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 2nd, 2025

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints

"…He said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'" – John 6: 20

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.
Prelude: Ach Gott und Herr – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
We will give thanks to you, O Lord,
For though you were angry with us, your anger turned to comfort
Surely God is our salvation,
We will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is strength and might
God has become our salvation,
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously
All: Let this be known in all the earth
Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Christ is the King"*** ***#612 vs. 1-5***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)
Holy and Loving God, as we come before you this day in praise and worship,
we come freely to confess the ways that we have not always trusted your word to "fear not."
Many times, we have looked on your world with fear and anxiety.
Many times, we have doubted your ability to save, to redeem, to make right what is broken.
Many times, even as you have walked across the troubled waters to reach us, we have pulled our hand away from you.
Forgive us, O God, help us to receive you and your assurances. Help us to accept your love and peace into our hearts.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Holy, holy, holy"*** ***#623***

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:

Isaiah 12: 1-6 - Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalm 23 Refrain 3

Romans 5: 1-5

John 6: 15-21 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Walk on Water" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment - Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: At the River – Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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: ***"Go now in peace"*** ***#620***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Dance Macabre – Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921), arr. Paul Suchan

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Sharon Wiseman, Luella Moore

The Synod of Saskatchewan is a partner in Grow Hope Saskatchewan. Farmers donate acres to grow crops and others donate money towards the inputs – seed, fertilizer, fuel etc. (Up to $350 per acre). In 2025, Grow Hope SK is sponsoring about 500 acres. As we work through harvest, we still need help with about 100 acres. So far the Synod of SK has sponsored 42 acres. Please consider helping pay for inputs. All proceeds go to the Canadian FoodGrains Bank to help address the deepening world hunger crisis. PWS&D has a FoodGrains account, which is used for several PWS&D projects in different parts of the world. Contact SynodSaskGrowHope@gmail.com for information or to donate, or Google Grow Hope Saskatchewan. Donation information is on the bulletin insert.



Fall Bible Study: Jesus' 7 Miracles in John

All are invited to join Rev. Roberto on Thursdays at 6pm for this seven-part Bible Study on Jesus' miracles in the Gospel of John. Beginning with the wedding in Cana and finishing with the raising of Lazarus, we will explore not only the miracles themselves, but also the structure and themes of (in my opinion) the greatest book ever written: the Gospel of John the Evangelist. If you are interested in taking part, please send Rev. Roberto a quick email (revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca) letting him know if you plan to attend in-person or online. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88963709649

Human Resources Volunteer Opportunity!
Did you know that St. Andrew's has contract and staff positions? Each of these positions require an annual review and mutual support. St. Andrew's Personnel Committee's composition requires a congregational rep who would work with 2 session members to oversea the personnel needs and direction for our human resource complement. Would you be that one person to represent the congregation? For more information, please contact Jan Rodda, Session Clerk at clerk@standrewsyxe.ca or speak to me on Sundays or call at 306-321-6369.

Facing our FUTURE head on!! You are invited to attend a congregational STRATEGIC Planning Workshop scheduled for Nov. 8 from 9:30-4:30 in the lower hall. Lunch and refreshments will be available.
Wrap up our Centennial Year celebrations with a plan that we can all feel comfortable with and possible to achieve amidst the challenges we are facing. Please RSVP to Jan Rodda, Session Clerk by Nov. 3 – clerk@standrewsyxe.ca. Come and have your say!

Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!
The church sanctuary has been decorated with poinsettias for the past two years. The Events Committee is hosting the poinsettia fundraiser to support the Building Fund. 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 16, 2025**
Delivery and Pickup date from the church- November 29 or November 30, 2025
Questions: Ask Heather Kolojay or Rachel Giesbrecht
Thank you for your support!!





Back by popular demand – **The Paul Suchan Trio** for one night only!
An evening of music featuring Vince Guaraldi's "**A Charlie Brown Christmas**" on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
Admission by Donation at the door for St. Andrew's Building Fund.
Refreshments to follow in the Hall.
Please share with your neighbors and friends, post on your residence bulletin board, and spread the word!



