

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day or the hour." – Matthew 25:13*

*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.*

Prelude: I Wish I Knew How I Would Feel to be Free –Nina Simone (1933-2003)

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

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

**We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.**

God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

**We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.**

God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

**We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Morning has broken"***

**#814**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of mercy,**

**you call us to love our neighbours and serve your purposes.**

**We confess that this is easier said than done.**

**When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away.**

**When we are unprepared for a challenge,**

**we excuse ourselves from taking part.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Renew our willingness and commitment to witness to your love with our lives.**

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:** *"Jesus bids us shine"* #773  
(Children leave for Church School)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

- Laura Van Loon

Psalms 78: 1-8

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Hurry Up and Wait" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Invitation to the Offering

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

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:** *"Shall we gather at the river"* #797

Benediction

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

Postlude: Sing, You Sinners! – W, Franke Harling (1887-1958)

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**Greeters & Collectors:**

**Sharon Wiseman & Angie Smibert**

**Lock up:**

**Heather Reichert**

**Coffee Hosts:**

**Luella Moore, Judy McFadden, Pat Barber**

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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.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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**ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS TO ST. ANDREW'S SESSION:** Special Congregational Meeting:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session, hereby, provides notice of a Special Congregational Meeting for the purposes of holding an Election of Elders **TODAY**, November 12, 2023. The meeting will occur immediately following the church service. Ballots will be made available at the meeting for the purpose of voting. Three members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation have been nominated by the Session: Vickie Drover, Kelly Christopher-Lamb, Alicia Monson

If you will NOT be in attendance and would like to vote please speak with your Elder prior to November 12, 2023.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, November 13, for Remembrance Day.

### **WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE**

The Pastoral Care and Outreach Committees would like to thank everyone who contributed warm clothing or blankets to SNCM over the month of October. With your help we were able to take a large (and very much appreciated) number of items to the Mission. As we have done in previous years, we plan on keeping the barrel in the narthex for the next few weeks so that those still wishing to donate have an opportunity. Thank you once again.



**Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in September 2025!! The Anniversary Committee is hosting a poinsettia fundraiser for 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.

Not sure how to order from home? **Call or text Heather Kolojay at 306- 281-3029.**

Order Cut-off date: November 19, 2023

Delivery and Pickup date from the church- December 2, 2023

Questions: Ask Heather Kolojay, Sandra Monson, Jan Rodda

Thank you for your support!!



St. Andrew's Anniversary Committee is needing one or two people to refresh the Christmas Nativity sign. It is placed outside during Advent. Paint will be supplied. Contact Heather Kolojay if you can help. Call or text: 306-281-3029. Thank you.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is next **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com).



**SHARE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY!** Want to help out with coffee hour on Sundays, but not sure about what's all involved? No problem! A list of responsibilities is posted in the kitchen and everything is supplied. To be added to the rotation of coffee hour volunteers, contact Charles or Laura Roy. A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen.

### **LIFT is the new Canada Youth**

This 20-year-old tradition of sending our youth to Brock University for a large youth based conference is BACK after a 5 year hiatus- thank-you COVID-19.

For the 3rd time we are selling **PURDYS chocolate** to raise some money toward registration and other required things for the conference that cost money.

So IF you LIKE Purdy's buy from US. **If you don't, there will be other ways** to support the youth in the weeks ahead, like direct donation, other events, prayer partners when they go, and welcome partners when they return. This is just the start.

Here is the Purdy's Information- need help? call 306 270 2378 Martha

From now until **November 26th** you can order Purdys treats for our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. If you prefer cheque or cash call Martha to arrange and skip online. Paper Catalogues are limited but available in the narthex starting November 5, 2023. Online can begin NOW.

After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

What you'll need to order

1. Our campaign number: **58208**
2. Go to our fundraising website: (cut and paste in browser, or type in)  
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311233-112320>
3. Click "Join Campaign" **Lift Saskatoon**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. It would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

## ***In Our Wider Community***

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #47.

Royal Proclamation and Covenant of Reconciliation

47. We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.



## **HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA (PWS&D RESPONSE)**

As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering, PWS&D is prepared to respond to the humanitarian needs. The ongoing hostilities have created a humanitarian crisis, with homes, schools, medical facilities and crucial infrastructure having been extensively damaged or destroyed. The conflict has led to a significant mass displacement—1.4 million

out of Gaza's 2.2 million residents are currently displaced. Almost half of this population is under the age of 18. With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith. PWS&D supports peacebuilding efforts in Israel/Palestine through KAIROS' Women of Courage program. Through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWSD will assist with shelter, food, livelihoods, emergency health, psychosocial and mental health support, as well as cash assistance to allow people to purchase the goods they require.

Donations made to PWS&D before November 12, **TODAY**, are eligible to be matched by the Government of Canada. Donations, marked 'Gaza Crisis' can be made through offerings, or online through the church office or online directly to PWS&D ([werespond.ca](http://werespond.ca)).

### **HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The session will begin at 1:30 at the church. Each afternoon will include a time to socialize, an opportunity to have your blood pressure checked, a brief exercise time, entertainment and refreshments. Masks are required. Fully accessible, free parking.

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

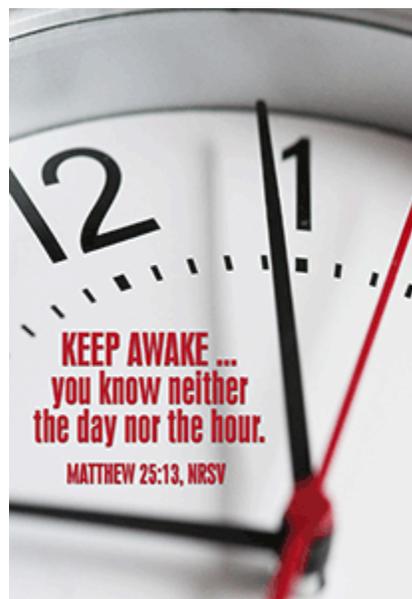
The dinner for InterChurch Health Ministries-Saskatchewan ( ICHM-SK) on November 26, 2023 at the top of Luther Tower has been postponed until some time in the new year.

### **Micah Mission Fundraiser: Reconciliation Reels at the Roxy Theatre**

Bones of Crows on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm

The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm

See poster for more details.



We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God's mission and proclaim God's love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ's love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany PCC partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.



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**DAILY PRAYERS**

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**Sunday, November 12** We give thanks for the ministry and mission of the Well Church (Mississauga) and pray that the congregation will continue to build a firm foundation in Christ.

**Monday, November 13** We give thanks for the many Presbyterians serving on General Assembly Committees as they meet and work to support the many ministries of our church.

**Tuesday, November 14** We pray for international students who have left their homelands to further their education. We give thanks for them, their families and their communities. May their faith in God sustain and comfort them in times of loneliness, sadness, and grief.

**Wednesday, November 15** We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, and for Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort.

**Thursday, November 16** We pray that we live out the commitment of this church that "all forms of racism are contrary to the will and mind of Christ," and that we seek God's promise of newness and difference if we end this form of violence; that we seek right relations as we recognize the harms done by racism, which continues to foster violence in our society.

**Friday, November 17** We pray that God will continue to raise up leaders with vision, willing to honour and give glory to God by using their gifts for the on-going mission of the church.

**Saturday, November 18** We pray for people who suffer from addiction, that they find hope and guidance through God's love.

