

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Hanna Hashi

November 10th, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." – John 15: 13

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.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Laying of the Wreath

-Jan Rodda, Clerk of Session

One: O Lord our God, we have gathered this day to offer our prayers and petitions for those who have perished as a result of conflict and the strife of war.

We pray for those who have given of themselves willingly, those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We pray for those who have been victimized, innocent casualties of hatred and terror.

We pray for those who continue to place themselves in harm's way in the hope that peace and harmony might be achieved. Hear us, O Lord, as we make our appeal in their memory; Bless, O Lord our God, those who have served and those who have died in an effort to gain liberty and freedom for all people. May their sacrifice not be in vain.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who have perished while engaged in the task of Peacekeeping. May their sacrifice not be in vain.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, the innocent victims of war, those who have suffered as a result of conflict and strife.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who continue to train and prepare themselves for active duty.
May the sacrifices they make not be in vain.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: All this we pray, and all this we ask, in your Holy Name, O Lord. Amen.

One: As we remember in silence before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God's eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life's end, to the honour and glory of God's Holy Name.

We remember

One: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

All: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

All: we will remember them.

Music

"The Last Post"

(Two Minutes of Silence is Observed)

Music

"Reveille"

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,

All: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

One: May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy, rest in peace.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O Canada"

2 verses #800

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of justice and mercy,

we confess that we are grieved at the state of the world around us.

Nations turn disputes over territory into acts of aggression.

Old enemies stir up conflict with their rivals.

Threats of violence and promises of vengeance chill our hearts.

We confess we have not learned from our past. Help us to remember, and in remembering, that we would learn to trust you and follow your justice.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time: Pat Barber

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:

"Eternal Father, strong to save"

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

- Grace Drover

Psalms 116 Refrain 3

Philippians 2: 1-4

John 15: 12-17

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Princes"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Dona Nobis Pacem – 16th century, arr. Hal H. Hopson

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:

"O God, our help in ages past"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Hymn to Freedom – Oscar Peterson (1925-2007)

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

Coffee Hosts: Judy, McFadden, Pat Barber, Luella Moore



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, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements

The church offices are closed tomorrow, November 11th, for Remembrance Day.

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC will be offered following the church service downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will assist you.



Welcome to St. Andrew's –

A brand-new **Automatic Door Opener** has been installed on the Southeast Entrance (Door #4). This is one of the 100th Anniversary Legacy Projects and marks the 2nd improvement (after the Nursery) to celebrate our Church. Special thanks to Trung Nguyen for all his work in the planning and installation of this new device to help make St. Andrew's more accessible.

Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation has begun to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The Anniversary Committee is hosting a poinsettia fundraiser to support the Anniversary celebrations. Buy one for the Sanctuary; buy one for yourself. Order forms with envelopes are located on the counter at the back of the church sanctuary. Place your order form in the offering plate.



Order Cut-off date: November 17, 2024

Delivery and Pickup date from the church- November 30 or December 1, 2024

Questions: Ask Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda

Thank you for your support!!

A Night of Music –

Featuring Vince Guaraldi's "**A Charlie Brown Christmas**" performed by our very own **Paul Suchan Trio**, on **Friday, November 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**. Admission by Donation at the door for St. Andrew's Anniversary Projects. Refreshments to follow in the Hall. Please share with your neighbors and friends, post on your residence bulletin board, and spread the word!

The Youth Group invites you to bring a favourite dish to share on Sunday November 17th 2024 following worship. It's a social event with a bit of friendly trivia to lighten the lunch. It is not a fundraiser. Youth will provide drinks and clear the tables etc. Come chat and have a few laughs.

Purdys 2024 Christmas Order goes in November 25th - forms available today. Here is the link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1311233-122462>.

Or call just call Martha and she will book at time to help you. Proceeds will go to our Youth Group.

