

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 27th, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter/Mission Awareness

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 118:2

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

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

- Jan Rodda

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"The day of resurrection"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Forgiving God,

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

In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always.

Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises.

We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives.

Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace.

**Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness
and your steadfast love for us. Amen.**

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: *"He is Lord"*

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(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 5: 27-32

- Patti Polowick

Psalm 118: 14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20: 19-31

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Knocked Down"

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Dresden Amen, from *Parsifal* – Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

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: *"Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord"*

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Benediction

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

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

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

Coffee Hosts: Pastoral Care Committee



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.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca; email: office@standrewsyxe.ca

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



Join us for a Lunch & Learn hosted by the **Pastoral Care Committee** TODAY, April 27th, following the service. The topic will be *Advance Care Planning* - insights in planning for important healthcare decisions in the future. The event will be held in the Lower Hall. We hope to see you there!

Yes, we are getting ready once again to **CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN!** This is done for all of us to enjoy all the social hospitality that we are experience throughout the year. Did you know our kitchen gets used almost everyday, Sundays after worship, and for larger events like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Youth Group Spaghetti nights, evening and weekend meetings and or workshops!

CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN is scheduled for May 3 beginning at 9:30am and finishing by 2pm. Please let Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda know if you can help out. We are looking for 6 people to help make the kitchen SPARKLE!!!! Thank you.



Socks for SNCM 2025

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

May 10 – June 16, 2025

There are two ways to donate: (1) **Donate online or in person**– Funds will be given to SNCM for purchasing suitable socks. (2) **Purchase a pair of socks** and put them in the sock box located in the Narthex. **Note:** These socks should be durable-long lasting socks.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the **Mother's Day Tea** scheduled for May 10, 2025 has regretfully been cancelled. Thanks to all who had agreed to help and apologies to those who had requested tickets.

Our 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025. Friday night is the kickoff event with a guest speaker and ordering dinner from one of the two Food Trucks we hope to have parked in our parking lot. September 27 includes a pancake breakfast and fellowship hour. Later in the day we will hold our Homecoming Banquet with doors opening at 5pm at the Western Development Museum. Fafa Ahiahonu will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from Vancouver School of Theology. Sunday morning worship led by the Rev. Roberto DeSandoli with a fellowship hour to follow.



Want to attend the Homecoming Weekend Banquet? Contact the church office to place your order, or fill in the Anniversary Banquet order form found on the back counter and drop it off. To place an order at the church office Call Dorothy at 306-242-0525 or email: office@standrewsyxe.ca Payment can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque. If paying by e-transfer, please indicate in the **message box** your name and names of any others you are purchasing for the Banquet.

Adult - \$35/person, Children 4-10 years of age -\$20/child, and under four years of age- FREE.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. 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.

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter.

Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca



Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

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 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

Justice and Hope for All: A 2025 Federal Election Resource

Canada's next federal election is scheduled for April 28. Democratic institutions rely on informed citizens' engagement. The PCC has produced a resource which contains questions about issues that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has spoken on. Grounded in our understanding that the church's role in society is to pursue love and justice for all of God's creation, this resource is intended to support personal reflection, conversation within congregations and advocacy with candidates. Please check it out for your topics of interest; there are questions that you can ask candidates when they come to the door.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2025/03/27/justice-and-hope-for-all-a-2025-federal-election-resource/>

St. Andrew's is pleased to support the Micah Mission "Remember Me" Campaign

On the cross, the repentant thief pleaded with Jesus: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23: 43). Micah Mission is a not-for-profit agency that works with individuals who have served time in the criminal justice system to find community support and reduce recidivism. Since 2022, Micah Mission has received no federal funding. On Sunday, May 4th, the Micah Mission is asking Christians to please support their vital work by making a \$5 donation to the box at the back of the church. To learn more, please see the letter in the Narthex.

Magic Blend – AN ACAPELLA EXTRAVAGANZA – will be on Saturday, May 24th at 3 pm St. Joseph's High School. See poster for more details.

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

On Sept. 9, 1945, Presbytery sent out a letter stating that all of the steps for the induction of Rev. Eoin MacKay have been completed.

Induction on Oct. 8, 1945 at 7:30 p.m.

The war was over and people were adjusting their lives and making changes. This was also the same in the Church. The story of our Church History depends on records being saved.

However, Rev. MacKay proved to be the "right person" for that time. He was a calm and steady pastor that set a new tone.

The following figures for 1948 are not just numbers but reflect costs and statistics of the Church in 1948 and 1949.

