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 26th, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

"For 'you were like sheep going astray', but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." – 1 Peter 2: 25

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: Nimrod, from *Enigma Variations* – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Welcome and Announcements - Jan Rodda

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Come, beloved of God, for the Shepherd calls us by name.
We hear God's voice and we follow, for God leads us to life.
The Shepherd's gate is open wide—welcoming, safe, and sure.
Through the gate we enter and find rest for our souls.
In his care, we are nourished; in his presence, we are known.
He leads us to green pastures and still waters of peace.
Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd—
The One who knows us, loves us, and lays down his life for us.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"The Lord's my shepherd"*** ***#11***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Gracious Shepherd,
we confess that we have, too often, wandered from your way.
We listen to the calls of this world, those people and things that promise life but lead us astray, and we fail to hear your voice.
We have sought security in things that cannot save.
Forgive us for the times we have resisted your leading,
for the moments we have doubted your goodness.

Restore our hearts to trust you fully, to follow where you lead,
and to rest in the abundant life you offer.
In the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we pray.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand"*** ***#517***

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: 42-47 - Jim Fenton

Psalm 23 Refrain 3

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Good Shepherd" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: You Are Mine – David Haas (b. 1957)

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: ***"Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"*** ***#485***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Jupiter Hymn, from *The Planets* – Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga

Coffee Hosts: Fergusson Family

Our good friend Rev. George Yando has died. George was a warm and wonderful presence in the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan for many years, serving churches in Prince Albert, North Battleford, Melfort, and Mistawasis. He also served as Interim Moderator here at St. Andrew's during our minister search in 2017/18. George died surrounded by the love of God and his family on Wednesday, April 22nd A funeral service will be held at Gray's Funeral Chapel in Prince Albert this week (https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/grays.html)

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.**

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church First Quarter Update



Dear St. Andrew's Friends – I hope that this update finds you well and anticipating the rebirth of spring (even if winter keeps re-entering our lives!) How time flies! We are already over one quarter into our year. I just wanted to update you on our financial status. For those of you who were unable to attend the AGM, we ended 2025 with an operating surplus of just under $15,000! God is at work in our congregation! As of the end of March, our revenues in all categories are lagging behind the 2025 revenue inputs by about $5,000 total. There does appear to be some recovery happening in April. Expenses are tracking approximately the same this year as in the past year. As of the end of March we have over $260,000 in cash/savings: $10k chequing, $168k building fund and $21k memorial fund. As we are poised to begin renovations of this house of God, you should know that the Board of Managers is working diligently to strengthen our financial processes to correspond to the upcoming amount of expenditures. As always, I am happy to answer any of your questions:
Orlanda Drebit Treasurer

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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Sunday, May 10th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca Please do not include any clip art, as it doesn't copy well.





Baby shower for a new little blessing, after church on Sunday, May 24th! A luncheon baby shower will be held downstairs to celebrate the birth of Rev. Roberto's and Heather's daughter Rosie. In lieu of a card, we would suggest you bring an unwrapped favorite children's book, (new or used) which you have signed inside, to start Rosie's own library! If you are interested in purchasing a gift, you can check out Heather DeSandoli's registry on Baby Registry Amazon.ca
Amazon: Baby Registry
Anne Drover or Heather Shouse may be contacted if you have any questions.

Advance Notice – It's Time to Purchase Socks for SNCM 2026
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)
Purchase socks and bring them **May 24-June 21** to put on the sock tree. **Note:** These socks should be durable-long lasting socks. Our goal is to provide **100 pairs** of socks to SNCM.
Note: This is a change from previous years. The church is not allowed to collect funds for the socks. Any donations must be sent directly to SNCM.
St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



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: St. Andrew's is responsible for providing sandwiches for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry's lunch program on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, 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.

Lyell Gustin Recital Series ~ spring concert
Gryphon Trio
Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Cres. E
Gustin House presents one of the world's foremost piano trios! Gryphon Trio is a three-time JUNO winner (and an 11-time nominee!), praised internationally, and recipient of accolades for performance, musical leadership and mentoring, and 22 acclaimed recordings. The Trio's recital will illuminate and celebrate the development of their repertoire. Their program, "Becoming the Piano Trio: From Enlightenment Conversation to Inner Voice," includes works from Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn to Brahms and Rebecca Clarke.
Tickets, $50 regular / $30 student, at St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee, and at the door; more information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca.
n.b. Child 12 or Under, free if accompanied by an adult.



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 26

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as "an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves." Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC's Mission Blog web page he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes "the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing." With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 26 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We pray for mission staff Gerry and Lorna Kent & Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes as they serve people in Nepal through the United Mission to Nepal.

Monday, April 27 We pray for those who oversee the daily functions of life at The Presbyterian College, Montreal, including the sometimes challenging management of an aging building.

Tuesday, April 28 We pray for Knox College students as they complete the 2025/2026 academic year. We ask for clarity and confidence as they write their final papers and prepare for their summer commitments.

Wednesday, April 29 We pray for those who gather each month at the PCC's Christian Education Exchange online. May these gatherings be full of your Spirit, inspiration, and friendship.

Thursday, April 30 We pray for wisdom and strength for members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they work to advise committees and courts of the church about the critical work of truth, healing and reconciliation.

Friday, May 1 We pray for congregations concerned about finances, that God will provide the resources they need to continue the ministry they are called to do.

Saturday, May 2 We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a relationship, that they will re-learn to trust themselves and others as they move towards healing.