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 2nd, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

"And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full." – Matthew 14: 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.

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Recit de Chromhorne, 3ieme couplet – Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.
We look to God for nurture in every season.
God is near to all who call out in truth, and watches over all.
We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.
All: We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Come, know my joy, the Maker says"*** ***#788***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Gracious and merciful God,
In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,
yet we neglect the suffering of others
and hold grudges.
We blame and judge each other
in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.
Free us from greed and from grievance, and
open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings
and walk in his way this day and always.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Break now the bread of life"*** ***#507***

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.

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-5 - Jim Fenton

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Trio Sonata no. 1 in E flat Major, BWV 525, 2nd mov't. – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: ***"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"*** ***#357***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Fantasia – Johann Kreiger (1651-1735)

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, August 3rd, for Saskatchewan Day.



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.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

The PCC's PWS&D Venezuela Earthquake Response
A state of emergency was declared in Venezuela after two powerful earthquakes struck on June 24. Residential and commercial buildings have collapsed, and there is considerable damage to critical infrastructure, including roads and public facilities. Heavily affected areas remain difficult to access. Donations are urgently needed. The PCC's relief and development agency, PWS&D, is able to respond through the ACT Alliance, which has members operating in Venezuela. Immediate needs assessments are taking place with plans to respond as soon as possible.
Remember to mark your donation "PWS&D Venezuela earthquake response."

OPERATION SANDWICHES: Today is a make up day – not the usual schedule of the 2nd and 4th Sunday. So we'll be making sandwiches two weeks in a row. After Worship, meet us in the kitchen for "a sandwich making party", 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.



Want to donate to the church? Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:



- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.



Please remember that monetary donations to outside agencies, such as Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, The Canadian Bible Society and Camp Christopher should be sent directly to them, not through St. A.'s. Initially, SNCM and Camp Christopher did not have their own charitable designation, so St. Andrew's was happy to be able to provide a receipt at year end. There used to be a Canadian Bible Society store right here, but that's been closed for years, and all bookkeeping is done through their national office. The Canada Revenue Agency is very particular about what goes through the books of a charitable agency, and while it's not impossible for us to pass along your donations to other agencies, it requires a lot of frustrating paperwork, delays, questions, phone calls, and explanations that they are very skeptical about accepting. We never want to discourage people from being generous! Things like Operation Sandwiches, the Session Benevolence Fund, the Flower Fund, and gifts to The Presbyterian Church in Canada for Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D are considered more "in house" donations, and are not questioned as intently by the CRA. We don't like being the focus of the CRA!

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- ❄ Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- ❄ Contact Information Forms
- ❄ The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- ❄ PAR Forms
- ❄ The Annual Report

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

St. Mary's Food Hampers

Thank you to everyone who has donated food items towards filling St. Mary's hampers. We have taken 4 large boxes, and they are very appreciative. We mentioned before that they distribute their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week. In recent weeks they have noticed a major increase in the number of families coming in to collect the hampers, with many of those showing up for the hampers being grandparents and their grandchildren.

We realize that there are many people in Saskatoon having problems putting food on their tables. If you are in a situation where you cannot help, or if you are helping somewhere else, that is fine, but if this is something that you feel that you might help with, please bring your items to church and place it in the bin in the entryway. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry to help St. Mary's ensure that no one goes hungry in Saskatoon. We will continue to keep the bin in the entryway for your convenience.

Current needs for the hampers are:

· Spam or other canned ham
· Evaporated milk
· Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
· Pasta (both small and big bundles)
· KD
· Pork and Beans Cans
· Canned Veggies
· Chicken Noodle Soup
· Tomato Soup
· Bologna
· Beef Wieners
· Small trays or small rolls of ground beef (only small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
· Granola Bars
· Juice Boxes (individual)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

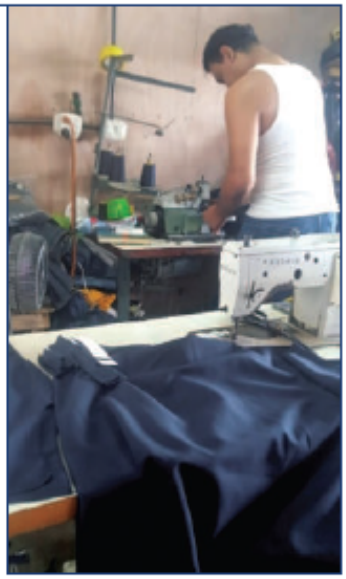
Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 2



When someone has a stable career they are less likely to move from their place of origin to seek work. That was the case for Eliezer Israel Cortez, a 24-year-old in Nicaragua, who participated in an entrepreneurial skills initiative supported by PWS&D and its partner, INPRHU. Previously, Eliezer repaired clothing with his mother, who taught him how to sew. However, he aspired to be more than a tailor, which pushed him to develop a strong branding strategy focused on personalization and quality. Today, at Israel Tailoring, he designs, makes and sells garments tailored to his customers' preferences. Participating in the entrepreneurial skills program transformed Eliezer's life. No longer at risk of migrating in search of work, he is now well-placed to earn an income from clothes of his own design.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 2 We pray for clergy who are enjoying a time of spiritual renewal.

Monday, August 3 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Geddie in Merigomish, NS, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Tuesday, August 4 We pray for WMS members and the church and ask for God's guidance as we seek to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Wednesday, August 5 We pray for students of The Presbyterian College, Montreal who are serving in summer placements. May these be rewarding experiences for them and the communities that they serve.

Thursday, August 6 (Anniversary: 1945 Bombing of Hiroshima) We pray for peacemakers working for a world free of nuclear weapons.

Friday, August 7 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville as he leads the Centre for Missional Leadership team, including their Guder Retreat Program for ministers, in early August at St. Andrew's Hall.

Saturday, August 8 We pray that international young adults attending Collective, the PCC's youth conference, will be warmly welcomed, blessed by new friendships, and return home with a strong sense of our unity in Christ.