ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart
Guest Musician: Fran Gordon
Guest Bugler: Terry Heckman
November 7th, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday/Remembrance

"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants, the prophets." Daniel 9: 9-10

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 -Al Ireland, 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"** -Terry Heckman

(Two Minutes of Silence is Observed)

Music **"Reveille"** -Terry Heckman

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

Call to Worship

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord,

For God keeps faith with us forever.

Praise our God who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

We will worship the Lord who lifts up those who are bowed down, and supports the orphan and widow.

God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

Let us praise the Lord and seek to honour God with our lives.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Your hand, O God, has guided"*** ***#477***

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; the wondrous tale is written full clear on every page; our forebears knew your goodness, and we their deeds record, and both of this bear witness, "One church, one faith, one Lord."

Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they summoned all to hasten to share the great King's feast, and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming, "One church, one faith, one Lord."

And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so; in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored: we will maintain, unflinching, "One church, one faith, one Lord."

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone; with your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won, and then by earth and heaven your name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem, "One church, one faith, one Lord."

Prayer of Confession:

God of justice and mercy, we confess that the world we inhabit is in a difficult state. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old rivalries stir up conflict between tribes and nations. Threats of violence keep us all on edge. We confess we have not always learned from past conflicts and that peace and justice continue to elude many places and people. Forgive us and lead us in a better way. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time -The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"O God, our help in ages past"*** ***#330***

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away. They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:
Daniel 9: 1-23 -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Leader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "O God our Help in Ages Past…" -The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Invitation to the Offering
Anthem: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People
Leader: Lord in your mercy…
All: Hear our prayer.

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: "For all the saints" (vs 1-4,8) #611

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might, thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight, thou in the darkness drear their one true light. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh may the soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion! fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Benediction and Sung Response
Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

This morning, we are delighted to welcome back St. Andrew's good friend, The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, to share the Word of God with us. The Rev. Dr. Lockhart is Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver. Ross serves as the Presbyterian Director of Denominational Formation at VST as well as an Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at St. Mark's College, UBC.

We are pleased to have guest musician, Terry Heckman with us this morning. He has been Principle Trumpet with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra since 1991.

The church offices will be closed this Thursday, November 11th, for Remembrance Day.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Monday, November 15th**. Submissions may be emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



Are you between the ages, 18-25 and have a passion or curiosity about Church governance? Do you wish to connect with other Presbyterian young people and discuss social justice and other faith issues? Well send your name to Martha Fergusson (306.270.2378) by Wednesday, November 17th. Then you can learn more about being the 2022 Young Adult Representative to our denominations' General Assembly in June.

The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, **November 14th**. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details. It's not too soon to start thinking about Christmas! FundScrip has some promotions on now, until the end of the year, where the church would receive a larger percentage of the sales than usual. Some of the retailers participating in this are Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Roots, Kernals, Boston Pizza, and the Ultimate Dining Card.



BLANKET AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE



It's hard to believe that the 38-degree days are well behind us. With the extreme heat that we experienced this summer and the warm (frostless) fall that followed, we may have been a little complacent concerning the need for warm clothing. However, with the recent, hopefully brief, taste of cold weather, we have been encouraged to once again request new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for SNCM. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. Although we are looking primarily for outerwear, any clothing that you wish to donate as long as it's clean and gently used will be passed along to those who can use it. All donations can be dropped off at the church, or you can contact Al Ireland to help arrange a drop off. With your help we can hopefully make Saskatoon a little warmer this winter. Thank you for your support!

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** has received a donation of wool. They are looking for knitters, who can make mitts for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, as cooler temperatures are approaching. Contact Sharon Nixon at 306-978-9577, if you are able to help.



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.
The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.
For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.
We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.
Blessings,
Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED



Dear Friends,
The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.
We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.
Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.
Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.
With thanks,
The Worship and Music Committee.

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



SUNDAYS
09:30 AM - 09:45 AM
Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children
Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Roots – older elementary and high school youth
Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

Sunday, November 7 — **MISSION MOMENT**

Life-Saving Treatment in Haiti



Haiti is experiencing a food shortage crisis. As a result, many children, like Elisemene Joachim, suffer from malnutrition. At four years old, Elisemene weighed a mere 8.5 kg (around 19 pounds) when she was diagnosed with acute malnutrition at a mobile clinic. She was immediately enrolled in a program where she received life-saving treatment and was regularly monitored for several months. After 10 months, Elisemene's health and nutrition status improved, and she was healthy enough to be discharged from the program. Today, Elisemene is thriving and enjoying a healthy childhood. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 7 We pray for malnourished children in Haiti, that they may recover and experience healthy childhoods with treatment provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Monday, November 8 We pray for people who are awaiting the results of medical tests.

Tuesday, November 9 We pray for farmers in Malawi and give thanks for the sustainable farming projects supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that help their crops flourish.

Wednesday, November 10 We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session who, with elders and ministers, nurture caring Christian ministry in congregations and communities across the country.

Thursday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflicts and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

Friday, November 12 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Saturday, November 13 We pray for ministries in Canada that support the health, education, faith and well-being of children and youth.