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: Dan Wachowicz
July 12th, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

"Listen! A sower went out to sow..." – Matthew 13: 3b

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: Lamb of God – Twila Paris

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
God's Word is a lamp to our feet;
and a light to our path.
God's Word is made visible in Christ;
in him we are rooted in truth.
God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;
and lived out in faithful service.
Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.
We wait to receive the Word of Life.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"And can it be that I should gain"*** ***#352***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
Faithful God,
you have planted the seeds of faith in us,
but we confess we have too often not trusted you.
We fail to keep studying the wisdom of your word,
satisfied instead with what we think is true.
We consider that we already know enough,
rather than pursuing deeper encounters with you.
Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Jesus hands were kind hands"*** ***#631***

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:

Genesis 25: 19-34 - Donna Fenton

Psalm 119: 105-112, 121-128

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Sower and the Seeds" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Protector of My Soul – Anne Barbour

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: ***"Sent forth by your blessing"*** ***#775***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Medley: Jubilate Deo – Fred Dunn/Go out with joy – Joe and Leila Huerta

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



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. Donations made between June 25 and July 14 are eligible for matching by the Government of Canada.

To qualify for the matching donations, you can donate by going to the PWS&D website (https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-pwsd/), or by calling the PWS&D office at 1-800-619-7301. It is always possible to donate through the usual St. Andrew's methods; the need is likely to continue for some time.

Remember to mark your donation "PWS&D Venezuela earthquake response."

OPERATION SANDWICHES: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, 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.





Yard Sale

The Outreach committee 5th Annual Yard Sale on July 25th continues to get closer. All proceeds from the sale will once again go towards supporting Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We hope that you have taken a look around the house and found few treasures to share with us.

As in previous years, we will be selling to those who are walking past the church, and so would like to restrict the size of the donated items to something that they might reasonably expect to carry away. We feel that this provides a good range of items that you can donate. If there are any larger items, we are open to negotiation, so please speak with one of the outreach committee members. We understand that there will be renovations taking place around the time of the sale, but we have it on good authority that this should not be a problem. An ongoing problem that we do have is the amount of storage at the church, so we would ask you to please set your donated items aside until July 18th. If you are going to be away during the sale, or the time leading up to the sale, please contact one of the committee and we will try to arrange something.

We are also looking for younger hands to help with setting up and taking down the sale. This would include bringing up the tables (which are considerably lighter now that we are using the white tables) as well as the sale items. If you are willing to help out, or if you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.

We are: Al Ireland, Donna Fenton, Linda Dietz and Rachel Giesbrecht.



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, July 12



Thanks to a grant made possible through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown, PEI has now added a modern elevator to their 113-year-old historic building. This new addition provides those with physical challenges access to the Doreen Gray Youth Centre and Sunday School classrooms located on the second floor. Additionally, the lower level of the building, where many meetings and dinners take place, has now become accessible to the many seniors who have, until now, missed out on many congregational events because they could not navigate the stairs. This welcome upgrade has revitalized Zion Church's social, educational, and community programs, ensuring all members can engage more fully.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 12 We pray for students and faculty at The Presbyterian College, Montreal who are managing health concerns, and those who are grieving significant loss in their lives. May they find comfort in community and in their faith.

Monday, July 13 We pray that the Holy Spirit may gently prepare the hearts and minds of the participants anticipating Collective 2026, making their thoughts clear and their hearts open.

Tuesday, July 14 We pray for staff and campers at Huron Feathers Centre in Sauble Beach, Ontario, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Wednesday, July 15 We pray for families and communities facing regional flooding and forest fires this season. We give thanks for emergency responders and front line workers addressing environmental crises and supporting impacted families and communities.

Thursday, July 16 We pray that our interfaith connections will foster peace, and that we will learn to see God's presence in our neighbours.

Friday, July 17 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it solicits and integrates advice about its work from leaders across the church.

Saturday, July 18 We pray that we might offer all we have and all we are in joyful service as stewards of God's grace.