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 27th, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." – Luke 11: 9

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.

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Festival Postlude – Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
We come before God with thanks and praise.
We will praise God for God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
We bow before God in worship.
We will worship God, for the glory of the Lord is great.
We lift up our prayers to God with confidence.
We have faith that God answers our prayers and increases our strength.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"O Breath of life, come sweeping through us"*** ***#384***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Ever faithful God,
quickly we forget the gifts we have received from your grace;
instead of giving thanks, we ask for more.
We complain about what we lack and fail to trust your generosity.
We refuse others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves.
Forgive us, O God.
Transform our hearts and reshape our desires
to reflect your goodness in the way we live. 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: ***"Seek ye first"*** ***#625***

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 18: 20-32 - Jan Rodda

Psalm 138 Refrain 2

Colossians 2: 6-15

Luke 11: 1-13 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Teach us to Pray" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Dresden Amen – Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

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: ***"What a friend we have in Jesus"*** ***#746***

Benediction

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

Postlude: La Tromba – Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Prince and Sammy Lyonga Ngombe

No Coffee Time over the Summer

Seeds of Justice: Our Mission for Food Security and Equity

In a world marked by deep inequalities, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church stands with courage and hope. As a congregation rooted in faith, we believe that justice and compassion are inseparable from our call to follow Jesus. Through our support of Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) and its collaborative work with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we participate in change that reaches far beyond our walls.

PWS&D—the relief and development agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada—focuses on sustainable development, emergency relief, and refugee sponsorship. Through PWS&D's partnership with the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, our congregation is able to contribute to global food justice work in ways that are multiplied and far-reaching.

St. Andrew's has stepped boldly into these efforts by supporting initiatives like **Grow Hope Saskatchewan**, where farmers donate acres of land and congregations sponsor crops to help alleviate global hunger. Funds raised are matched by the Canadian government, allowing small gifts to have a massive impact. What begins as generosity in the Prairies can become nourishment for communities in crisis around the world.

How St. Andrew's Lives This Out

Initiative	Local Role	Global Impact
Grow Hope Saskatchewan	Congregants raise funds; farmers sow acres	Contributions are matched 4:1 and support food assistance through the Foodgrains Bank via PWS&D
PWS&D Projects	We designate part of our budget and host fundraising efforts	Supports agriculture, nutrition, and emergency aid in places like Gaza, Guatemala, and Afghanistan
Education & Advocacy	Congregational learning and Sunday reflections	We grow in understanding and solidarity with global partners working for food security and justice

Real Stories of Transformation

- **In Guatemala**, PWS&D supports women farmers in Quetzaltenango, introducing sustainable agriculture to improve nutrition and resilience—reaching over 3,200 people.
- **In Gaza**, despite unimaginable challenges, PWS&D's response through the Foodgrains Bank continues to bring emergency food, shelter, and hygiene support to displaced families.

St. Andrew's involvement is a declaration: we are called to act justly, give faithfully, and walk humbly in a world that hungers for restoration. Through giving, prayer, and shared action, we are sowing seeds of justice across communities, cultures, and continents.

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, the chains of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free…?" — Isaiah 58:6

Together, we plant in faith—trusting God to bring the harvest.

Written by Fafali and Elizabeth Ahiahonu

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, July 27



In the village of Kaph Tola, India, the Karuna Project's Task Force addresses gender issues, including child marriage and its consequences. When a member discovered that his 15-year-old niece, Amba, was scheduled to marry soon, the Task Force urged her family to cancel the wedding as it would impact her ability to continue school and influence her future. The family hesitated because of the paid dowry, but with help from a local legal team, the Task Force convinced them. Amba is grateful. Now, she can continue pursuing her education and achieving her dreams. The Task Force continues its vital home visits, fostering brighter futures by preventing similar situations. This project is supported by PWS&D.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 27 We give thanks for ethnic minority church members who bring the richness of their cultures to our churches, enriching our communities and reflecting the fullness of God's kingdom.

Monday, July 28 We pray for all those in the Republic of Congo experiencing the impact of ongoing conflict. We pray that they can meet their basic needs with PWS&D's support.

Tuesday, July 29 We give thanks for General Assembly standing committee members who have completed their terms and we seek God's guidance for those who will carry out this work in the coming year.

Wednesday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in People) We pray for the leaders and volunteers of ARISE Ministry, who offer compassionate outreach and spiritual care to survivors of human trafficking, trauma and abuse in the Greater Toronto Area.

Thursday, July 31 We pray for participants in this year's Guder Scholar program at St Andrew's Hall. In August, pastors from across Canada will explore the theme of missional leadership and discernment as they seek to bless their congregations and communities with God's love.

Friday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) We acknowledge that anti-Black racism and prejudice are still present in our church and society and pray for people who work to oppose discrimination and all forms of enslavement.

Saturday, August 2 We pray for scholars of theology and scripture, that their work will be in the service of the gospel, and the power of God's salvation for everyone.