

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*"When they had brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."  
– Luke 5: 11*

*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: Elegy – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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)

One: Let us sing and pray in God's presence.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: For God has created the world and called it good.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: In Christ, God has redeemed the world and defeated the powers of death.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: The Holy Spirit is at work in the world, calling us to follow Jesus.

**All: All praise and glory to God, Holy One and Holy Three!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Holy, holy, holy"***

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Merciful God,**

**you call us to fullness of life, but we confess our shortcomings.**

**We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts;**

**we have ignored your grace at work among us,**

**and focused on loss and complaint.**

**We have been suspicious of the motives of others,**

**too quick to judge and too slow to forgive.**

**Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are.**

**With your forgiveness, cleanse us from all our faults and failings,**

**and inspire us to walk a new way. 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:** *"You walk along the shoreline"* **#753**  
(*Children leave for Church School*)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-6

- Orlanda Drebit

Psalms 138 Refrain 1

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "They Will Not Fail"

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Waltz, Op. 39, no. 2 – 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

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:** *"Will you come and follow me"* **#634**

Benediction

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

Postlude: By the Seashore – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Laura & Charles Roy



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.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: [www.standrewsyxe.ca](http://www.standrewsyxe.ca); email: [office@standrewsyxe.ca](mailto:office@standrewsyxe.ca)

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

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## *Announcements*

### **St. Andrew's Leaders Workshop: Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm with The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau**

All St. Andrew's Session Elders, Board Members, and Committee Convenors are invited to take part in this workshop with special guest The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. Through his lived experience of 30 years as a pastor in Vancouver's Eastside, Rev. Tim will seek to widen our imaginations in ways that St. Andrew's might be moved to explore new trajectories: from isolation to community to radical hospitality; from homogeneity to diversity to integrated multicultural living; from charity to advocacy to seeking justice for the least; and from confronting idolatries to repentance to deeper life in Christ.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to [office@standrewsyxe.ca](mailto:office@standrewsyxe.ca)



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS!** St. Andrew's AGM will be held on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, following Worship. Dorothy needs your written and financial reports by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to prepare the report for the meeting.



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** A HUGE thank you to everyone who increased their donations to the Sandwich Fund for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry over the past year. It has allowed us to finally resume our pre-Covid commitment to the Mission to supply 12 dozen sandwiches twice each month. Our new year's resolution for 2025 is to cheerfully hold our sandwich making parties on the second and the fourth Sundays of each month.

Our new schedule starts on February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with the sandwiches, please come and join us in the kitchen after the service on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

With the start of a New Year we are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter. Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. We would like to thank everyone who hosted in 2024 and hope you will continue to sign up in 2025. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or [cl.roy@shaw.ca](mailto:cl.roy@shaw.ca)



### **WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE**

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all winter.

Thank you for your support!



**Prayer Requests:** Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:ma.wilson@shaw.ca) More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

### **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](http://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

### **New contact information!**

Website: [www.standrewsyxe.ca](http://www.standrewsyxe.ca)

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## **PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON**

Before I continue telling the story of the newly formed St. Andrew's Church in Saskatoon, an attempt will be made to piece together the events of the 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, 1925.

My sources were:

- Reproduced copies The Globe, Toronto, June 6, 1925.
- The Presbyterian Record, June, 1925 (original).
- The Presbyterian Record, October, 1925 (original).
- A newspaper with heading: Bulletin: News Items Concerning The Continuing Presbyterian Church In Canada, Toronto, June 27, 1925 (original).
- A series of Sermons Preached at St. Andrew's by first Minister, Rev. W.G. Brown, particularly Sermon #15 titled, "Why I Remained With The Presbyterian Church In Canada And Did Not Leave It To Enter The United Church of Canada in 1925". Printed c.1936 Original.

These sources are in our Church Archives. If interested, find them in White Binder, 1925. Hand with Care. Any quotes that I use will be from the above sources.

General Assembly, 1925 was held for two full weeks from June 3 – 16<sup>th</sup>. There were two distinct parts. The first part had 13 sederunts (sessions). The second part was unique and separate from the first part.

The Unionists were determined to push the formation of the United Church.

The Presbyterian Church has four courts, the first being Session or the court of the individual congregations. Then comes the Presbytery – which is composed of the local Minister and an Elder. The next court is called Synod, which is composed of several Presbyteries in the same larger area. Finally, the highest court in the Church is General Assembly, held once a year.

Because it would be impossible or unwieldy to have so many at General Assembly, a system that had 1 in 6 of her Ministers on a loose rotation. However, each Presbytery chose the Minister and Elder to attend General Assembly for that year.

The pro-Unionists were determined that Union would be accomplished at 1925 General Assembly. This plan was only one of many tactics to assure the final vote would be in favour of Union, so they stacked “the deck” and manipulated to send representatives from individual presbyteries that were clearly Pro-Union.

There was a plan for the Assembly. Those in favour were determined to wipe out the Presbyterian Church, merge it into a new Denomination, leaving not a trace of it behind!

Even one of the reports in The Globe stated “that the Union Committee be continued in its present form until its work is completed”.

I think if one read the reports without names, Unionists and Nonconformists be used, one could easily assume the discussion was one about a political issue or the devious plans of a takeover by a large company.

A bit of humour – in the midst of The Globe report was an ad for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills – wherever there are people who are troubled with deranged nerves, they will find in Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills a remedy that restores equilibrium of these deranged centres and bring back the shattered nervous system to a perfect condition.

I am sure their sales increased among Presbyterians of all stripes!





# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, February 9

With rolling blackouts and limited access to research data, the Rev. Francisco Marrero-Gutiérrez, a retired pastor, former Dean and Vice-Rector of Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba was struggling to complete his PhD. At the request of the Rector and hearing that increasing their teaching capacity is a top priority for the Seminary, the PCC agreed to host Francisco so he could concentrate on his research. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Francisco spent four months in Canada researching and writing his doctoral dissertation on the hermeneutics in revolution, a critical analysis of the reading of the Bible in Cuba. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support leadership development.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, February 9** We pray for Professor Francisco Marrero-Gutiérrez at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba as he completes his doctoral dissertation.

**Monday, February 10** We pray for the graduates of all our colleges that friendships of honesty, integrity and candour would flourish for the sake of building up the body of Christ.

**Tuesday, February 11** We pray for the mission projects supported by the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Wednesday, February 12** We pray for those currently serving as General Presbyters. May God's grace and wisdom be with them as they carry out their presbytery responsibilities.

**Thursday, February 13** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as they meet this month to discuss how Presbyterians can be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

**Friday, February 14** We celebrate the gift of love that Presbyterians are generously sharing in communities across Canada.

**Saturday, February 15** We pray for Hummingbird Ministries, where Indigenous people may encounter Jesus Christ and simultaneously uphold Indigenous Circle practices, and for its director, the Rev. Mary Fontaine.