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Minister's Salary	\$2,200	\$2,600
Caretaker's Salary	\$ 764	\$ 905
Choir Leader	\$ 305	\$ 404
Organist	\$ 200	\$ 305
Secretary	\$ 75	\$ 100

The figures for maintenance show little difference:

Lights and power – in 1948 - \$100 and down to \$85 in 1949.

Fuel was \$442 in 1948 and \$394 in 1949.

The removal of ashes held steady at \$15 (note: for the whole year)!

Offering (both loose and envelope):

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Special offerings and Special donations:	\$7,888	\$7,786

The official statements were printed professionally by Orville McMillan, Chartered Accountant. Mr. McMillan was a great supporter of the Church for many years. Whenever asked, he picked up the tab for Rev. Jim Munro's airplane tickets. St. Andrew's loved to bring Rev. Munro "home" for many special occasions.

Every group that met in the Church prided themselves on having a little stash of money, accounted for down to the penny. This system worked as each group could decide how they wanted to spend their money. They never expected the Board of Managers to pay their way.

A list of these various groups showed how active the Church was. The Church was a busy place all during the week. Financial statements were submitted from these groups: Wilson Sunday School (SS), Thornton SS, Albert SS, and St. Andrew's SS. Scout and Cub Packs, Boys' Club, CGIT each made a report. The Women's Missionary Society (WMS), Main Branch at St. Andrew's and the Dr. Jas. Robertson Auxiliary, and Mary Sherrick Auxiliary all played an important role.

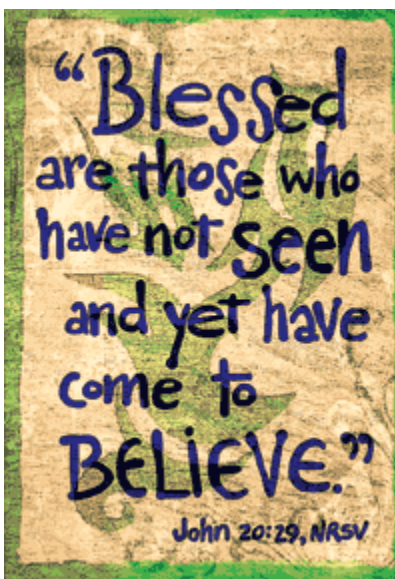
Of course, the Women's League contributed so much to the Church, both in money and involvement and hard work. Of interest is some of their major contributions in 1949:

Manse taxes and repairs:	\$261
Oil Burner for the Manse	\$367
Expenses for Exhibition Booth	\$791
(from a profit of \$17,32).	

They paid for kitchen and cleaning supplies, laundry and dry cleaning, repairing church tables, flowers, S.S. picnic, Christmas cheer and gifts, and the anniversary dinner. In all, they raised \$6,690 and spent \$6,013.

Perhaps the greatest indicator of the growth of the Church is:

In 1949, there were 50 members, 23 new names added and 50 birthday visits! In 1948, there were 44 members, 11 new names added and 33 birthday cards delivered. In 1945, the Cradle Roll reported 38 members, 16 new names, 22 birthday card visits.



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 27

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing and generous donations, a dedicated team brings the hope of Jesus to people in 24 prisons in Malawi. Overcrowding and underfunding means a lack of basic necessities. Stigma associated with imprisonment can result in abandonment by families and communities, leaving many feeling isolated and alone. Through weekly visits that include Bible study, prayer, and counselling, as well as monthly distribution of necessities such as bed mats, soap, toiletries, clothing, medicines and meal supplements for the most vulnerable, the Friends of Prisons ministry brings friendship and hope to prisoners.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 27 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We pray for the Rev. Hastings Phale as he prepares to travel to Canada to share with the General Assembly wonderful stories of God's work in Malawi prisons.

Monday, April 28 We pray for those who will visit Crieff Hills Retreat Centre and enjoy recreation, the beauty of the area and peace.

Tuesday, April 29 We pray for God's blessing on clerks of presbytery and synod who have gathered for the Clerks' Consultation in Mississauga, Ontario, to discuss polity issues of the church in a worshipful retreat atmosphere.

Wednesday, April 30 We pray for church musicians and choirs who help lead congregations in worship and praise.

Thursday, May 1 We give thanks for the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls as she connected with congregations this year.

Friday, May 2 We pray for United Mission to Nepal staff and Nepali community leaders as they work together to reduce stigma and introduce interventions that lead to improved mental health.

Saturday, May 3 We pray for people participating in the Guidance Conference from May 5 to 8, as candidates for ministry reflect deeply on their sense of call to ministry in the church.