

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 Musicians: Gerard Weber, Saxophone; Nevin Buehler, Bass;

William Ahiahonu, Drums

July 2nd, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost

"...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." – Matthew 10: 42

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: Watermelon Man – Herbie Hancock (b. 1940)

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)

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

We will offer our praise in songs of joy.

God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

We will give God glory now and always!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Great is thy faithfulness"

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Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Lord of all life and each life,

We confess we can forget that life is your gift,

especially when we face struggles

or feel hard done by.

We confuse our own desires for your will,

and stop listening for your guidance.

Forgive any hurt we have caused by action or inaction,

and show us how to make amends.

**May we live with you and with each other in reconciling grace
through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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:

"Abide with me"

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(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 22: 1-14

- Patti Polowick

Psalms 13 Refrain 2

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"A Cup of Water"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Ecclesiastes – Charles Mingus (1922-1979)

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:

"When Israel was in Egypt's land"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Moanin' – Art Blakey (1919-1990)

Greeters & Collectors:

**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu
Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu**

CE Coordinators:

Lena Jang, Abby Kyei

Lock Up:

Colin Robb

No coffee time this week



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.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

The offices will be closed tomorrow, July 3rd, for Canada Day.

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help beautify the church yard! Summer is a very busy time for all of us, but if you have an eye for drooping plants, PLEASE grab the watering can (by the office door entrance, off the parking lot), and sprinkle away. Help keep our flowers looking good all summer long!

PLEASE PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO ST. ANDREW'S

The busy Saskatoon road construction season is underway! Your preferred route to St. Andrew's is likely to be affected or even closed-off at various times this summer. Please familiarize yourself with the city's projects and pre-plan your route to the church. Safe navigating!

COFFEE HOUR! Come down to the lower hall for some fellowship after church.

Bring your own cup or use a cup as supplied. See you after the church service.

From the turnout during the first few weeks it appears that the return of coffee hour following Sunday worship has been a success. Thanks to all that have helped and contributed to date.

We are unsure if we will continue during the summer months but if enough people are interested in hosting we would plan to carry on. By the Fall I would like to see a minimum of 12-15 individuals or groups within the church agree to host. If we can achieve this, then no one should have to do this more than once per quarter. Everything for coffee hour is provided along with set up instructions. To sign up please contact the church office or Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or email cl.roy@shaw.ca There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. On Sundays where there are no hosts, there will not be a coffee time.



Chair-ity Fundraiser Begin to make a difference one chair at a time. \$55 is the cost of one chair, and they will be purchased in groups of 12, as donations are received. Please clearly mark "chairs" in your donation. *UPDATE* Thanks to your generosity, **72** new chairs have been ordered!

YARD SALE

Do you have things around your house that you would now like to get rid of? The Outreach committee is organizing a Yard Sale for Saturday, July 8th on the front lawn of the church, with all proceeds going to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We are looking for smaller items that people would be able to easily carry away. Anyone interested in helping us out either in person or by donating items, please contact Al Ireland, Linda Dietz, or Donna Fenton.



AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jul/Aug/Sep Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * 2022 Annual Report
- * 2022 Accountant Statements

In Our Wider Community

Camp Compassion is our summer VBS- the week of August 8-11,2023. It is an all day program at a different location BUT Martha, Rev Roberto, Synod VST students and the gang are leading it with some of our neighbours. Friendly familiar faces, just a large space with our faith neighbours. Call Martha for more information, and subsidies if cost is a barrier.

We have two rental parking stalls available now. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #31.

Justice

31. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide sufficient and stable funding to implement and evaluate community sanctions that will provide realistic alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders and respond to the underlying causes of offending.

Music for the Gut - Thurs, Aug 24 at TCU Place!

We're thankful and proud to have contributed \$183,000 to Crohn's & Colitis Canada in our 12+ years! Featuring a 75-Vocal Ensemble and Dancers! 13-piece orchestra - Gut Banda!

Artists: River City Irish Dancers. Gerard Weber (sax). Will Boan (violin). Graham Tilsley (singer-songwriter). Graham Pritchard (guitar).

Jordie Hughton, artistic director/conductor. Justin La, conductor. Matthew Praksas, pianist. Kenni Chomyn & Heather Hataley, choreo.

Tickets at: tcutickets.ca -- MusicfortheGut.com

"The earthquake experience is unlike any other," shared D, a 68-year-old retiree. When a powerful earthquake struck the border region between northern Syria and southeast Türkiye, the damage and loss were overwhelming. The earthquake caused widespread displacement, with many people fleeing their homes for fear of aftershocks and further collapses. At the time, the Syrian population was already profoundly impacted by the persisting war and the country's economic collapse. PWS&D responded through our partners to provide temporary shelter, much-needed mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, hot meals and psychological support to affected families. In addition, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, our partners are providing monthly food rations to those most affected.



DAILY PRAYERS

Saturday, July 1 (Canada Day) We pray that the nation known as Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country and we pray for all those who form and keep our laws, that they carry out their responsibilities with wisdom, courage and mercy.

Sunday, July 2 We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partners in Malawi who are responding to the devastating effects of Cyclone Freddy by providing food assistance and other necessities to those impacted.

Monday, July 3 We pray for summer camp staff and volunteers who are fostering safe and fun environments for gender-diverse children.

Tuesday, July 4 We pray for people who travel over the summer months.

Wednesday, July 5 We pray for staff at the national office of the PCC as they work to fulfil the decisions of the General Assembly.

Thursday, July 6 We pray for the Rev. Joyce Yanishewski, clerk for the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Friday, July 7 We pray for the WMS as it envisions its future and makes decisions towards a new vision.

Saturday, July 8 We pray for worship leaders who have more time in the summer for recreation and reflection as they plan for the year ahead.