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 26th, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a field."
– Matthew 13: 31b

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: Prelude in B Minor, from *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 1* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.
We will tell of God's wonderful works!
Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
We will sing God's praises!
Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"From ocean unto ocean"*** ***#801***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Merciful God,
We confess we are not always merciful people.
We turn away in anger rather than seeking peace and solutions.
We criticize those who differ from us in culture or conviction,
rather than seeking understanding.
We hold grudges and hurt for a lifetime,
rather than forgiving as you have forgiven us.
In your mercy, give us peace, amend who we are and direct who we shall be.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Tell me the stories of Jesus"*** ***#348***

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:

I Kings 3: 5-12 - Patti Polowick

Psalm 119: 129-136

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Mustard Seed" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Prelude in C Minor, from *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 2* – 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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Will your anchor hold"*** ***#744***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in B Major, from *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 1* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga



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

OPERATION SANDWICHES: Today's "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **is postponed to next week!** Everyone is encouraged to celebrate the Mistawasis anniversary this afternoon. You can still make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.



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.

Mistawasis Memorial Celebrates 150 Years on July 26th
All are invited to come to the Mistawasis Family Centre at 1pm for worship, followed by a parade to the church. Parade attenders are welcome to welcome decorate your "car, wagon, or horse" and to celebrate the work of Chief Mistawasis and Rev. John McKay in 1876. The parade will be followed by a tour of the church and the Chief's Spiritual Walk through the cemetery, and will close with a feast back at the Family Centre.

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 26



Conflict can continue to destabilize lives, even after the fighting ends. After the Tigray peace agreement in Ethiopia, communities felt relief from violence, but many families still struggle. The two-year conflict caused food shortages. Ato, a farmer, lost all his household assets in the war, and his family ate once daily. Things changed when Ato's family participated in an agriculture and livelihoods program where he received training, seeds, goats and hand tools. Equipped with new knowledge and supplies, Ato was able to resume his work. Now he is growing healthy food for his household. The family's two goats had four kids, one of which the family sold to cover financial gaps. This program was supported by PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in collaboration with Tearfund.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 26 We pray for a wonderful celebration at Mistawasis Presbyterian Church as they celebrate 150 years of ministry together.

Monday, July 27 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Douglas, Roberts Lake, BC, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Tuesday, July 28 We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we seek to understand and proclaim God's truth in ways that are faithful to Scripture and relevant to our time.

Wednesday, July 29 Lord, we praise you for church schools that have raised funds for PWS&D's development projects in the past 75-plus years, and ask that you inspire church school leaders and all people to respond to Christ's call to serve those in need.

Thursday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in People) We pray for safety and healing for victims of human trafficking, for human rights advocates working to end all forms of slavery and for those working to protect vulnerable people.

Friday, July 31 We pray for staff and campers at Camp VIP in Nanaimo, BC, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Saturday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) Help us to remember and maintain the freedom of all people, especially those who do not share our culture, language, religious beliefs or country of origin.