

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 19th, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost/ Legacy Giving Sunday

"But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." – *I Thessalonians 5:8*

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: Prelude in G Minor – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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)

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:

"Arise, your light is come"

#712

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Trusting God,

you placed your mission in our hands

and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things in Jesus' name.

We confess sometimes we've taken credit for what your love has done.

Sometimes we've called our own desires your will.

Sometimes we've stepped back and let others carry responsibilities.

Forgive us when we've failed to honour your trust in us and renew our personal commitment to your mission.

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: *"Give me oil in my lamp"* #655
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Psalms 90: 1-8, 12 Refrain 2

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Trustworthy" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment: Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Sing a new Song to the Lord – Natalie Sleeth

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: *"This is the threefold truth"* #365

Benediction

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

Postlude: Berceuse, op. 56, no. 2, from Dolly – Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts:

Richard & Jan Rodda



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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



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: **TODAY**, 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!!

The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hereby announces that Kelly Christopher- Lamb, Dr. Vickie Lamb Drover, and Alicia Monson have been duly elected to the office of Eldership. Each exceeded the threshold of 67% of ballots cast from members and adherents for each of the three candidates.

The Session therefore, upon the results of the election call for the ordination of each newly elected elder during the worship service that is to occur on December 3, 2023. At the end of the December 3 worship service members and adherents are encouraged to provide the right hand of fellowship to Kelly, Vickie and Alicia. Please note that December 3 is the beginning of Advent and Communion will be served at this time.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Rodda, Clerk

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **TODAY, Sunday, November 19th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to 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!

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC will be offered following the church service next Sunday, November 26th, downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will have blood pressure cuffs to fit all arms!



In Our Wider Community

Greetings Everyone,

The 2023 General Assembly adopted a Confession regarding the ways in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada has silenced, mistreated and slandered the "ethnic contingent" of the church. Following the Assembly's direction, on Sunday December 3, 2023, at 3:00 pm (et) a Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope will be held at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, located at 106 Ravenscrest Dr., Etobicoke, Ontario. This service will also be livestreamed so that Presbyterians across the country may be able to participate.

As the church begins a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, we pray that this service of repentance will lead to a renewed journey of healing and hope within all parts of our church.

The service will feature leadership from the diversity of our denomination, including The Rev. In Kee Kim of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, who will preach the sermon and The Rev. Drs. Heather Vais and John Vissers.

The service will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person. The link is <https://timothyperc.com/repentance/> or visit the congregation's website, <http://timothyperc.com/>.

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 #48.

Settlement Agreement Parties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 48.

We call upon the church parties to the Settlement Agreement, and all other faith groups and interfaith social justice groups in Canada who have not already done so, to formally adopt and comply with the principles, norms, and standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. This would include, but not be limited to, the following commitments:

- i. Ensuring that their institutions, policies, programs, and practices comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- ii. Respecting Indigenous peoples' right to self-determination in spiritual matters, including the right to practise, develop, and teach their own spiritual and religious traditions, customs, and ceremonies, consistent with Article 12:1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- iii. Engaging in ongoing public dialogue and actions to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- iv. Issuing a statement no later than March 31, 2016, from all religious denominations and faith groups, as to how they will implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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.



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 19 On World Toilet Day, we acknowledge the critical importance of sanitation and access to proper toilet facilities. We pray that PWS&D's work will give more communities access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

Monday, November 20 (Transgender Day of Remembrance)

We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We pray for an end to hatred and commit to creating safer communities where people of all genders can thrive.

Tuesday, November 21 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Temiskaming.

Wednesday, November 22 We pray for church office administrators and custodians and all those who tend to the daily lives of the structures of congregations.

Thursday, November 23 We pray for the therapeutic treatment of malnourished children in Haiti and in Somalia through PWS&D's partners, that they may experience healthy recoveries and new beginnings

Friday, November 24 We pray and give thanks for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan's Indigenous Pinuyumayan District churches as they celebrate 60 years of Christian mission in their area.

Saturday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.