

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Laura Van Loon

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"...daughter, thy faith has made thee whole." – Mark 5: 34*

*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: From a Distance – Bette Midler

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

- Martha Fergusson

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

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Let the people praise God;

**Let all the peoples praise the Lord!**

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

**For God guide us all with justice and equity.**

Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

**Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"In the bulb there is a flower"***

**#674**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.**

**Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community;  
and those times we have avoided others**

**because something about them made us uncomfortable.**

**Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly.**

**Reveal to us our own prejudices,**

**and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time: "The Church Bells" – Laura Van Loon

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, teach me day by day"* **#698**  
(Children return to pews)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6: 1-6

- Donna Bailey

Psalm 61

James 1: 1-8, 12

Mark 5: 24b-34

- Laura Van Loon

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "A Silent Touch" - Laura Van Loon

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

Invitation to the Offering

Solo: Servant's Song - Naomi Piggott-Suchan (Hymn #727)

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:** *"We have this ministry"* **#590**

Benediction

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

Postlude: You Raise Me Up – Josh Groban

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**Greeters & Ushers:**

**CE Coordinator:**

**Martha Fergusson**

**Lock up:**

**Estelle Griffiths**

**Coffee Host:**

**Elizabeth Shih & Mary Ann Lyle**

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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](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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

The Ghanaian Presbyterian Congregation invites all to a **CULTURAL SUNDAY SERVICE & LUNCH** on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. The lunch will be held in the lower hall and would feature various dishes from Ghana's rich culture. Come join us celebrate Cultural Sunday!

**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](http://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](http://tcutickets.ca) -- MusicfortheGut.com

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.



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**DAILY PRAYERS**

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**Sunday, August 20** We give thanks for all who give their time and talent to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

**Monday, August 21** We thank God for the warmth and beauty and wonder of August.

**Tuesday, August 22** We pray for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as they encourage Presbyterians to acknowledge, understand and appreciate other faith traditions, and to live in good relationship with people who belong to other religions.

**Wednesday, August 23** We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

**Thursday, August 24** We pray for persons with disabilities at the Garu Centre in Ghana who, with support from PWS&D, have found a supportive community that provides them with vocational training to become self-sufficient.

**Friday, August 25** We pray for Samuel House, supported by Presbyterians Sharing, helping those in need in very difficult circumstances in Misca, Romania.

**Saturday, August 26** We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she meets with people in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.