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: Kaia Pas, Violin
July 13th, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"…One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." – Ephesians 4: 5-6

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: Carmen Concert Fantasy, Op. 25 – Pablo de Sarasate (1844-1908)

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)
Turn to God with confidence and expectation.
In you, O God, we place our trust.
Ask God to show us the road to follow.
Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.
Seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.
All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.
We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"We cannot own the sunlit sky"*** ***#717***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
God of loving kindness, Jesus called us to love you above all else,
and our neighbour as ourselves.
Yet we often fail to act in loving ways.
We are distracted by our own needs, and forgetful of the needs of others.
We let differences divide us
and excuse ourselves from reaching out.
Forgive us, O God.
Help us to remember our One Baptism in Christ
so we can live and love faithfully in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
(Children come forward)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction and Invitation

Praise: ***"I'm gonna live so God can use me"*** ***#648***

Presentation and Vows

When invited to respond, the congregation will affirm the baptism with the words, "**We do**".

Apostles' Creed #539

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

Aaronic Blessing #619 (sung)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

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: ***"Child of blessing, child of promise"*** ***#521***

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7 - Kirk Ready

Psalm 29 Refrain 1

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Mark 1: 1-11 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "One Faith, One Baptism" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Solo Violin Selection – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
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

God of all the earth,
Teach us to live in love.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"One more step along the world I go"*** ***#641***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Symphonie espagnole, Op. 21 – Édouard Lalo (1823-1892)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

No Coffee Time over the Summer

Today we are very excited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for four of our young Christian friends. Please join us in welcoming Michelle, Rachel, Joshua, and Serena and celebrating along with their families.

Beyond the Walls: St. Andrew's Commitment to Community, Care, and Connection

The church is more than a building—it is a living expression of God's love in the world. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, this understanding shapes how we engage with the broader community. Our faith compels us not only to gather, but to go—to meet people where they are, to listen deeply, and to respond with compassion.

Over the years, St. Andrew's has built relationships with community partners in thoughtful and respectful ways. One example is our outreach with the Native Circle Ministry, where we continue to learn how to support reconciliation and engage meaningfully with Indigenous communities. We approach this work with humility, recognizing the need for listening, unlearning, and walking forward together with care.

Our outreach also includes intentional pastoral care, especially for those who cannot regularly attend church due to illness, age, or mobility challenges. Through visits, phone calls, prayer, and presence, we honour the truth that every member of our community matters. These quiet ministries of care sustain our congregation in powerful ways, reminding us that connection is not limited to Sunday mornings.

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted life around the globe and churches were forced to close their doors, St. Andrew's responded with resilience and creativity. We launched our livestream worship program, ensuring that no one would be left behind. What began as a necessary adaptation has grown into a lasting ministry—opening access to worship for those who are homebound, travelling, or living at a distance. This digital presence has become a lifeline for many and a continued expression of our call to hospitality and inclusion.

Whether through reconciliation work, pastoral outreach, or technological innovation, St. Andrew's continues to grow into a church that lives beyond its walls—grounded in faith, shaped by relationships, and always seeking to reflect God's love in real and tangible ways.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18

We give thanks for the Spirit that leads us into deeper community, deeper care, and a deeper witness to Christ's love.

Written by Fafali and Elizabeth Ahiahonu

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, July 13



After contracting polio when she was young, Akelwela Adanladi was left with physical disabilities. As subsistence farmers, her parents could not afford to send her to school. Her life changed at 30 when she was identified by the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana. Through the CBR program, she obtained a cloth weaving apprenticeship and access to start-up capital for her business. Now a trainer, Akelwela empowers young people through skills training. "I am able to generate enough money to meet my needs and I am so grateful to the CBR program for coming to my aid. Today, I have a beautiful life."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 13 We pray for the staff and faculty at Knox College who serve with dedication and care, that God will grant them wisdom in their ministries, patience in their guidance, and joy in their calling.

Monday, July 14 We lament that in many societies, diversity is seen as a problem rather than a gift. We pray that our global leaders may recognize diversity as a blessing to be celebrated.

Tuesday, July 15 We pray for graduates of Vancouver School of Theology as they move into congregational ministries of leadership and pastoral care.

Wednesday, July 16 We pray for Stephen Jackson and Dillon Hausauer, the new convenor and secretary of the Committee on Church Doctrine. May God guide them with wisdom as they lead the committee.

Thursday, July 17 We pray for people affected by dementia and their caregivers, that they would know God's love as they navigate a world of uncertainty.

Friday, July 18 We praise God that women in Guatemala who participate in PWS&D-supported workshops are learning skills that develop their self-esteem and equip them to participate politically in their communities.

Saturday, July 19 We ask for God's wisdom and guidance for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Vilmos József Kolumbán, who was installed as the 47th Bishop of the Transylvanian Reformed Church District.