

# 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

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Christian Family Sunday**

*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..."*  
– Psalm 23:4

*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: For the Beauty of the Earth – arr. Stan & James Pethel

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: I am married, and single, and in a covenant relationship.

**All: We are the people of God. Together we are family.**

One: I was married, and never married, and married twice, and widowed.

**All: We are the people of God. Together we are family.**

One: I am older and younger, and in between, facing my first serious relationship, knowing the joy of true love, enduring betrayal, tasting the grief of a dying partner.

**All: We are the people of God. Together we are family.**

One: I am an only child, and have four siblings, and have raised two children and no children.

**All: We are the people of God. Together we are family.**

One: I am part of a family, the human family, the family of faith, my family of origin, the family of my choosing.

**All: We are the people of God. Together we are family.**

One: We gather in the presence of our Shepherd God,

**All: who calls us each by name.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"For the beauty of the earth"***

**#434**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Merciful God,**

**You are our Creator, our Saviour, and our guide.  
Through your Scriptures, through your prophets,  
through Jesus Christ, you show us the way,  
but we confess that we stray from your path.  
We wander like lost sheep.  
We follow the desires of our own hearts.  
Too often, we do not listen for your voice.  
Forgive us our faults and our failures.  
We know our greatest need is for a Shepherd.  
Teach us how to be your sheep. 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:** *"The Lord's my shepherd"*  
*(Children leave for church school)*

**#11**

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalms 23 Refrain 3

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10: 22-30

- Donna Fenton

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The Shepherd's Voice"

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Traditional Irish

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:** *"Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"*

**#485**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Embraceable You – George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Sandra & Sheila



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](http://www.standrewsyxe.ca); email: [office@standrewsyxe.ca](mailto:office@standrewsyxe.ca)

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

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## *Announcements*

Martha Fergusson is preaching at Calvin Goforth today, May 11.

Our Annual OUTDOOR Spring clean up is scheduled for May 24 beginning at 9:30am. More help helps us to get the jobs done by 2pm or earlier!! Come on out and join the Board and the Anniversary Committee to spruce up the outside of our church yard and building. Bring your enthusiasm and energy!! See you then.



## Cheerful Givers

Some of you may be wondering, why when the offering is taken some people decline to put something on the plate. Last week we had a lively update from the Stewardship Committee about giving. As was humourously explained, there are MANY ways to give. The person sitting beside you may have given an annual donation of shares. They may contribute through e-transfer. They may also be on PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance). PAR enables you to contribute the same amount each month. Lastly, they may contribute with the

tap and pay – CLOVER device that was demonstrated last week. If you are interested in signing up for PAR, please see Dorothy. If you wish to use the Clover machine and no one is at the back of the church, please go to the church office after Sunday service and someone will assist you. Thank you for your faithful giving.



We'll be working on a newsletter before breaking for the summer. Please have all submissions in to the church office by Sunday, May 25.

## Socks for SNCM 2025

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

**May 10 – June 16, 2025**

There are two ways to donate: (1) **Donate online or in person**— Funds will be given to SNCM for purchasing suitable socks. (2) **Purchase a pair of socks** and put them in the sock box located in the Narthex. **Note:** These socks should be durable-long lasting socks.

**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](mailto: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.

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you have never done this before but would like to try, we have written instructions on what needs to be done. Ideally it is best to have two hosts for each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough people so that no one has to host more than once per quarter. Everything is supplied but if you wish to bring your own "goodies" that is up to you. A sign up roster can be found on the coffee table each Sunday. If anyone has any questions please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or [cl.roy@shaw.ca](mailto:cl.roy@shaw.ca)



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

#### **AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

#### **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](http://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***

**Magic Blend – AN ACAPELLA EXTRAVAGANZA** – will be on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm St. Joseph's High School. See poster for more details.

#### **PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON**

The sod for the new church was turned on August 27, 1951. John L. McKinnon, first Clerk of Session, had the Honors!

The last service was held in the old church December 30, 1951.

For a year, the Congregation worshipped at the First Baptist Church, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Services were at 3:00 p.m.

