ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
August 10th, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
– Hebrews 11: 1

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: Abide With Me – William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
The sacrifice that honours God is a thankful heart.
We lift up our hearts with gratitude, and our voices with praise for all that God has done.
Wait upon the Lord who is our help and shield.
We trust in God's holy name and so we come to worship.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"What does the Lord require"*** ***#710***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Faithful God,
We confess that our choices do not always reflect your purposes for our lives.
Faithfulness to you is sometimes the last thing on our minds.
We often choose the easiest way
or what suits our interests, not yours.
Forgive us, O God, when we fail to remember what you require of us.
Renew a right spirit within us by your grace. 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: ***"Lord, whose love"*** ***#722***

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings:
Genesis 15: 1-6 - Al Ireland
Psalm 33:12-22 Refrain 1
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12: 32-40 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Dressed for Action" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Come Sunday – Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

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: ***"Precious Lord, take my hand"*** ***#675***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Precious Lord, Take My Hand – Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

No Coffee Time over the Summer

The church office is closed the week of August 10, and will reopen on August 18.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 10



After participating in the New Beginnings Program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON shifted from being a "membership-focused" congregation to a "discipleship-focused" one, reigniting their sense of purpose. As a result, the church is putting its faith into action by exploring new and innovative ways to serve and engage with the community. In addition to organizing food drives, they have launched a laundry supply drive for local shelters. They are also experimenting with street and neighbourhood ministries, including a community meal program and a "Coffee on the Street" initiative, where volunteers set up a coffee bar outside the church and offer coffee and conversation to people passing by.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 10 We give thanks for congregations like Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON, that are exploring innovative ways to serve and connect with their community.

Monday, August 11 We pray for all those served by the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, that their needs will be met.

Tuesday, August 12 We pray that as new leaders, ministers, seminarians, and theologians from the Global Majority (people who are Indigenous, Black, Asian, Latin American, or of mixed heritage) join our denomination, they may navigate their roles with ease and experience a deep sense of belonging.

Wednesday, August 13 We give thanks for individuals, organizations and service providers that are developing coalitions and resources to help survivors heal from conversion therapy.

Thursday, August 14 We pray for the alumni community of Knox College (the Knox-Ewart Graduates' Association). May they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and service. Bless their work, relationships, and communities and guide them in their ongoing ministries.

Friday, August 15 We pray for leaders as they prepare for the start of fall programming. May the Spirit inspire them to reach out with creativity and enthusiasm to share the Gospel message of love and hope.

Saturday, August 16 We pray for church choirs, musicians and music directors and are grateful for their gifts.