

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

July 17th, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4: 4-6

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.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

The Lord declares through the Prophet Ezekiel:

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Grant us a new heart, put a new spirit within us.

I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Put a new spirit within us, and make us follow your statutes and be careful to observe your ordinances.

I will give you an inheritance, declares the Lord.

All: We shall be your people, and you will be our God

Prayer of Approach

Praise:

“Out of deep, unordered water”

#515

Out of deep, unordered water God created life and land, world of bird and beast and, later, two-some people: woman, man.

Refrain: There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant. Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.

Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God, is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.

Refrain

Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore. Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.

Refrain

Prayer of Confession:

Lord our God, as we hear the story of your baptism, and as we partake in the sacraments this day, we come before you with hearts open in truth. We confess before you all the ways we have not made your paths straight, the sins and idols we have clung to, and the Good News we have not shared with others. You are Peace to a world in turmoil and yet we have not fully trusted in your ability to bring healing and right relationship. Forgive us, O Lord, renew our faith and give us the courage to follow you; to receive your baptism and to drink your cup. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Invitation

Praise:

“Jesus, friend so kind and gentle”

#519

Jesus, friend so kind and gentle, bring we these beloved ones; may they know your kindest blessing; now enfold them in your arms; may your goodness be around them; keep them free from all that harms.

You received the little children to yourself so tenderly; give to us who teach and guide them, wisdom and humility, vision true, with joy and patience, love to serve them faithfully.

Grant to us a deep compassion for your children everywhere; may we see our human family free from sorrow and despair; may your reign of love and glory dwell among us, bright and fair.

(Children come forward)

Presentation and Vows

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

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

Aaronic Blessing

#619

**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.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 36: 25-28

Ephesians 4: 4-6

Mark 1: 1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Water and the Spirit"

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Invitation to the Offering

Praise:

"I come with joy" (vs. 1-3)

#530

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in
Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that
made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

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.**

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology
and the people say: **Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Loving God,

**you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.**

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

“Sent forth by your blessing”

#775

Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing, your people, O God, from your table take leave. The supper is ended: oh now be extended the fruits of your service in all who believe. The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching, shall blossom in action for all humankind. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the task of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in your life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” -Jamaican Folk Tune, adapted by Potter, arr. by Carter

Announcements

Today, St. Andrew's is joyed to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with three beloved children of the covenant: Buck Walter Gosselin & Boone Laker Gosselin, sons of Drew Gosselin and Shayla Gosselin, and grandsons of Pennie Gosselin; and Iman Zikora Onakoya, daughter of Sayeed Onakoya and Grace Onwuka.



ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP! Please note online worship will continue. For those joining in person, you do not have to register, but please wear a mask, and be prepared to share contact tracing information at the door. During this phase of reopening, we believe there should not be a need to limit attendance, so all are welcome! Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. We are not yet able to share in a coffee time after church.

Volunteers will be needed each week with the return to in-person worship. We will need several people every Sunday to help with various tasks, such as registering attendees. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to assist with the return to in person worship. The Board and/or the Worship and Music Committee would love to hear from you.



In response to the devastating confirmation of unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, and in honour of the children who were lost and all people living with the consequences of that legacy, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has established the *Honouring the Children: Reconciliation and Residential Schools Fund*. This fund will support initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites in communities where schools were operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Follow this link for more information. <https://presbyterian.ca/2021/07/02/honouring-the-children-fund/>

The church office will be closed July 18 – 25 for vacation.

Our Youth are growing! If you have a bike you're no longer using, and would be willing to donate or lend, please contact Al Ireland. (306) 281-7386.



Bicycle, Bicycle, BICYCLE CLUB 2021

JOIN US ON MONDAYS!

Once a week participants of all ages can arrive at the church to begin to ride at **6:30 pm.** with their bikes ready for a ride.

We are aiming to have two levels of ride offered, one group, will do a short length and the other a much more challenging route. There are at **least 3 people wanting to walk** too, so some can gather at the church and pick your route. Al Ireland brings bike experience both with the actual bikes and also great knowledge of location

trails for riding. Let Martha Fergusson, Rev. Roberto or Al Ireland know if you want to join us, or for more information. Adult volunteers are would be helpful - let us know if you are willing to help.

The summer issue of the **Presbyterian Connection** is available! The latest "**These Days**", the daily devotional for July, August and September, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen.

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 standrews-saskatoon.com
- 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



SUNDAYS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007



Camping from Home

For many children, Camp Douglas in British Columbia is their safe space away from home. These young campers have little to no connection with a congregation or other Christian community outside of camp. They come each summer with a hunger for God and a desire to reunite with the loving Christian community they experienced in past summers. Last year, Camp Douglas staff adapted the camp's programming using an online platform that enabled their important ministry to continue throughout the summer. Staff ran weekly Bible studies and campfires, as well as other traditional camp activities that could be done at home. Camp Douglas was able to provide this wonderful experience in part through regional resourcing grants, supported by Presbyterians Sharing.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 18 We pray that young people will find rewarding opportunities to learn and grow this summer.

Monday, July 19 We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Camp Christopher in Saskatchewan, and ask for God's blessing on their "Camp-in-a-Box" initiative, so that they may reach their goal of providing 400 children with games, crafts and activities.

Tuesday, July 20 We pray for new graduates of Zomba Theological College in Malawi as they begin their journey in congregational ministry, equipped with books from the PCC's New Ministers' Library Fund.

Wednesday, July 21 We give thanks for the work of the Rainbow Communion Listening Committee and for those who shared their stories. We pray that the wisdom shared in their report will guide the church to better love and support our LGBTQ+ siblings.

Thursday, July 22 We pray for the Presbytery of Pictou's Ministry and Pastoral Oversight Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Friday, July 23 We give thanks and pray for deployed military chaplains who bring life, hope and joy to those who are far from home.

Saturday, July 24 O God, you make us for work and rest. We pray for physical, mental and spiritual restoration so that we may shed our weariness and enjoy peace and fellowship this summer.