

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Third Sunday of Easter/Camp Sunday**

*"Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name." – Psalm 30:4*

*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: Etude in E Major – Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

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: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

**All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** *"Come to us, beloved Stranger"*

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of grace,**

**we acknowledge ways in which**

**we fall short of your hope and purposes for us.**

**We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves.**

**We carry grudges about things done by others long ago.**

**We struggle to love as you love, without condition.**

**We fail to love you with our whole heart, mind and strength.**

**We fail to love others as we love ourselves.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and give us the grace to forgive;**

**amend who we are and set us free to begin again  
with you and one another. 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:** *"Tell me the stories of Jesus"*

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*(Children leave for church school)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 9: 1-6

- William Ahiahonu

Psalm 30 Refrain 2

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21: 1-19

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Feed My Sheep"

- The Rev. Devon Pattemore

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Aria, from *Goldberg Variations* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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:** *"Come sing, O church, in joy!"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square – Manning Sherwin (1902-1974)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Judy, Pat & Mary Ann



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

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

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## *Announcements*

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.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the **Mother's Day Tea** scheduled for May 10, 2025 has regretfully been cancelled. Thanks to all who had agreed to help and apologies to those who had requested tickets.

### **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:** 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.



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**

In 1925, when St. Andrew's Church started, it was never intended to make their first building permanent. In 1928, Rev. Brown obtained a significant amount to start a Building Fund. The Great Depression and World War II put on hold the building of a new structure. The dream never died and tiny pockets of money were saved in a special account. In the meantime, St. Andrew's was a vibrant and active congregation that focused on worship, mission and community.

Finally, on February 17, 1947, the first meeting was held to turn the vision into reality. It is important to give the names of those who became the Building Committee. Members from the Board of Managers were S. McKercher, James Tait, Peter Dawson, Wm. Kerr and P. Butler. Session was represented by John L. Mackinnon, A.G. Sinclair and Rev. Eoin MacKay.

Over the next six years, some new names were added, but our present building would never have been built if the dedication and hard work of the original men had not taken the first step. S. McKercher was appointed Chairman and Percy Butler as Secretary. It must be noted that most of facts at meetings would have been lost, had Butler not preserved the steps in detailed minutes. His style of recording and reporting meetings were much more than recording facts. Without meaning to, he also captured the spirit. It seemed that all checked their egos at the door. A typical meeting would be everyone saying a suggestion or opinion. No one vigorously pushed their own opinion, and the spirit of making decisions was for the goal of building the best for the Church community.

Rev. Eoin MacKay was the right minister for the task of setting the tone. He presented suggestions like others, but he knew how the larger Church functioned and thus helped the Committee from making decisions that were not aligned with Church policy. Early, he said the task was too overwhelming and that a subcommittee be formed to deal with finances. The original members of the Finance Committee were: George Munro, Wm. Kerr, O. McMillan, D. Stewart, J. Gregor, John L. MacKinnon, Roy Early, S. McKercher, P. Dawson and Rev. MacKay.

They printed pledge cards and a letter and, in teams of two, visited the homes of members and adherents.

The letter read as follows:

Dear Friends:

We are happy to present to you the plans for our new Church. We are very pleased with them and feel sure you will share our enthusiasm. Here is a Church which will be a credit to the congregation and to Saskatoon and the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada. More importantly, it will be an inspiring place for the public worship of God – well equipped to carry on the work He has committed to us . . . We have aimed at providing a beautiful sanctuary for worship and adequate accommodations and equipment for the various phase of the Church's work while, at the same time, avoiding the nonessential, luxurious and unnecessary expenditures.

Examples of adding unnecessary costs: at first, it was to be of stone. That would have added around \$50 to \$75 thousand more than the brick. They wisely went for the brick. They had originally planned for a seating capacity of 600 but the size of the building was cut by 10 feet in width thus saving \$40 thousand. Seating capacity would now be 500 people.

# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 4

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbyterian Church in Canada supports many vital outreach ministries across Canada. One such ministry is Rivière des Prairies, a mission of the Presbytery of Montreal that plays a significant



role in outreach within the city's east end. This mission focuses on connecting with immigrants where there is a growing presence of new Canadians, mainly from Cameroon. Rivière des Prairies celebrates multilingualism in its church services and children's programming, creating an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Through these efforts, the mission fosters a strong sense of community and supports individuals on their shared faith journey.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, May 4** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville, Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, as he leads the team in equipping congregations and their leaders across the country.

**Monday, May 5** We pray for the Women's Missionary Society's Council meeting on May 6–7, that discussion, decisions and fellowship will be blessed by God's guidance and wisdom.

**Tuesday, May 6** We pray for seminary students beginning their placements through the Rural and Remote Ministry program. May their passion to serve be a blessing to the communities they are called to serve this summer.

**Wednesday, May 7** We pray for the people of Syria, as PWS&D's partners support them in recovering after almost 14 years of civil war.

**Thursday, May 8** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Winnipeg in Manitoba.

**Friday, May 9** We pray for historians who seek new ways to understand the story of God's relationship with us through their exploration of the past.

**Saturday, May 10** As cities endure extreme heat and face unprecedented natural disasters affecting millions, we pray for the initiatives of faith leaders and organizations around the globe who are actively working to tackle climate challenges.