

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

May 14th, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter/Christian Family Sunday

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate, to be with you forever."

– John 14: 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.

Prelude: Air, from *Orchestral Suite in D Major* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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)

Let us see you this day, O God;

Come to us as light.

Let us hear you this day, O God;

Come to us as truth.

Let us sense your presence, O God;

Come to us as love.

Come and let us worship, God.

We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Teach me, God, to wonder"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of our lives,

we confess this day that there have been times this week when we have doubted you, times this week when we have grieved you, times this week when we have felt as if you were not there at all. Come close to us again, show us your presence, remind us of your goodness and companionship, and strengthen us to persist in the faith given us by Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: *"Saviour, teach me day by day"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17: 22-31

- Jan Rodda

Psalms 66: 8-20 Refrain 2

I Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The God We Know"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: My Lord, What a Morning – arr. Jay Althouse

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: *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Dresden Amen, from *Parsifal* – Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

Coffee Hosts:

Jan and Richard Rodda

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths



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.

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.

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.

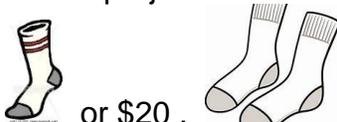


We've started working on the next edition of "Saints Alive". The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is TOMORROW, Monday, May 15th. The last newsletter until Fall.

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 Dylon 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.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee

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, **52** new chairs have been ordered!

MEN'S CAMP: MAY 25-27 AT CAMP CHRISTOPHER

You are invited to the inaugural Men's Camp weekend at Camp Christopher! This retreat-style weekend is hosted by Rev. Roberto DeSandoli of St. Andrew's Saskatoon and Dylon Nippi of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. The theme of this weekend is "What's Your Story?" Drawing on Philippians 1: 1-12, we will explore what it means to live our stories as disciples of Jesus Christ: Where have we been? Where are we going? Where is God in it all? Come to hear and tell stories, work together, reflect in nature, and go deeper in faith.

Cost is \$65 Register by emailing name, contact information and any allergies to info@campchristopher.ca or call Donna at 306-535-6916.

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.



OPERATION SANDWICHES

Operation Sandwiches has started up once again. We are making sandwiches on the 3rd Sunday of each month for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. If you wish to hone your sandwich making skills, you can meet with the Outreach team in the kitchen after the service. If you don't wish to help with the sandwiches, you can also help by providing donations to help us purchase the sandwich ingredients. All donations should be identified by writing "Operation Sandwiches" somewhere in the text. If you have any questions, please contact Al Ireland, Donna Fenton or Linda Dietz.

ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast Program. Attendance during the year varied, but there were times when there were over 70 students using the program, so the muffins that we provided were very much appreciated. For those that missed the opportunity to help, we will be starting it up once again in the fall.



AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun 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

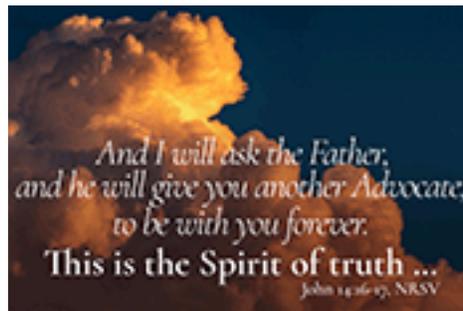
We have one rental parking stall available now, and another available on June 1. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #25.

Justice

25. We call upon the federal government to establish a written policy that reaffirms the independence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to investigate crimes in which the government has its own interest as a potential or real party in civil litigation.

Tickets for our Magic City Diner burger night will be available for sale before Chorus, starting May 9 and ending June 9. You can pay with cash, cheque or e-transfer. The meals includes a barbequed burger with toppings, potato salad, coleslaw, veggie tray and ice cream sundae bar. Gluten-free and vegetarian options are available but you need to let us know when purchasing tickets. You will notice that there is a \$5 ticket available for children 12 and under – that includes a hot dog, salads, veggie tray and ice cream sundae bar. If you think your child will eat more than that, it would be best to buy an adult ticket. This event is to be held at the Shrine Club on 1021 Saskatchewan Crescent W. Speak to Fran Gordon, if you would like a ticket.



One of the pressing problems in Malawi is the lack of health-care workers. **With only 600 doctors to look after a population of 19 million, Presbyterians Sharing is doing what it can to help fill this sizable gap by supporting Moses Silungwe as he pursues a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia**, which is a six-year program. His dream of becoming a general surgeon began when he was working as a senior clinician at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, where he was later appointed acting head of the hospital's clinical department. Moses is grateful and excited to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor and serving the people of Malawi.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 14 We pray for Moses Silungwe as he pursues a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia with support from the PCC through Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, May 15 We pray that the records held by The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives will be useful to ongoing efforts of healing and reconciliation.

Tuesday, May 16 We pray for people participating in the 2023 Encouragement Conference at The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec (May 16–18). May all the participants experience God's blessing.

Wednesday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target LGBTQI2+ people. We commit to working for the collective safety and flourishing of all people.

Thursday, May 18 (Ascension Day) Almighty God, before Christ ascended into heaven, he told the apostles to be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth" when they received the Spirit (Acts 1:8). May we also be inspired to spread the good news of Christ in word and action, and to do so wisely, joyfully, graciously and with God's guidance.

Friday, May 19 We pray for the members and ministry of the National Indigenous Ministries Council.

Saturday, May 20 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.