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 15th, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost/Legacy Giving Sunday

"A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth." – Acts 16: 14

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: Rest in the Lord (Psalm 37:7) – Lester H. Groom (1929-2000)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Let us praise the God of Truth!
Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.
Let us praise the God of Peace!
Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.
Let us praise the God of Love!
Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"In loving partnership"*** ***#759***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
God of goodness, we confess that we are often unwilling to truly believe in your radical and generous gift-giving.
Though you are always blessing us and the world, we prefer to believe that your love is transactional; that it is our goodness that purchases your grace.
Correct us with your love. Help us to know your heart and to welcome this heart to dwell in our own lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"I have decided to follow Jesus"*** ***#570***

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.

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 18: 1-15 - Rianne Nyekanyeka

Psalm 31: 1-8, 19-24 Refrain 1

Philippians 1: 1-11

Acts 16: 11-15 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Lydia" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Ein feste Burg – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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: ***"Help us accept each other"*** ***#632***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude – Don Luis Milan (1500-1561)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Patti Polowick & Al Ireland



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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **TODAY**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca





NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, November 29, 2026, after Service x ~1 hour, in person and by Zoom (link below). A Special Congregational Meeting is required to: Appoint three (3) new Trustees for a total of five (5); Wind-up the Exterior Upgrades Project; and ratify the Board of Managers Motion "That the Board of Managers proceed with incorporation as a charitable non-profit corporation, and proceed with updating the trustee information on the land titles, with the trustees serving as directors of the corporation."
Respectfully requested, Kirk Ready, Chair, Board of Managers
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Zoom Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84439675154?pwd=86JKHJN2H5alMbyAQBMbQTFirto2oN.1
Meeting ID: 844 3967 5154 Passcode: 328576



The St. Andrew's Tea will be held Nov 28th. We hope that you will have time to help or bake or sit down with friends for tea or coffee and pie... The Tea will be Saturday afternoon in the lower hall from 2pm to 4pm. We will have a bake table and a shortbread table for all your Christmas baking needs. Please sign up to bring a pie and bring baking for the sale.
Admission by donation or rent a table to sell your wares for $25.
Contact Sandra Monson 306-260-7734 or Heather Kolojay 306-281-3029, for more information or to assist.
Tell all your friends.

Acts Preaching and Bible Study: October 1 to November 19 (Thursdays at 5:45pm)



All are invited to take part in Rev. Roberto's eight-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts. If you've ever wondered such questions as "Why did Luke write a sequel to his Gospel?" "Who were Jesus' first Apostles?" and "Why is there so much stuff named after them these days?" then this is definitely the class for you! This class will coincide with Rev. Roberto's preaching series on the same texts (Oct 4-Nov 22), giving us a chance to read ahead and dig deeper into Luke's second book. Classes will take place at 5:45pm on Thursdays at the church and on Zoom. Please contact Rev. Roberto to sign up or for more information: Revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca



An Invitation: Walk to Bethlehem 2026 from the Pastoral Care Committee
"What must it have been like to prepare a journey to Bethlehem? Just think about the actual steps to get ready as Mary and Joseph carried out their plans for their trip by foot and on a donkey? Who would accompany them? Would they have to seek others so they were not alone? Which route was the easiest for Mary? Where would they stay when they reached Bethlehem with no family there?
Join all the St. Andrew's - Saskatoon volunteer walkers in this **Walk to Bethlehem** starting **November 29th** through the on-line link from the office or by picking up the hard copy at the back of the church. There is a daily scripture to contemplate during the 4 weeks of Advent while you walk, or ride a stationary bike, or swim, or perform another form of exercise to reach 119 km in total. Please let Laura Van Loon know your steps so that we can

collectively reach the goal from Bethlehem to Nazareth. Inform Laura by phoning or texting 306-229-7846 or by email at lauralene66@gmail.com.
Blessings on your journey!

Memory and Light Service, Wednesday, December 9th at 7 pm.



We are fast approaching Advent, and rejoice in the anticipation of the messages of hope, joy, love and peace, and the celebration of treasured traditions. But, for many, Advent and the Christmas Season brings bitter sweet memories, troubled hearts, and struggles to find joy in the midst of sorrow or pain. We welcome you to join us to remember those who are no longer with us, to acknowledge our sorrows, our stress, and to share in the blessings of God's care and healing.

Coffee hour has resumed. A sign up roster can be found on the entrance way table. If no one signs up on a particular Sunday, there will be no coffee time that week. If you require any information, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca



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.

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 fall 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

SNCM Updates

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry.

As the weather changes, visits to the Give Away Room on Fridays have increased. Much needed items to donate are socks, men's and women's underwear and long underwear; toiletry items such as travel size toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, soap, and toothbrushes. Blankets and warm coats are always needed. There is a bin marked SNCM in the narthex.

Our Christmas Feast will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2026 from 12:00 – 3:00 this year. Irene (Oksu) Lee, the Food Program Manager, is co-ordinating food donations and prep. Last year, we fed 174 people, and members of St. Andrew's generously donated turkeys (and roasted most of them), stuffing, baking, and gift bags. Many volunteers helped with set up, serving and cleanup. Dylon Nippi co-ordinated the service and blessing by an elder.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Irene personally or by email: osahind@hotmail.com, Dylon by email: divineaction123@gmail.com or me.

Finally, as we approach year end, thank you to everyone who has donated to SNCM in 2026. Looking ahead to 2027, we would appreciate donations going through Canada Helps at canadahelps.org rather than EFTs. I am happy to help you set up a Canada Helps account where you can manage your contributions and tax receipt. Also, the last day for any donations for this year is December 31, 2026. Cheques or electronic transfers must be received or postmarked by that date.

Blessings,

Anne Drover

atdrover@sasktel.net

St. Mary's Food Hampers

We have recently started helping supply food for St. Mary's. They have a hamper program that they started when families started coming in asking them for food. Most of these families consist of children and their grandparents. There is a list of needed items taped to the bin in the entryway, but a copy of the list is shown below. St. Mary's has been most appreciative of our donations so far.

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

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 15**



"Our hope and passion for the future of the PCC can lie in international partnerships!" Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, 24-year-old Sophia Kim had the opportunity of a lifetime to work in Japan as a Young Adult Intern for the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ). While there, she heard many stories of adversity and courage told by Korean-Japanese Christians. Overwhelming gratitude was expressed by the KCCJ for the PCC's mission work in Japan, and continued support. The PCC and KCCJ are approaching the 100th anniversary of their partnership in 2027.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 15 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for those who leave a legacy of faith through their generosity. May we all be faithful stewards of God's gifts, supporting Christ's mission today and for generations to come.

Monday, November 16 (Restorative Justice Week – Nov 15-22) We give thanks for the Canadian Council of Churches as they promote more restorative approaches for the Corrections System in Canada and healing for all people and communities hurt by crime.

Tuesday, November 17 We celebrate in prayer the life skills training that marginalized children are accessing, with the support of PWS&D, so that they may achieve their goals and dreams.

Wednesday, November 18 We give thanks for the dedicated women who work to create meaningful fall gatherings for mission-minded women in churches across Canada, some of whom do not have access to a WMS group at their local church.

Thursday, November 19 We pray for the Advisory Committee of the Intercultural Office (IO) as they discern how best to support the IO's work in the upcoming year.

Friday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance; World Children's Day) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people and commit to fostering safer environments in the church and society.

Saturday, November 21 We pray for those God is summoning to service with the gifts God provides. We ask that each be blessed with communities of discernment and affirmation.