

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Guest Violinist: Michael Swan

Organist: Paul Suchan

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mission Awareness Sunday**

*"Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep." – John 10: 7b*

*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: Vision of St. Joan – Gounod

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

**God, you are with us!**

God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

**God, restore our souls!**

God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**God, we will not be afraid!**

**God, our Shepherd, we praise for your goodness and mercy with us every day.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Christ is alive"***

**#251 vs. 1,4,5**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of love,**

**we confess that too often we let the events around us shatter our trust in your love.**

**When terror strikes and innocents fall,**

**we wonder if love can defeat violence.**

**When truth gets lost among misleading claims,**

**we wonder if love can prevail over lies.**

**Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in the power of your love**

**so soon after it raised Jesus from death's grip.**

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

*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 42-47

- Patti Polowick

Psalm 23 Refrain 3

I Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The Gateway" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Canzone – Rheinburger

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:** *"Let Christian faith and hope dispel"* **#257**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Violin Concerto no. 1 mov. 2 – Wieniawski

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**Greeters & Collectors:**

Laura Van Loon, Pearson Ahiahonu  
Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Trung Nguyen

**Lock up:**

Estelle Griffiths

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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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## *Announcements*



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK! beginning Sunday, May 7. Join us in the lower hall to re-establish our social time together. Cups will be available but if you want to bring your own that's OK, too! See you after the service!



### **Thank you Roll and Worship & Music Committees**

As our program year draws to a close, we are thanking our remaining committees and volunteers for all of their faithful commitment to the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's. Please sign the "Thank You" cards in the Narthex for our Roll and Worship & Music Committees.



Available on the entranceway table are **UPDATED** accountant statements. If you picked up an early copy, it has some inaccurate line items, and corrections have been made.

**Chair-ity Fundraiser** Begin to make a difference one chair at a time. \$55 is the cost of one chair, and they will be purchased in groups of 12, as donations are received. Please clearly mark "chairs" in your donation. \*UPDATE\* Thanks to your generosity, 32 new chairs have been ordered!

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall of the church.

**Socks for SNCM**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17

We can bring good gifts in the form of funds for Dylan at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase durable long-lasting socks for some of the people who come through their front door. Let's donate whatever we can to help with this project. This **online appeal** will run **May 7- June 15**.



All your donations of \$10.  or \$20 .  for socks add up.

**St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee**

### **MEN'S CAMP: MAY 25-27 AT CAMP CHRISTOPHER**

You are invited to the inaugural Men's Camp weekend at Camp Christopher! This retreat-style weekend is hosted by Rev. Roberto DeSandoli of St. Andrew's Saskatoon and Dylan Nippi of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. The theme of this weekend is "What's Your Story?" Drawing on Philippians 1: 1-12, we will explore what it means to live our stories as disciples of Jesus Christ: Where have we been? Where are we going? Where is God in it all? Come to hear and tell stories, work together, reflect in nature, and go deeper in faith.

Cost is \$65 Register by emailing name, contact information and any allergies to [info@campchristopher.ca](mailto:info@campchristopher.ca) or call Donna at 306-535-6916.

### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00
- \* Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- \* 2023 Offering Envelopes
- \* 2022 Annual Report
- \* 2022 Accountant Statements

## ***In Our Wider Community***

We have two rental parking stalls becoming available on May 1. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #23.

23. We call upon all levels of government to:

- i. Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field.
- ii. Ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities.
- iii. Provide cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals.

**When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith, proclaiming God's love, hope and grace through the decisions we make and the actions we take.** Together, we support congregations, theological colleges, camps, presbyteries, synods and specialized ministries as they nurture disciples and share our faith. We help leaders explore new models of ministry, and we help people experiencing barriers to traditional social engagement overcome them in innovative ways. Through mission staff and grants, we accompany international mission partners. We live out God's call for justice by collaborating with ecumenical and interfaith partners to speak out against injustice, advocate for human rights and care for creation around the world. God does remarkable things with the gifts we give.



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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, April 30** On **Mission Awareness Sunday**, we pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society who are leading worship services in their congregations.

**Monday, May 1 (Asian Heritage Month)** We give thanks for the rich contributions of people of Asian descent to the church.

**Tuesday, May 2** We pray for the women of the Mvano Guild in Malawi who devote their lives to worship, Bible study and helping others in need.

**Wednesday, May 3** We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors as they faithfully engage in the shared process of vocational discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

**Thursday, May 4** We pray for congregations going through transitions. May they be patient and open to seeing and acting on God's will when times are challenging.

**Friday, May 5** We pray that members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society experience joy in all they have accomplished and find ways to continue with their missions both locally and abroad.

**Saturday, May 6** We give thanks for all the many ways people generously give their time and talent to the church.