

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 13th, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

"...early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea." – *Matthew 14: 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.

Prelude: Hungarian Dance in F# Minor, no. 5 – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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)

Give thanks to the Lord!

We will tell the world what God has done.

Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "Not far beyond the sea"

#503

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful and patient God,

**we confess that we still experience fear and doubt,
even though you reach out to us with saving grace.**

**You call us to live with courage and perseverance,
yet we can give up too easily and opt for a safer route.**

**You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice,
yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness.**

Forgive us all the times we let you down.

Renew our lives through your mercy and grace.

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: *"Precious Lord, take my hand"* **#675**
(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

- William Ahiahonu

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45b

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Walk with me" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Intermezzo, Op. 118, no. 2 – Johannes Brahms

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: *"Come sing, O church, in joy!"* **#757**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Intermezzo, Op. 117, no. 1 – Johannes Brahms

("Sleep, sleep my child, in sweet repose, It grieves me so to see thee weep" - Scottish from Herder's *Volksliedern*)

CE Coordinator:

Martha Fergusson

Lock up:

Heather Reichert

Coffee Host:

Luella Moore & Judy McNab



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.

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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

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 for those who are worshipping from home.

It is summer now! We are visiting friends, camping, and travelling. Church expenses, however continue each week. As of June 30, the year is 50% elapsed, however our revenue has now fallen to 44% of what we budgeted. We are doing well in the Missional areas - about on track with what we budgeted, but in the Givings and Rental areas, revenue has fallen behind. It is, hopefully, not the start of a trend, that this has occurred at the beginning of the year. Expenses are running along at the correct rate of just under 50%



WOMEN'S CAMP

We hope you will join us at Women's Camp September 8-10, 2023. A time of learning, fellowship, food, fun and enjoying God's creation at Camp Christopher!

See flyer available in narthex or email Donna at donnaw@sasktel.net for more information!

COFFEE HOUR! Come down to the lower hall for some fellowship after church.

Bring your own cup or use a cup as supplied. See you after the church service.

Thanks to all that have helped and contributed to date. We will continue during the summer months if enough people are interested in hosting. By the Fall I would like to see a minimum of 12-15 individuals or groups within the church agree to host. If we can achieve this, then no one should have to do this more than once per quarter. Everything for coffee hour is provided along with set up instructions. To sign up please contact the church office or Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or email cl.roy@shaw.ca There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. On Sundays where there are no hosts, there will not be a coffee time.



PLEASE PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO ST. ANDREW'S

The busy Saskatoon road construction season is underway! Your preferred route to St. Andrew's is likely to be affected or even closed-off at various times this summer. Please familiarize yourself with the city's projects and pre-plan your route to the church. Safe navigating!

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help beautify the church yard! Summer is a very busy time for all of us, but if you have an eye for drooping plants, PLEASE grab the watering can (by the office door entrance, off the parking lot), and sprinkle away. Help keep our flowers looking good all summer long!

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, **100** new chairs have been ordered!

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jul/Aug/Sep Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the summer 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 available now. 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 #35.

Justice

35. We call upon the federal government to eliminate barriers to the creation of additional Aboriginal healing lodges within the federal correctional system.

Gustin House presents David Jalbert, piano

Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

A warm and elegant performer, one of the elite among the new generation of classical musicians, David Jalbert concertizes internationally. He has won six Opus prizes, has had four Juno nominations, and has been named by CBC Music as one of Canada's 15 best pianists of all time! In celebration of 300 years since the birth of the piano, his recital at St. Andrew's features music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev.

Tickets: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin Committee, online, or cash at the door; child 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult. More information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca

Music for the Gut - Thurs, Aug 24 at TCU Place!

We're thankful and proud to have contributed \$183,000 to Crohn's & Colitis Canada in our 12+ years!

Featuring a 75-Vocal Ensemble and Dancers! 13-piece orchestra - Gut Banda!

Artists: River City Irish Dancers. Gerard Weber (sax). Will Boan (violin). Graham Tilsley (singer-songwriter). Graham Pritchard (guitar).

Jordie Hughton, artistic director/conductor. Justin La, conductor. Matthew Praksas, pianist. Kenni Chomyn & Heather Hataley, choreo.

Tickets at: tcutickets.ca -- MusicfortheGut.com

Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories know that Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) don't have much power to stop the occupation. But they are grateful for the protective presence of EAs at checkpoints, refugee camps, schools and remote villages where shepherds watch their flocks. In response to an appeal from local church leaders, the World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Jeanie Lee recently served three months in Bethlehem, witnessing life under occupation, monitoring human rights violations, and listening to stories of Palestinians to share with Canadians upon her return.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 13 We pray for Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) providing protective presence to Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories. Over 1,800 volunteers from 25 countries have served as EAs since 2002.

Monday, August 14 We pray for people who are unhoused. May governments, faith communities and our church work to end suffering for those who are without homes and support.

Tuesday, August 15 We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the safety, dignity and well-being of LGBTQI+ people.

Wednesday, August 16 We give thanks for summer opportunities to relax, enjoy nature and have extended times with family and friends.

Thursday, August 17 We pray for Leading with Care committees as they ensure that the ministries and buildings of the church are safe places for all.

Friday, August 18 We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (Canadian Council of Churches), who are supporting church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

Saturday, August 19 On **World Humanitarian Day**, we pray for PWS&D partners who dedicate their lives to helping those in need in the most difficult circumstances. We pray for wisdom, courage and resources for them to continue their good work.