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 24th, 2026

Day of Pentecost/Healing & Reconciliation Sunday

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."
– John 7: 37b-38a

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: Prelude in C Major – Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and transform our thoughts and actions.
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your wisdom.
Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and refresh our commitment to serve in repentance, love and renewal.
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
as we worship and witness to God's love.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"On this assembled host"*** ***#277***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
God of living wind and cleansing fire:
we confess that we have not always listened to the prompting of your Holy Spirit.
We confess that rather than remember the original story of Pentecost, to trust in your guidance in our lives, we have preferred to trust in ourselves.
Forgive us, O God. Forgive us when our witness has been false and forgive us when we have denied your presence by our words and actions. Send forth your spirit, we pray, and let us be transformed once again.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"Holy Spirit, hear us"*** ***#381***

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings:
Numbers 11: 24-30 - Heather Shouse
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Refrain 1
Acts 2: 1-21
John 7: 37-39 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Spirit" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Come Spirit Come – Mary Kay Beall (b.1943)

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

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table



The Apostles' Creed (#539)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Praise: ***"Let us talents and tongues employ"*** ***#563***

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. *(#829)*

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again. *(#523)*

The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say: **Amen.**

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.

Communion Music: Come down, O Love divine – Hilary Tadman-Robins (b. 1947)
(The Elements are Distributed)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:
Loving God,
you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"O Breath of life, come sweeping through us"*** ***#384***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, from *Salomon* – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

Coffee Hosts: Heather & Anne



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



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.

Yard Sale
The Outreach committee is planning to hold its 5th Annual Yard Sale on July 25th with the proceeds once again going to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. With our spring being what it was, it has been difficult to imagine the world warming up to the point where we could plan for something like this. However, it seems that the world is finally warming up and we would like to invite you to once again search through your homes for items that you can share with us.
As in previous years, we will be targeting foot traffic going past the church, and so would like to restrict the size of the donated items to something that someone could reasonably expect to carry away (without the help of 2 or more people). There seems to be a need for household items, so if you have any dish sets or cutlery given to you as a wedding present by Great Aunt Maggie that have been hiding under your stairs, now would be a great time to dig them out. We will take some larger items, but please talk to one of the committee members before bringing them down to the church. While we are renovating the outside of the church we are doing nothing to increase our storage space inside the building, and so, as in past years, we would ask you to keep items at home until July 18th.
Also as in past years, we are looking for those who would be able to help us set up the sale. If you are willing to help out, or if you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.
We are: Al Ireland, Donna Fenton, Linda Dietz and Rachel Giesbrecht.

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: 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.





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.



The new coffee roster can be found on the table during coffee hour or in the kitchen afterwards. There are lots of opportunities to host available until the end of June, 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

ST. MARY'S FOOD HAMPERS

We have been asked by St. Mary's to help with their hamper program. They hand out their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week and have recently noticed a major increase in the number of families coming in to collect the hampers, leaving their shelves almost empty. They put out a call to congregations in Saskatoon to see if they might be able to help them out.

We realize that many people in Saskatoon are having problems putting food on their tables. If you are in a situation where you cannot help, or if you are helping somewhere else, that is fine, but if this is something that you feel that you might help with, please bring your items to church and we will place a bin in the narthex (entryway) where you can drop off your items. Please prayerfully consider this ministry to help St. Mary's ensure that no one goes hungry in Saskatoon.

Current needs for the hampers are:

- Spam or other canned ham
- Evaporated milk
- Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
- Pasta (both small and big bundles)
- KD
- Pork and Beans Cans
- Canned Veggies
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Bologna
- Beef Wieners
- Small trays or small rolls of ground beef (**only** small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes (individual)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 24



Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability that makes walking difficult, worries about his malnourished daughter. "We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough," he shares. "When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve. I was able to save some money through the food basket and decided to buy a water tank. This step was important for my family, as we finally have clean water." PWS&D works together with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya's who are facing worsening food insecurity.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 24 (Day of Pentecost; Healing & Reconciliation Sunday) We pray for the healing and wellbeing of all people harmed by residential schools. We pray for Indigenous organizations and nations supporting healing work for Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities.

Monday, May 25 We pray for the healing and wellbeing of people served by each of the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council.

Tuesday, May 26 We pray for authors and writers within The Presbyterian Church in Canada who work to help us understand our past and imagine our future in light of the inexhaustible gifts of God.

Wednesday, May 27 We pray for those facing famine in war-ravaged Yemen and for the PWS&D partners providing aid to those vulnerable to malnutrition and disease.

Thursday, May 28 We thank God for generous gifts of time, talent and treasure—freely given with grateful hearts to serve God and bless others.

Friday, May 29 We pray for the youth, young adults, and youth leaders who have registered for the Collective 2026 gathering. May they experience travelling blessings and renewed faith while gathered from August 12-15, 2026.

Saturday, May 30 Loving God, we pray for all who are searching for work and ask that you will grant them hope, strength, and open doors to meaningful opportunities.