We are Expecting! -

Four new babies at St. Andrew's in our anniversary year! We plan to honor them with a Baby Shower after Church during our regular Coffee Hour on December 15, 2024. You may donate (cash, debit, or credit) at the Shower to support the purchase of a new baby play pen and rocking chair for our nursery, and some individual baby gifts. Please save a moment on that day to take a peek at the renovated nursery. For further information, contact Heather Shouse, 705 493-2724 (call or text).



WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

October is the traditional kick-off month for Outreach and Pastoral Care to gather and distribute donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter. Thank you for your support!



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday.

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

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the summer 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 standrews-saskatoon.com
- 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

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

While Presbyterian churches had been built in Riversdale, Mayfair and Nutana, a push was made to build a new grand Presbyterian Church in the downtown. Some envisioned a church as the Methodist Church on 3rd Avenue.

In 1912, a permit for a new Knox Church on Spadina Crescent and 24th Street was obtained. The plans were for an elaborate building, and some did not agree with spending so much money. Instead of hiring a local architect, one was hired from Montreal. Special building materials, such as marble, were brought from the East. Even tradesmen were not local. The seating capacity was 1,200 and the cost was \$140,000. It opened in 1914. An extra \$10,000 was spent on a Three-Manual, Casavant organ that had 425 stops; this organ had 2,683 pipes!

Saskatoon was a vibrant community. The various churches often supported activities held by other denominations. Social events, such as musical nights, lectures and teas were attended.

Most citizens had some church affiliation, but, often a person was involved in other clubs and associations.

The people loved "belonging"! Here is a list of some clubs and services:

- Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU);
- Imperial Daughters of the Empire (IODE);
- YMCA and YWCA;
- Hospital Aid;
- The Aberdeen Society;
- Humane Society;
- Women's Musical Club;
- Saskatoon Horticultural Society;
- Public Library.

Sports played a huge part in the City, often connected to various churches. Hockey, lacrosse, baseball, curling, tennis and cricket teams flourished.

Also, automobiles put on various events such as novelty races to Pike Lake.

However, the increasing threat of war caused an uneasiness.

In Our Wider Community

Magic City Chorus presents Magic Blend, an a cappella extravaganza on Saturday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's high school. Speak to Fran Gordon, or see posters for more information.



MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 10**

Najua Osman recalls not being prepared to leave her home in Al Gezira, Sudan. However, as the war intensified, she had no choice but to seek refuge in South Sudan. Najua fled with her two children and was pregnant when she arrived in Renk. She delivered her twin babies safely but lacked basic items such as food, soap and mosquito nets. Because she didn't have enough to eat, she couldn't produce enough breastmilk to feed her twins. As Najua felt hopeless and depressed, she was approached by PWS&D's local partner, who registered her for a project where she received cash assistance. "The money helped me to buy food, which improved the production of breastmilk; I also bought mosquito nets and soap," she said.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 10 We pray for the people in the spiritual care of Indigenous ministries in Kenora, Saskatoon, Mistawasis, the lower mainland of BC, Winnipeg, Edmonton and the Cowichan First Nation in BC, that they may be lifted up in a spirit of hope for healing in all aspects of their lives that seem hopeless.

Monday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn and suffer as a result of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the Armed Forces.

Tuesday, November 12 We give thanks for the life and witness of generations of faithful people in the church, that we may continue to be inspired by the way their lives reflected their faith in Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 13 We pray for students in all denominations that have come to study at The Presbyterian College, Montreal. May the college community grow in its intent to be and to build Christian community in an increasingly ecumenical student body.

Thursday, November 14 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hall, who cares for students and represents the PCC as part of the UBC Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team.

Friday, November 15 We pray for the Sabeel Liberation Theology Center as it hosts the "Challenging Religious Extremism" conference in Bethlehem and Jerusalem amid rising intolerance and violence in the Middle East.

Saturday, November 16 We pray for Atlantic Mission Society groups as they encourage congregations to support the Advent gift projects.