ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
Guest Musician: Donna Fenton
August 31st, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured." – Hebrews 13: 3

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: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord – David Evans

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Sing aloud to God who is our strength!
Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!
For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;
with honey from the rock God will satisfy.
Let us worship the Lord our God,
For God has done great things for us, and so we bring God praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"*** ***#407***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Welcoming God,
we confess we too often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus.
You have welcomed us like guests to a banquet,
yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church.
You have shown us what matters most in life,
but we are distracted by worries,
busy with things that really do not matter.
Forgive us, O God.
Teach us to honour you and those we meet
in all we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. 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: ***"Precious Lord, take my hand"*** ***#675***

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 25: 6-7 - Fran Gordon

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Solidarity" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: You Search me Lord – Richard Carlson, Bob Stromberg, & Michael Donley

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"May the mind of Christ my Saviour"*** ***#644***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Lord Jesus fill my days – Richard Carlson & Bob Stromberg

Greeters & Collectors: Esther Efeme, Prince & Sammy Lyonga Ngombe, Luella Moore

No Coffee Time over the Summer

<u>The church offices will be closed tomorrow, September 1, for Labour Day.</u>



Back into the swing of things! Coming up:

- Pastoral Care meets on Thursday, September 4 at 1:30pm
- Choir resumes on Thursday, September 11 at 7pm
- Welcome BBQ on Sunday, September 14, following Worship
- Anniversary Weekend, September 26-28



Our 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025. Friday night is the kickoff event with a guest speaker and ordering dinner from one of the two Food Trucks we hope to have parked in our parking lot. September 27 includes a pancake breakfast and fellowship hour. Later in the day we will hold our Homecoming Banquet with doors opening at 5pm at the Western Development Museum. Fafa Ahiahonu will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from Vancouver School of Theology. Sunday morning worship led by the Rev. Roberto DeSandoli with a fellowship hour to follow.



Want to attend the Homecoming Weekend Banquet? Contact the church office to place your order, or fill in the Anniversary Banquet order form found on the back counter and drop it off. To place an order at the church office Call Dorothy at 306-242-0525 or email: office@standrewsyxe.ca Payment can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque. If paying by e-transfer, please indicate in the ***message box*** your name and names of any others you are purchasing for the Banquet.
Adult - $35/person, Children 4-10 years of age -$20/child, and under four years of age- FREE.



Coffee hour will resume on Sunday September 7th, a sign up roster can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or by email cl.roy@shaw.ca

After Worship on Sunday, September 14th, please stay for a **WELCOME BBQ**, with food, fun and community!



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 31



Thanks to the generous support of gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre is creating a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive. Located in the heart of Little Burgundy, a vibrant community in South-West Montreal, the centre offers a wide range of Early Childhood and Family programs. Children can participate in a variety of activities, including computer programming, arts and crafts, sports, and team-building challenges. Specialty programs in music, drama, science, gardening and cooking also offer unique opportunities for exploration and creativity. Through these efforts, the centre is empowering young minds, nurturing growth, and inspiring positive changes in children and youth.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent) We recognize and honour the leadership and contributions of Black people across all aspects of society.

Monday,September 1 (Labour Day) We pray for presbyteries as they gather after a summer respite to continue caring for the congregations and ministers within their boundaries. We also pray for their clerks and moderators as they prepare to offer leadership within their courts.

Tuesday, September 2 We pray for God's guidance for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive as the members meet from September 2-4 for their regular business and the overall work of the WMS.

Wednesday, September 3 We pray for all of the students attending our theological colleges. May God grant them strength, clarity of mind, and the ability to balance all aspects of their busy lives.

Thursday, September 4 We pray that God's Spirit will guide the deliberations of the Committee on Church Doctrine in their upcoming meetings.

Friday, September 5 We give thanks as the Rev. Jeffrey Murray begins his appointment as the Deputy Clerk in the General Assembly Office.

Saturday, September 6 We pray for students and instructors at all levels of education, that this year's studies will bring fresh challenges and provoke curiosity and a hunger for wider knowledge and deeper wisdom.