ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
July 20th, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." – Colossians 1: 15

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: Légende, op. 31 no. 13 – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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)

God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?
God is our stronghold. Of whom shall we be afraid?
Let us be strong and of good courage as we wait upon God
God has called us together, and we have come.
Let us thank God forever, because of what God has done.
We will proclaim God's holy name, for God is good. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"When morning gilds the sky"*** ***#438***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you were born one of us to show us God's love for us.
You came to teach us God's truth and touch us with God's mercy.
We confess we sometimes try to push you away.
We cling to what we think
and resist your challenge to open our lives to others.
We limit our generosity, convinced we can't give any more.
Forgive us, Lord Jesus,
when we turn away from the example you set for us.

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: ***"Jesus, life of all the world"*** ***#776***

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 2: 1-9, 15-17 - Jim Fenton

Psalm 15 Refrain 1

Colossians 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-42 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Reconciled" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Largo, from Symphony no. 9, op. 95 "From the New World" – Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)

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: ***"To Abraham and Sarah"*** ***#774***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Lied, op. 31, no. 17 – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Ann Drover, Charles & Laura Roy

No Coffee Time over the Summer

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: A Community Rooted in Welcome and Witness

In a world that is constantly shifting—marked by migration, cultural change, and global challenges—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church seeks to be a place of grounding and belonging. We are a multigenerational, multicultural congregation that embraces the diversity of God's people and recognizes the richness that each newcomer brings to our shared life.

At St. Andrew's, welcome is not simply a word—it is a practice. It is how we listen to one another's stories, how we honour the journeys people take to find spiritual home, and how we walk alongside one another with humility and care. Newcomer families, individuals, and youth have found in this church not just a place to worship, but a community that sees them, learns with them, and grows together in faith.

We are a congregation attentive to the realities of the world around us. Whether responding to global crises through mission partnerships, supporting local newcomers through language and settlement work, or advocating for justice and equity, St. Andrew's takes seriously the call to live our faith not only in words, but in action.

One meaningful example of this is the partnership formed with the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church in Saskatoon. Together, we have shared not just a church building, but our stories, songs, and cultural traditions. This relationship has enriched both congregations, offering a glimpse of God's vision for a church that is joyful in its diversity and united in purpose.

Leadership here is shared and evolving. Our stewardship reflects a commitment to sustainability, transparency, and community-mindedness. Our outreach is not charity, but partnership—grounded in dignity, shared humanity, and the belief that everyone has something vital to contribute.

We continue to be shaped by the stories of those who gather with us—new and long-standing members alike—as we seek to live out a faith that is both rooted and responsive.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." — Romans 15:7

In all that we do, may our church be a place where people are not only welcomed, but truly known and valued.

With hope and grace, we walk forward—together.

Written by Fafali and Elizabeth Ahiahonu

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, July 20



Bhawna, an eight-year-old girl, dreamed of attending school so that one day she could become a doctor. But in her village in Pakistan, there was no school for her to attend. Everything changed when a local partner opened a girls' school with PWS&D's support. Bhawna's mother, Soorma, shares how eager her daughter was to attend, her excitement visible in how she carefully carried her new books to class. Through the program, Bhawna and the other children receive lunch daily and educational materials, toys and support from dedicated teachers. "The opening of the girls' school has not only fulfilled Bhawna's dream but has also shifted the mindset of our entire community. Education is no longer considered a privilege reserved for boys," shares Soorma.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 20 We give thanks for the generosity of congregations as they support the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, July 21 We pray for our communities surrounded by people in need, and we carry their needs in our hearts.

Tuesday, July 22 We pray for church workers taking summer vacations, that their time will be rejuvenating, safe, peaceful, and joyful. May their journey with Christ be strengthened as they reconnect with family, friends, and the beauty of creation.

Wednesday, July 23 We pray for ministers who are serving as interim moderator for multiple pastoral charges. May they be blessed with love, strength, wisdom and patience for all in their care.

Thursday, July 24 We pray for summer camp staff and volunteers as they foster safer environments for gender-diverse children.

Friday, July 25 We pray for guests who visit Crieff Hills Retreat Centre this summer. May they find rest for their bodies and souls and a deep connection with the Divine.

Saturday, July 26 We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches and the enduring friendship that has guided the PCC's efforts toward justice, unity, and reconciliation.