, from *Goldburg Variations*, BWV 988 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lock Up: Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hour: Dewald Schlebusch & Christél Jordaan-Schlebusch



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

Announcements

COFFEE HOUR - APRIL 14 BOARD OF MANAGERS APPRECIATION SUNDAY - TODAY

Please join us during the coffee hour following the church service to show your appreciation to this past year's Board of Managers (2023).

Thank you to Luella Moore as she has stepped down from active Session duty. We will acknowledge her departure at today's coffee hour. Luella continues as the Pastoral Care Committee Convenor. Please join us to say Thank you.



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

Please return your Health Surveys by April 15th to the church, on-line and by mail.



CHEF TASTY ANNOUNCES THE INDOOR SPRING CLEAN.

The Anniversary Committee is heading up an opportunity to get to know each other through our Interior Spring Clean. The main focus is the church kitchen. We could use about 6-8 people to give a hand. On Saturday, April 20th, beginning at 10 am. Supplies will be on hand to clean up. Contact Heather Kolojaj or Jan Rodda for more info. Thanks for making a date!

Sunday April 21st – **"Lunch & Learn"** – sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee. Following the worship service, lunch & coffee will be provided. There will be a power point presentation "Care for the Caregiver" - by Laura Van Loon, St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Nurse.





MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA. Bring someone special and enjoy a British-style Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, between 1:45 pm and 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 436 Spadina Cres East (corner of Spadina Cres and 20th Street). Tickets are \$30 each. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Sandra by email at standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com or call 306-260-7734. Seating is limited, so book early. Proceeds from this Tea will go to St Andrew's Anniversary Committee Fund.

Hanging Basket Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in September 2025!! Beginning April 14 order forms will be available to place your order for as many hanging baskets as you would like to enjoy during the Spring and Summer season. This is an early fundraiser hosted by the Anniversary Committee. Delivery/pick up date is May 11 at the Mother's Day Tea! Order forms are available on the counter at the back of the church. Any questions contact Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda.



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 #69.

Museums and Archives

69. We call upon Library and Archives Canada to:

- i. Fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Joint-Orentlicher Principles, as related to Aboriginal peoples' inalienable right to know the truth about what happened and why, with regard to human rights violations committed against them in the residential schools.
- ii. Ensure that its record holdings related to residential schools are accessible to the public.
- iii. Commit more resources to its public education materials and programming on residential schools.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the spring 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
- 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

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 14

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church (TRC) in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring creative new ways of being the church. Two values that support their purpose of “inviting all to come alive in Christ” are “face-to-face church” and “every voice matters.” These commitments have literally shaped the way the congregation worships God. TRC’s Living Room and Liturgical practices invite people into circles and semi-circles to be seen and heard. Opportunity for conversation, asking and answering questions, offering testimony, and sharing in discernment of the Spirit’s voice creates space for the whole body of Christ at TRC to participate in worship and mission.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 14 We thank you for your Word that shows your path. Help us to develop strong spiritual practices in our homes and communities that lead to transformation and growth.

Monday, April 15 We pray for those attending “The Art of Transitional Leadership: Help and Hope for Interim Moderators,” that participants will be energized and renewed as they lead the congregations they serve in discerning God’s future.

Tuesday, April 16 We pray for the 69th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan as they meet with a theme of “Inspire a Life of Faith—Seeking God’s House of Abundance” from April 16-18.

Wednesday, April 17 We pray for Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario as it provides practical care and support—an urban “home”—for many elders and young people who have endured the realities of the residential school system or have aged out of the child welfare system.

Thursday, April 18 God of resurrection and transformation, we pray that LGBTQI2+ people experiencing life transitions and coming out will feel your comforting presence through the care of their loved ones.

Friday, April 19 We ask that God bless the efforts of theological students in the last days of the academic year, giving them grace to finish well, to be taught, formed and swept up in God’s reconciling mission.

Saturday, April 20 We pray for the Communauté Chrétien Siloé, a Cameroonian Church in Montreal, as they seek funding to complete renovations of the old church building they have revived for worship. We ask God to bless their vibrant music ministry, their dedicated women and their church choir.