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 5th, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

"When Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him." – Matthew 3: 16

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 G Minor, BWV 558 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul
The Lord leads me in right paths for his name's sake
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"A little child the Saviour came"*** ***#516 vs. 1-3***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
Wise and patient God,
you offer us peace,
yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled.
You offer us courage,
yet we are timid and resentful when life is challenging.

You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose,
yet we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires.
Forgive us, O God, help us to remember our baptism
and draw our attention back to you.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction and Invitation

Praise: ***"Jesus, friend so kind and gentle"*** ***#519***

Presentation and Vows

When invited to respond, the congregation will affirm the baptism with the words, "**We do**".

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

Aaronic Blessing #619 (sung)

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.

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:

Acts 2: 37-42 - Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Matthew 3: 13-17 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Baptized into Christ" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Wonderous Love: Variations on a Shapenote Hymn, op. 34 – Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

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: ***"Child of blessing, child of promise"*** ***#521***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Fanfare – Dietrich Buxtehude (1635-1707)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu



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

July 5th: Baptism and Youth Group BBQ
On Sunday, July 5th, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Micah Paul Kusi (son of Mary and Gideon). This service will be followed by the Youth Group BBQ outside the church. All are welcome!

Socks for SNCM 2026
Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of our 6th annual sock drive. We're pleased to report that we reached our goal of **100** pairs of socks!
How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)
St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee





Yard Sale

The Outreach committee 5th Annual Yard Sale on July 25th continues to get closer. All proceeds from the sale will once again go towards supporting Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We hope that you have taken a look around the house and found few treasures to share with us.

As in previous years, we will be selling to those who are walking past the church, and so would like to restrict the size of the donated items to something that they might reasonably expect to carry away. We feel that this provides a good range of items that you can donate. If there are any larger items, we are open to negotiation, so please speak with one of the outreach committee members. We understand that there will be renovations taking place around the time of the sale, but we have it on good authority that this should not be a problem. An ongoing problem that we do have is the amount of storage at the church, so we would ask you to please set your donated items aside until July 18th. If you are going to be away during the sale, or the time leading up to the sale, please contact one of the committee and we will try to arrange something.

We are also looking for younger hands to help with setting up and taking down the sale. This would include bringing up the tables (which are considerably lighter now that we are using the white tables) as well as the sale items. If you are willing to help out, or if you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.

We are: Al Ireland, Donna Fenton, Linda Dietz and Rachel Giesbrecht.



OPERATION SANDWICHES: is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, or 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.

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 5



At 16, Ahmad Reza carries heavy responsibilities. Living in Bamyan, Afghanistan, he was orphaned by the loss of both parents, becoming the main support for his family. He cares for his two younger brothers and lives with his sister's family, who also face extreme poverty. The winter months are particularly difficult as food becomes scarce. Overwhelmed by grief and financial pressure, Reza was forced to leave school. He now works as an apprentice at a garage to gain skills for his family's future. Relief came when Reza's family received three months of cash assistance through a winter cash-for-food program supported by PWS&D. "For the first time in months, the constant worry about our next meal has eased," he said. Reza hopes his training will soon allow him to support his family fully.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 5 We pray for camp staff and campers as they prepare for another season of fun and faith formation.

Monday, July 6 We pray for Mihye Park, Housing Manager of St. Andrew's Hall, who cares for students and provides hospitality. Mihye runs a Friday evening knitting group that welcomes undergraduates to develop a new skill and form deep relationships grounded in Christian love.

Tuesday, July 7 As 2SLGBTQI+ communities gather for Pride celebrations this summer, we give thanks for the organizers who plan these opportunities for advocacy, connection and fun.

Wednesday, July 8 We pray for those faithfully serving in rural and remote ministry settings and ask God to bless their tireless work amid isolation, great distances, and unique challenges.

Thursday, July 9 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Kintail in Goderich, ON, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Friday, July 10 We pray for our partners in Cuba, that God will keep guiding them and giving them strength despite the hardships they are enduring.

Saturday, July 11 We give thanks, loving God, for the Every Youth Empowered Project in Malawi, which is improving awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights among adolescents and young people. May your love be poured out as project participants learn about and advocate for their rights, with PWS&D supporting them.