Come and join us with your friends and family at a St. Andrew's Day Tea on November 29th in the lower Hall between 2 and 4 pm. Entry will be by donation and all proceeds will go towards the Building Fund.
Order your poinsettias now and pick them up when you come along to the tea.
There will be a bake sale run by the youth so donations will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to volunteer at the tea please contact Sheila, Sandra or Heather K.



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.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE



October is the month when we traditionally ask for donations of warm clothing for those who have to deal with the colder weather at a more immediate level. Gently used outerwear, boots, sweaters, toques, mitts and blankets are all welcome. We have been asked to emphasize the need for socks, stockings and new underwear, so if you are able to supply these items it would be greatly appreciated. It has been unseasonably warm so far this fall., so it would be nice to have things on hand when the temperature starts to dip. Please place all of your donations in the barrel provided in the entryway and we will ensure that they get to where they need to go.

Muffins



Our muffin ministry is once again open for business. If you would like to help with this important ministry, or if you just like baking muffins, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. Select a month that is convenient and let us know how many muffins you will be able to supply. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.
We are attempting to provide 10-12 dozen muffins to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month.
All muffins should be brought to the church on the date noted on the sign-up sheet and the Outreach committee will make sure that they get to where they need to go.
It is important to note that we have been asked to not provide any muffins with either nuts or icing.
If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach committee.



Coffee hour has resumed.
A sign up roster can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or by email cl.roy@shaw.ca

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

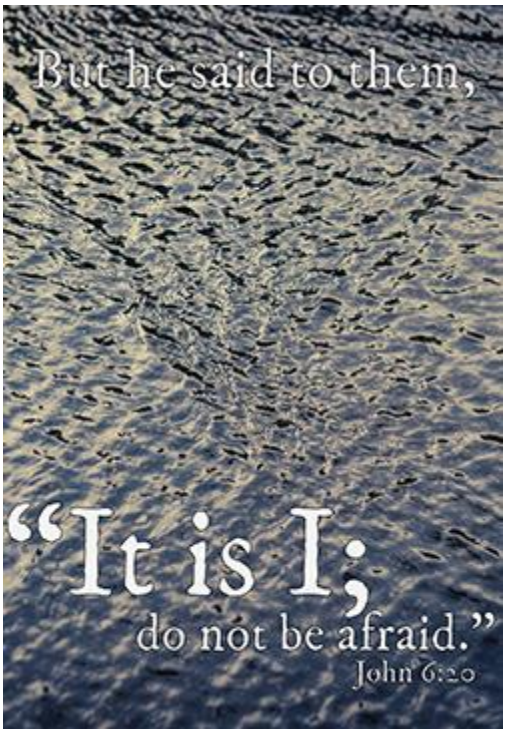
AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- Contact Information Forms
- The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- 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 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

Job Opportunity Zion Lutheran Church is seeking a permanent, part-time caretaker. Please see poster on the bulletin board in the lower hall for more details.



MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 2**



In a small village in Nepal, 25 people gathered to form the Pipalchautari Self-Help Group (SHG). With support from PWS&D and a local partner, the group began working to strengthen their community and improve safety from issues like wildfires and landslides. When group member Darpana's home caught fire, everything was lost. However, the SHG was prepared to deal with the emergency. After the fire, they held an emergency meeting and were able to provide her with food supplies they had stockpiled as part of their emergency planning. This support helped Darpana and her family start over. "I'm very thankful to all the group members for helping me during my hardest time," Darpana shares. "This support demonstrated the power of unity."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 2 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet, share and encourage one another. We pray for openness to new ways of seeing hope and possibilities as they look to the future.

Monday, November 3 We pray for a PWS&D program that helps men, women and youth in Malawi learn job skills, save for the future and build sustainable livelihoods.

Tuesday, November 4 We pray for guests at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre as community leaders, church groups and non-profit organizations gather for strategic planning, education and rest-filled retreats.

Wednesday, November 5 We pray for Gerry Kent as he begins a 3-year appointment as volunteer mission staff in the position of Funding Manager at the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu.

Thursday, November 6 We pray for the leaders of mission groups in our churches as they reach out to people who have yet to know the love and grace of God through the compassion of Christ.

Friday, November 7 We pray for the Centre for Asian-Canadian Theology and Ministry at Knox College as it celebrates its 30th anniversary today.

Saturday, November 8 We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception that is meeting this week.