

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Pianist: Fran Gordon

August 15th, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

"As you sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

–Ephesians 5: 19-20

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.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

One: everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; Come, buy wine and milk without price.

All: Why would we spend money for that which is not bread, or work for that which does not satisfy?

One: Incline your ear, and come to me, says our God; listen, so that you may live.

All: We come to worship the living God, who satisfies us with good things.

You, O Lord, deserve all our praise, now and always.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Come, let us sing to the Lord our song”

#412

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God’s living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God’s hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things. Come, all you creatures, high and low; let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer of Confession:

God of all that matters,

Forgive our forgetfulness of what matters to you.

Forgive the sins we know and those we have forgotten,

the sins we have tried to hide and those we were once proud to commit.

Forgive the sins we have done to please ourselves

and the sins we have done to please others.

Heal our lives and our relationships with your mercy,

and bless what we can become through your faithfulness to us.

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Praise:

“Through all the changing scenes of life”

#18

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God’s name; when in distress and fear I called, God to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance God affords to all who seek and hope and trust.

Oh taste and see that God is good: experience will decide how blest are they and only they, who in God’s truth confide.

O saints, fear God, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make holy service your delight; your wants shall be God’s care.

The Lord preserves the souls of those who on God’s truth depend; to them and their posterity God’s blessing shall descend.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalm 34: 9-14

Ephesians 5: 6-20

John 6: 51-58

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Have we life?" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: "Jesus, life of all the world" #776

Jesus, life of all the world, source and sum of all creation, Son of God and Son of Man, only hope of our salvation, Living Word for all our need, life you give is life indeed!

Life of freedom, gladness, truth, all our guilt and fear transcending; life that leaps beyond the grave, God's own life that knows no ending; life eternal, gift unpriced, freely ours in Jesus Christ!

Yours is life that makes us stand firm for truth, all wrong defying; yours, the strength by which we strive, on your holy arm relying; yours, the war we wage on sin, yours, the power by which we win.

Jesus, life of all the world, you are Lord of every nation; by your Holy Spirit's power make your Church your incarnation till our lives of truth and grace show our world your human face!

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements



A Taste of Saskatchewan is back, and across the street from the church. If you plan to attend Sunday Morning Worship, reaching the parking lot may be a bit of a challenge.

WELCOME KNOX PRESBYTERIAN IN OAKVILLE:

This week we are blessed to be joined by the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church in Oakville Ontario during their "Presbyterians Worshipping: From Coast-to-Coast" virtual worship summer. We are so pleased to have each of you join us in worship and Christian fellowship today. Welcome!

ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP! Please note online worship will continue. Everyone is welcome! Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. The nursery is under construction, and the remainder of the lower hall is not yet open to use.



The next **FundScrip** order is **TODAY**, August 15th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO OUR CHOIR CONDUCTOR:

We at St. Andrew's pray thanks and all the blessings of the Lord on our Choir Conductor Terri-Lynn Mitchell as she pursues a new direction in her music and faith journey. Thank you for gifting us with your leadership, your presence, and your voice these past years, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. All the best to you in the future.

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S:

During this season of transition in the St. Andrew's ministry of music, we are grateful to all of the members of the Worship and Music, and Personnel Committees for their dedication and excellent work. We are also blessed to welcome Dr. Jim Fenton as the newest Convenor of the Worship and Music Committee. Keep an eye out for future announcements regarding our music ministry in 2021/22!

On Monday, August 30th, the Saskatoon Royal Canadian College of Organists will hold a noon hour recital at St. Andrew's. This event is open to the public. More details will follow.





Bicycle, Bicycle, BICYCLE CLUB 2021

JOIN US ON MONDAYS!

Once a week participants of all ages can arrive at the church to begin to ride at **6:30 pm.** with their bikes ready for a ride.

We are aiming to have two levels of ride offered, one group, will do a short length and the other a much more challenging route. There are at **least 3 people wanting to walk** too, so some can gather at the church and pick your route. Al Ireland brings bike experience both with the actual bikes and also great knowledge of location

trails for riding. Let Martha Fergusson, Rev. Roberto or Al Ireland know if you want to join us, or for more information. Adult volunteers are would be helpful - let us know if you are willing to help.

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



SUNDAYS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

We hope to start meeting in person on Sunday, September 19!

Stay tuned!

Our Wider Community



Your generosity in donating to the sock drive, which took place this spring, bought lots of socks for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry! A total of \$660 was sent to the mission.

Eager to Read God's Word

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean as he works with Bible translation teams to translate the Bible into Indigenous languages in Taiwan. The work with Tayal began in the 1950s when PCC mission staff Clare and Grace McGill converted the spoken language into writing for the first time. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Paul met online three mornings a week with lead translator Watan Yawi to check spelling and verify consistent translation of biblical terms (e.g., temple, prophet, Lord) and over 2,000 parallel passages in the Old and New Testaments. They finished at the end of March. Proofreaders had three months before the translation was sent to the Bible Society in Taiwan for typesetting and printing. 110 Tayal churches in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan are eager to read the whole Bible in their own language. "Mhway Utux Kayal! Thanks be to God!"



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 15 We pray for PCC mission staff in Taiwan and give thanks for the hard work they have devoted to translating the Bible for Indigenous churches in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

Monday, August 16 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alberta.

Tuesday, August 17 We pray for the work of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network as they support church communities working for racial justice in Canada.

Wednesday, August 18 We give thanks for Project Ploughshares and their advocacy for policies that promote peace and disarmament.

Thursday, August 19 In Christ we are all one family. We give thanks for KAIROS, bringing together many churches to work together ecumenically for justice and peace.

Friday, August 20 We pray for the congregations of Comox Valley Presbyterian Church in British Columbia and St. David's Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia as they plan new ministry after completing the denomination's New Beginnings process.

Saturday, August 21 We pray for couples who are experiencing challenges conceiving or adopting children.