The cornerstone was laid on October 21, 1951 by Rev. James Alan Munro. His family, Archie Munro, wife and six children had all been charter members in 1925. Rev. Munro was the first student Minister out of St. Andrew's in 1928.

Here are some facts:

Architect: D. Webster

Contractor: Mr. Gilbert – fee \$5,600

Builder: W.J. Tubby and Sons – bid \$11,200 without some inclusions such as doors, and upgrade shingles.

Dimensions:

Height – floor to roof – 36 feet

Main floor – 38 feet wide; front to back 56 feet.

Seating capacity 342 with 90 in gallery and choir loft – 46.

Costs:

Excavation	\$ 1,002
Concrete	\$ 6,720
Brickwork	\$21,800
Plastering	\$ 4,100
Carpentry, trusses and millwork	\$49,600
Steelwork almost	\$ 2,000
Roofing	\$ 3,480
Linoleum	\$ 4,000
Painting	\$ 3,520
Heating	\$ 7,750

Plumbing	\$ 2,000
Electrical	\$ 4,000

At every step, decisions had to be made, mainly in choice. Furnishings were not included in the contract.

The pews, including installation and shipping, cost \$7,925.

The window choice was extreme, to many. From the beginning of planning, the wish was to have a large, stained glass window in memory of Rev. Brown. The cost was \$2,610. Over years, there have been some questioning of honoring a specific person. (One person, who was a member briefly, wanted to cover up Rev. Brown's name).

If one reads the dedication, it reads:

"To the Glory of God . . . and Rev. Brown. For most people, the window has brought joy, hope and comfort and a sense of belonging in the family of God.

The cost of the linoleum was \$3,480. Not one person gets emotional while walking on it each Sunday!

The smaller side stained glass windows were paid for by individual people in memory of a loved one.

The main pulpit was given in memory of the Munro Family. The Lectern was in memory of the Smith Family. The baptismal font was given by Mr. and Mrs. Tait and the Communion Table was by Dorothy McFarland. Four Communion Chairs were given in memory of John L. McKinnon by his Family.

The Memorial Organ was given by the Women's League.

People who did not have deep pockets paid for pew Bibles. Fifty Bibles were placed and were just as meaningful.

At last, the Church opened on January 11, 1953. Rev. James Alan Munro preached at both morning and evening services. At 3:00 p.m., he dedicated the windows.

# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 11

"I could not get medical help in time because we did not have enough money," says 65-year-old Ruqaiya, who lives in Afghanistan. Ruqaiya's life took a challenging turn ten years ago when she fell on ice, resulting in partial paralysis. Despite her impairment, she helps care for her youngest son, who has a hand impairment, two daughters-in-law, and two young grandchildren while her two oldest sons work as porters in Kabul, struggling to earn enough. Before her injury, Ruqaiya was known for her skill in weaving and was able to earn a decent income. Now unable to weave, she faces significant financial hardship, made worse by the political and economic situation in the country. Relief came when Ruqaiya received cash assistance through a PWS&D-supported project. She purchased essentials like oil, pulses, flour, rice and salt, meeting her family's food needs during the harsh winter.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, May 11 (Christian Family Sunday)** We give thanks and pray for our parents who gave us life, and for those who have nurtured us in faith.

**Monday, May 12** We pray for Knox College and the Class of 2025 as they prepare for their convocation ceremony and events on May 14. We pray for a joyful celebration of academic success and an affirmation of a call to serve.

**Tuesday, May 13** We pray for young people joining the staff at Crieff Hills this summer, that their landscaping and work tending the beautiful land there will be safe, productive and meaningful.

**Wednesday, May 14** We pray for the Board of Governors who willingly volunteer their time to give leadership and support in the successful administration of The Presbyterian College, Montreal.

**Thursday, May 15** We pray for congregations in discernment about their future, and for ministers who are leading and guiding them in the discernment process.

**Friday, May 16** We pray for the Every Youth Empowered Project participants in Malawi, who are accessing information about sexual and reproductive health rights with support from PWS&D. May they be empowered with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their health and futures.

**Saturday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia)** We pray that communities, elected officials and religious leaders will contribute to the safety and well-being of LGBTQI2+ people in Canada and around the world.