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 17th, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

"And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." – John 17: 3

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.

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee – arr. Paul Suchan

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
Be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, the Lord is King of glory!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"In the bulb there is a flower"*** ***#674***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of mercy,
we confess
the times when we forget you
and are divided from one another, and
how often our thoughts, words,
and actions betray
your goodness and our calling.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Mend what is broken,
heal our wounded relationships
and convert our hearts and minds,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"To show by touch and word"*** ***#763***

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 leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11 - Beth Brimner

Psalm 24 Refrain 2

Ephesians 1: 15-23

John 17: 1-11 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Christ Prays for Us" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Abide With Me – Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

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: ***"Called as partners in Christ's service"*** ***#587***

Benediction

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

Postlude: How Great Thou Art - Carl Boberg (1859–1940)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Jane & Mary Ann



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

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, May 18, for Victoria Day.
Next Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost Sunday, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Baby shower for a new little blessing, after church on Sunday, May 24th! A luncheon baby shower will be held downstairs to celebrate the birth of Rev. Roberto's and Heather's daughter Rosie. In lieu of a card, we would suggest you bring an unwrapped favorite children's book, (new or used) which you have signed inside, to start Rosie's own library! If you are interested in purchasing a gift, you can check out Heather DeSandoli's registry on Baby Registry Amazon.ca
Amazon: Baby Registry
Anne Drover or Heather Shouse may be contacted if you have any questions.

Advance Notice – It's Time to Purchase Socks for SNCM 2026
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)
Purchase socks and bring them **May 24-June 21** to put on the sock tree. **Note:** These socks should be durable-long lasting socks. Our goal is to provide **100 pairs** of socks to SNCM.
Note: This is a change from previous years. The church is not allowed to collect funds for the socks. Any financial donations must be sent directly to SNCM.
St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



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.



A new coffee roster has been prepared for the period January through May 2026. This roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available so please sign up at your convenience. Unfortunately, if the coffee roster is not filled on any given Sunday, there will be no coffee hour that day. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at cl.roy@shaw.ca or cell 306-361-1976.

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 winter 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

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

GoForth Hub The new schedule for the GoForth Club is available on the bulletin board in the lower hall.

Lyell Gustin Recital Series ~ spring concert
Gryphon Trio
Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Cres. E
Gustin House presents one of the world's foremost piano trios! Gryphon Trio is a three-time JUNO winner (and an 11-time nominee!), praised internationally, and recipient of accolades for performance, musical leadership and mentoring, and 22 acclaimed recordings. The Trio's recital will illuminate and celebrate the development of their repertoire. Their program, "Becoming the Piano Trio: From Enlightenment Conversation to Inner Voice," includes works from Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn to Brahms and Rebecca Clarke.
Tickets, $50 regular / $30 student, at St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee, and at the door; more information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca.
n.b. Child 12 or Under, free if accompanied by an adult.



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 17



We are called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we can on our own.

DAILY PRAYERS

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

Monday, May 18 (Victoria Day) We pray for Presbyterials in the Atlantic Mission Society as they prepare for annual meetings, and for the Executives as they review the year's activities and look for hope and possibilities for the future.

Tuesday, May 19 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville, Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, as he leads the CML team in their mission to equip leaders in congregations across the country.

Wednesday, May 20 We pray for the Change Leadership Team of the General Assembly as it designs and implements expert shared services for human resources, legal, finance and information technology needs, relieving congregations and presbyteries of administrative burdens.

Thursday, May 21 We pray that God will guide our Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as they foster understanding and cooperation across traditions. May we work together to build a world where peace and respect flourish.

Friday, May 22 We thank God for all who lovingly serve children and youth, guiding them with patience, wisdom, and compassion as they help shape hopeful, faithful futures.

Saturday, May 23 We pray for people and organizations that seek a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel.