# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

## *THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP*

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
April 19th, 2026

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

*"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" – Psalm 116: 12*

*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.*

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: Évocation (les Prairies canadiennes) – Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

Welcome and Announcements - Jan Rodda

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We gather as travellers on the road,
**hearts full of questions, souls longing for hope.**
Christ walks beside us,
**even when our eyes do not yet see Him.**
He listens to our stories,
**and kindles a fire within our hearts.**
Let us open our eyes to his presence,
**our ears to his voice, and our lives to his transforming love.**
Come—let us worship the Risen One,
**who meets us on the journey and leads us into joy.**

Prayer of Adoration

***Praise:*** ***"Come to us, beloved Stranger"*** ***#262***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Risen Lord,**
**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we confess that we do not always recognize you when you walk beside us.**
**Our eyes are clouded by worry, our hearts distracted by our own plans, and our hope dimmed by disappointment.**
**Forgive us for the times we have spoken of you without truly listening to your voice.**
**Forgive us when we have hurried past the quiet moments where you wait to meet us.**
**Forgive us for doubting your presence when the path feels long and uncertain.**
**Open our eyes to see you in the breaking of bread, in the kindness of strangers,**

**and in the Scriptures that burn within our hearts.**
**Renew our faith, that we may walk in joy as witnesses to Your resurrection.**
**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

***Praise:*** ***"Jesus, stand among us"*** ***#452***

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.**

*(Children leave for church school)*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 - Fran Gordon

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 Refrain 3

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The Walk to Emmaus" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Prière à Notre Dame – Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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

Lord, in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

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

Benediction

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

Postlude: Dialogue – Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Pastoral Care

We Need Prayer and Nomination

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session is announcing that the "**Call for Eldership"** is before the congregation. Eldership" is a spiritual function as is the ministry". The qualifications include being a professing member of the congregation and being an example " in speech, love, faith and purity. The Session meets once a month, for the purpose of establishing good order and providing for the pastoral care of the congregation. Should **you** be interested **or know someone** who should be considered for the call to eldership please let your Session member(s) and or the Clerk of Session know by **April 27, 2026**. A letter of interest would be useful and can be emailed to the Clerk of Session: clerk@standrewsyxe.ca or to the church office: office@standrewsyxe.ca. The **Election** will take place in the later part of **May.**

**Today – April 19 – Pastoral Care Lunch and Learn**

The Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to announce that Krista-Dawn Kimsey of the Mustard Seed Saskatoon will make a presentation on Sunday, April 19 following the worship service. Learn how The Mustard Seed (https://theseed.ca/saskatoon-shelter), which is located in downtown Saskatoon, is helping the poor and unhoused in our community. The Pastoral Care Committee will provide lunch. Please plan to join us.

Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse will be out of the province from April 24-28 as she is attending a Canadian Parish Nursing Ministry Conference. Please call the office for help as needed.

Please mark the date for the upcoming baby shower for Rev. Roberto's and Heather's little blessing Rosie! Sunday, May 24th following the church service. More details next week!

**Want to donate to the church?** Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:

- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.




A new coffee roster has been prepared for the period January through May 2026. This roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available so please sign up at your convenience. Thanks to everyone who hosted during the period September to December 2025 as every Sunday was filled. Unfortunately, if the coffee roster is not filled on any given Sunday, there will be no coffee hour that day. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or cell 306-361-1976.

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

**AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- Contact Information Forms
- The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- PAR Forms
- The Annual Report

**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 standrewsyxe.ca
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

# *In Our Wider Community*

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information

**GoForth Hub** The new schedule for the GoForth Club is available on the bulletin board in the lower hall.

**Your Garden of Success by D.J. Harrington**
FIRST PLANT 7 ROWS OF PEAS
Presence, Promptness, Preparation, Patience, Perseverance, Positive Action, Prayer
THEN PLANT 8 ROWS OF SQUASH
Squash Gossip, Squash Indifference, Squash Indecision, Squash Negativity, Squash Worry, Squash Envy, Squash Greed, Squash Fear
NEXT PLANT 9 ROWS OF TURNIPS
Turn-up for Training, Turn-up on Time, Turn-up with a Smile, Turn-up with New Ideas, Turn-up with New Goals, Turn-up with New Prospects, Turn-up with Excitement, Turn-up with a Positive Attitude, Turn-up with Determination to Make Everything Count for Good and Worthwhile
NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT LETTUCE
Let us Be Faithful to Our Duty, Let us Be Honest With Ourselves, Let Us Be Unselfish and Loyal, Let us Be true to Our Obligations, Let us Have Fun and Enjoyment, Let Us Obey the Rules and Regulations, Let Us Love and Help One Another
AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST,
LET US ASK FOR GOD'S HELP.....

# MISSION MOMENT

**Sunday, April 19**



In 2022, the Rev. Konnie Vissers launched Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco Justice, creating four urban children's gardens in Guelph and Hamilton through local congregations. By 2023, summer camp and Sunday School programs integrated eco-theology and gardening, reaching over 90 campers. Last summer, a children's garden at Kortright Presbyterian Church hosted workshops and a five-week class on sustainable gardening, food justice, and creation care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, upcoming plans include a greenhouse garden and a fruit tree guild. By combining faith, practical skills, and positive coping strategies, this unique mission teaches children to connect with God, care for creation, and support local food security. These programs offer hope, cultivate love for nature, and empower young people to engage in meaningful climate action while taking home free, organic produce to share with their communities.

## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, April 19** **(Earth Week Starts)** We pray for ministries involved in community gardens and creation care that teach practical skills while offering hope and nurturing faith in God.

**Monday, April 20** We pray for record keepers and historians as they preserve and promote the history of congregations and the denomination.

**Tuesday, April 21** We pray for the Committee on History as it preserves and promotes the rich history we share as The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Wednesday, April 22** **(Earth Day)** We pray for the well-being of God's beloved creation and for earth, land and water defenders, advocates, scientists and decision makers working to protect the ecosystems that sustain all life on Earth.

**Thursday, April 23** We pray for farmers in Malawi, Pakistan and Guatemala who are receiving support from PWS&D to improve their harvests and make them resilient to climate change.

**Friday, April 24** We pray for the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets on April 24th and 25th, that it might carry out its work with wisdom and grace.

**Saturday, April 25** We pray that our hearts may be open to learn from those of different faiths and backgrounds, so that in diversity we may discover deeper truth and love.