ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: Alicia Monson
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
August 24th, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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: Fanfare – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Let us worship the one who heals and gives us peace.
Christ sees our pain and sets us free.
Let us rejoice in the healing power of love.
We are here to worship the One who restores.
Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"As water to the thirsty"*** ***#688***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
Compassionate God,
We confess that we've ignored those bent by pain,
choosing rules over mercy, and silence over love.
Forgive us for walking past suffering that You would stop for.
Heal our hearts, so we may see and respond with compassion.
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: ***"Jesus' hands were kind hands"*** ***#631***

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 58: 9b-14 - Ramona Nyekanyeka
Psalm 103: 1-8
Hebrews 12: 18-29
Luke 13: 10-17 - Alicia Monson
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon - Alicia Monson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Allegretto, from *Symphony no. 3* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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
Leader: Lord in your mercy…
All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"I, the Lord of sea and sky"*** ***#592***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Joyful, from *Diademata Fantasy* – David L. McIntyre (b. 1950)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Prince & Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

No Coffee Time over the Summer

Gustin House presents . . .
Andrew Haji, tenor & Helen Becqué, pianist – Tuesday, August 26.
The 20th season of the Lyell Gustin Recital Series comes to a brilliant finale with acclaimed Canadian tenor Andrew Haji! A specialist in oratorio and opera roles, the artist has appeared across the continent and in Europe as soloist in masterpiece religious works of Bach, Handel, Haydn, and Beethoven.
This special summer recital includes beloved art songs by Schubert, light-hearted pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan, some of the great arias of opera literature, and more. Also from national/international stages is the Belgian-born pianist Helen Becqué, an award-winning collaborative artist. A rare concert, a musical highlight!
Admission: $50 regular / $30 student / child 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult
Tickets: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee, at the door; information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 24



For the past four decades, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean has been a living link between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and one of its oldest mission partners, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Along with teams of pastors and elders, Paul worked to produce accurate translations of the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament in Hakka and many other Indigenous languages of Taiwan. Paul recently retired as mission staff of the PCC. We give thanks for Paul and his ministry. In "retirement" Paul will continue supporting translation teams in Taiwan until the end of 2026, serving as a Bible Society in Taiwan translation consultant while also mentoring younger translation officers.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 24 We thank God for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean's many decades as Mission Staff of the PCC serving with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and we pray for God's generous blessings in his retirement.

Monday, August 25 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

Tuesday, August 26 We give thanks for the creatures great and small at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre: chickens, pigs, ducks, sheep, cows, bees and quail. May they bless and inspire the guests who visit the farm this summer.

Wednesday, August 27 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Thursday, August 28 We pray for Nicaraguans facing serious economic hardship and for PWS&D's partner, which is helping build livelihoods for families and communities.

Friday, August 29 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble as she extends Christ's love and hospitality to new and returning residents at St Andrew's Hall. Rev. Goble offers Bible study, weekly worship, soup nights and programs including Alpha and Sanctuary mental health for students.

Saturday, August 30 We pray for clergy who are beginning their service in active ministry in their first pastoral charges, as well as for clergy who are ending their service in active ministry as they enter retirement.