# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

## *THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP*

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Devon Pattemore
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
June 22nd, 2025

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

*"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." – Psalm 42:1*

*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: Sonata no. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 (*Pathetique*), Mov't. 2 – Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
One: We come to worship God,
**All: For God is just.**
One: God is compassionate.
**All: God is love.**
One: Where will we find God?
**All: God is in the face of friend and stranger.**
One: God is among the hungry and thirsty.
**All: God is here.**
One: Let us worship God.
**All: Let us seek God's healing grace.**

Prayer of Adoration

***Praise: "O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways" #730***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Merciful God, Creator, Saviour, and Comforter,**
**You offer us your peace**
**amidst the chaos that so often surrounds us.**
**We confess that we do not always understand Your ways.**
**We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns.**
**We are quick to question Your presence and Your power.**
**We are so focused on other voices and the noise around us,**
**so entangled in a legion of worries and fears,**
**that we miss hearing Your still, small voice.**

**Spirit of Silence, untie the knots and set us free.**
**Quiet our racing minds and anguished spirits.**
**Forgive the frantic fury of our anxious lives.**
**Shine Your light into our darkness.**
**Give us the peace that only You can give.**
**We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time - Pat Barber

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:*** ***"As longs the hart"*** ***#25***

*(Children leave for church school)*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

I Kings 19: 1-15a - Fran Gordon

Psalm 42 Refrain 2

Galatians 3: 23-29

Luke 8: 26-39 - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

**The Word of the Lord**
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The Man Formerly Known as Legion" - The Rev. Devon Pattemore

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: As the Deer – Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)

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:*** ***"God who gives life to its goodness"*** ***#334***

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Girl with the Flaxen Hair – Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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

Coffee Hosts: Mary Ann Lyle & Elizabeth Shih




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.

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca; email: office@standrewsyxe.ca

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

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# *Announcements*



St. Andrew's Church Opening & Closing person needed as soon as possible. Duties include:

- Ensuring that St. Andrew's Church doors are open, and the lights are on at 10:00 am for the change of congregations (Grace leaving and St. Andrew's coming).
- Locking outside doors except SE entrance at 11:00 am (start of St. Andrew's service).
- Maintaining a presence in the Narthex for anybody entering after 11:00 am.
- Locking the SE Entrance at 12:00 pm.
- Turning off the lights in the Sanctuary and Narthex after the congregation has left there.
- Maintaining a presence around the building until is clear (by 1:00 pm).
- Complete turning off the lights, locking the door and setting the alarm by 1:00 pm.

St. Andrew's is offering stipend of $45/Sunday for 3 hours time. For more information, contact Kirk Ready (boardchair@standrewsyxe.ca ), Orlanda Drebit (finance@standrewsyxe.ca ), or George Arthur-Sarpong (arthursarpong@gmail.com ), or call the Church office at 306 242-0525.




This year the **Outreach Committee** will be having another wonderful garage sale! Looking to clear out your junk drawer? Maybe your junk closet? Look no further! This year we will be hosting the garage sale Saturday July 26th. Maybe you cleared all your junk during spring cleaning? No worries! The outreach committee can always use your support day of to help set up, take down, visit with the community, and make sales!

Please bring your items starting July 20-25th as there is little space for storage!




It has been decided to pause "coffee hour" for July and August and we will plan to start again in early September. We would like to thank everyone who hosted each Sunday and hope that others will consider hosting such that no one has to host more than once per quarter. A coffee roster for Fall sign up will be placed in the narthex in mid August so please take note of that. If anyone has any questions regarding hosting responsibilities, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or call 306-361-1976. Hope everyone has a safe and joyous summer.

**Socks for SNCM 2025**
Thank you for your generous donations for our 5th annual sock drive. In addition to total donations of $205, the sock tree at the front of the church was over flowing with your carefully chosen pairs of durable socks.
How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

**St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee**



Our 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025. Friday night is the kickoff event with a guest speaker and ordering dinner from one of the two Food Trucks we hope to have parked in our parking lot. September 27 includes a pancake breakfast and fellowship hour. Later in the day we will hold our Homecoming Banquet with doors opening at 5pm at the Western Development Museum. Fafa Ahiahonu will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from Vancouver School of Theology. Sunday morning worship led by the Rev. Roberto DeSandoli with a fellowship hour to follow.




Want to attend the Homecoming Weekend Banquet? Contact the church office to place your order, or fill in the Anniversary Banquet order form found on the back counter and drop it off. To place an order at the church office Call Dorothy at 306-242-0525 or email: office@standrewsyxe.ca Payment can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque. If paying by e-transfer, please indicate in the ***message box*** your name and names of any others you are purchasing for the Banquet.
Adult - $35/person, Children 4-10 years of age -$20/child, and under four years of age- FREE.



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, 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.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

**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

**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*

## PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

A personal note – with scattered thoughts from your aged Archivist:

I have decided that, to continue telling our Church story in this form is becoming too much for me. I have presented 32 "blurbs"! First, I had to set up the archives starting in about 1999. I have no idea how many hours that took. Recently, I have presented 32 blurbs from the Fall of 2024 until now. I estimate that each "blurb" took 8-10 hours to write.

You may notice that I have only reached telling the story up until the end of the 1960's. You ask: "what about the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's?"

They are safe, still in the cupboards waiting for anyone who is interested to learn more history.

