

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

June 11th, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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: On the Seashore, op. 53 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Take time to be holy”

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Holy God

As we come in praise to you this day, we come also in humble confession.

We confess that we have not always loved others as ourselves. Seeking our own success and prosperity, we have ignored the cries of others. Seeking our own health and comfort, we have taken more than our share and been slow to share with others. Forgive us, O God, help us to see your face reflected in all whom we meet, and to know that as we serve them, we would serve you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
(Children come forward)

Children's Time: Church School Presentations

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: "Eternal Father, strong to save" #325
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 107: 23-32 Refrain 2

John 5: 1-15

- The Rev. Richard Topping

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Threat of Healing" - The Rev. Richard Topping

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Aria, from *Goldberg Variations*, BWV 988 – 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: "I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance" #250

Benediction

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

Postlude: Elegy, op.85 no. 4 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Coffee Hosts:

Charles & Laura Roy

Lock Up:

Sheila Coulter



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.

Today we are blessed to welcome The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, President and Vice-Chancellor of the Vancouver School of Theology, as well as Professor of Studies in the Reformed Tradition. Dr. Topping is a many-times published nature photographer, and a great friend of St. Andrew's Saskatoon. He lives in Vancouver with his wife Amy.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet Wednesday June 21st – 1:30 p.m. in the lower Fellowship Hall of the church.

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 IS ON! 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



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!

Socks for SNCM

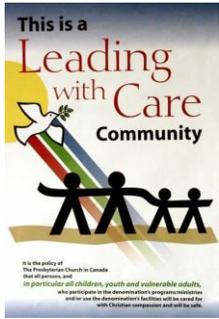
“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17

We can bring good gifts in the form of funds for Dylan at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase durable long lasting socks for some of the people who come through their front door. Let’s donate whatever we can to help with this project. This **online appeal** will run to June 15.



All your donations of \$10. or \$20 for socks add up. So far \$490 has been raised.

St. Andrew’s Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



Leading with Care

Did you know your police check record (PRC) is in good standing for 5 years with the Presbyterian Church? Many of our volunteer’s PRC are coming up for renewal. And this fall we are hoping to host a SPY weekend and those young people will need billets to provide accommodations each night. You can be a ready and able volunteer for one event of several. Martha can leave a letter for you to provide the police station of your volunteer status so you can get a reduced price. Get your police check this summer so you can help with seniors, the vulnerable and children anytime without hesitation.

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, Apr/May/June 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 CHRISTOPHER is really excited to have alumni of the Tri4Kids4Camp program as most of our summer staff. We are offering First Aid Training for all our cabin leaders this summer and need some support to cover the course fees. Each participant has been asked to cover \$50 of the course fee, and we have a total of 14 participants in need of support. Donations can be made by e-transfer to campchrisevent@gmail.com, or mailed to 436 Spadina Cres. East in Saskatoon S7K 3G6. Another way to support Camp Christopher this summer is through SARCAN Bottle Donations - just give the reference code CCSK and your bottles will go towards camp!" Also, we are still looking for a lifeguard for the summer. If anyone knows anyone who can work a week, or a few days, or a day.

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 #28.

Justice

28. We call upon law schools in Canada to require all law students to take a course in Aboriginal people and the law, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and antiracism.



Prema and her five children live in the Umerkot district of Pakistan. After her husband's death, Prema found it very difficult to provide for her family, and severe drought throughout the district only brought more hardship. Her eldest son tried hard to find work so that he could help support his mother and siblings, but despite his best efforts, his job prospects were limited due to a physical disability. **A glimmer of hope came when Prema and her family were selected for a food assistance project run by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner.** The food aid that Prema's family has received through the project has helped them to become more resilient to future adverse events.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 11 We pray for the homeless and underhoused and that their needs for shelter, food and medical assistance are met.

Monday, June 12 We pray for the Rev. Lara Scholey, who serves as the denominational representative to the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy.

Tuesday, June 13 We pray for those who are considering theological education at the Presbyterian colleges. May they have open hearts, clear callings and God's sustaining presence.

Wednesday, June 14 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Thursday, June 15 We pray for leaders of PCC camps as they plan for another summer filled with exciting programs and activities.

Friday, June 16 We pray for Reserve Force Chaplains, who serve in the church as civilians and in the nation as chaplains.

Saturday, June 17 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brampton in Ontario.