Let me warn you – those binders are heavy.

I moved to B.C. in 2005. Despite my pleading, no one wanted to continue on with the archives. I came back in time to mount the biggest display ever for the 90th Anniversary in 2015. Several factors contributed to the dwindling number of artifacts saved. Some reasons are the use of computers, fewer articles from the local paper, fewer congregational events, fewer pictures taken and those that were taken – in a safe place – into many peoples' iPhones, never to be seen again!

A word of explanation – the blue binders I call my People books – these tell the stories of individuals and their families. The last few years have been mostly obituaries (I still have to add more). If you didn't get a page started, you will not be in the People books. I leave it to you to find a way to carry on with new people.

Hopefully, the proposed profiles will help. If no one collects and stores stories, pictures and events, they will not be done by me. I hope this will find a way to happen so if, 15 or 20 years from now, the congregation may lament "where is the record of our story gone"?

Why do I feel so out of touch and restless? I do not know many of the current members. I compared a directory from 2022 to the 2023 one. I was shocked! About 165 names had gone – mostly by death, and some by moving.

The WMS group no longer exists. The Women's League had to fold. The Thursday Afternoon Group faded away!

The number of children and youth is about as low as it can go. Again, I asked, "why is this happening"?

A simple answer is people are choosing to have fewer children. COVID has changed the Church. No meetings, the sense of community, the need to go to video worship services and many more.

I challenge the present Church body to create new ways. It will never be the same as in past years. I am hopeful as I see small steps taken recently.

I have started a new project! I want to collect articles, presentations, sermons. Many of you have written a speech, a eulogy. The Pastoral Care Group are already working on this project. These will not be put in binders but in colored cardboard file boxes. These will be arranged by topics, such as: Samples of Ministers' Sermons, Stories about Past Deaconesses or Missionaries. Another box will have stories of individual members, past and present. If contributing, date them and say who wrote them.

(I will now try to conclude before I dream up another project!)

In closing, I want to thank so many people who have supported my efforts. Positive acknowledgements mean so much!

I want to acknowledge one person who has encouraged and supported me. She helped me set up the January display. She has given me rides to and from Church – even through snow banks! She senses when I am "down" and lifts me up with joy and laughter! Thank you, Laura van Loon. I count you as a friend (most of my old friends have died)!

The next person who has been a faithful (and faith filled) friend is Sonja Wood. She has deciphered my printing into properly-typed articles. I know nothing about how these writings are stored, transferred to Dorothy. She cheerfully picks up, types and returns them within the same day. She often brings me treats too! Her cheerful and enthusiastic affirmation about this project has kept me going.

Both these "new" friends of mine have been active members of this congregation for over 40 years – and they did not first appear when they were children!

Please extend sincere thanks to them for their contributions!

I am hoping that this fall I might be able to share more stories verbally. I have stories about many other people in this present congregation…maybe a few stories they do not want highlighted!

In 2026, this Congregation will embark on the next 100-year journey. I hope this Church will continue to be a house of worship, a sanctuary, a shelter, a community, and a place of joy and laughter.

The Bible verse chosen for this Anniversary is:

"As for me and my house (Church), we will serve the Lord."

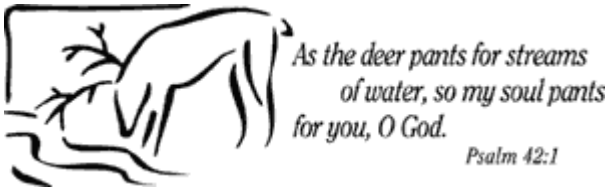
May the Lord bless you and keep you …

May His face shine upon you and give you Peace.

Amen.

Margaret Munro

"really, really old, but still a Child of God".



# MISSION MOMENT

**Sunday, June 22**



As the cost of living continues to rise across Saskatchewan, many individuals and families are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) recognizes that, in these challenging times, people need both physical and spiritual care. In addition to offering counseling and spiritual guidance, SNCM provides a safe space for those seeking comfort and direction. Through its drop-in centre, SNCM serves warm meals and offers a range of programs, including a mid-week worship service, an arts program, and both crisis and spiritual counseling. Rooted in First Nations traditions and gospel teachings, the ministry offers prayer, friendship, and hospitality to those in need. Over time, SNCM has flourished, not only in the number of people it serves but also in the depth of spiritual connections and the strength of the community bonds it fosters. SNCM receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.

## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, June 22** We pray that young people preparing to go to camps and vacation bible schools will learn about God's love in a safe and fun environment.

**Monday, June 23** We pray for the committee planning the annual meeting of the Atlantic Mission Society in September in Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

**Tuesday, June 24** We give thanks for the formation of the advisory committee for the Intercultural Liaison and for the commitment of those who have answered the call to serve.

**Wednesday, June 25** We pray for the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy, and for our denominational representative, the Rev. Lara Scholey, in their work with military chaplains in the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Thursday, June 26** As Crieff Hills Retreat Centre celebrates its 50th anniversary, we give thanks for its founding director, the Rev. Dr. Bob Spencer, who left a lasting legacy of mission and ministry.

**Friday, June 27** As Haiti continues to face political and social unrest, we pray for the safety of our partners and the communities they serve.

**Saturday, June 28** We pray for Knox College and its new students who will be invited to register for program studies in early July. We pray for continued discernment of God's call to equip and prepare them for service.