

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Hanna Hashi, Trumpet

November 5th, 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

"Here is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." – *John 1: 29*

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

-Trung Nguyen, Deputy 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"

(Two Minutes of Silence is Observed)

Music

"Reveille"

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

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O Canada"

2 verses #800

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of mercy,

we confess that the world around us is broken and heartbreaking.

Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror.

Old enemies stir up conflict within tribes and nations.

The threat of violence keeps us all on edge.

We have not learned from past conflicts

what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours.

Forgive us all.

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:

"Holy, holy, holy"

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 7: 9-17

- Al Ireland

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 Refrain 3

I John 3: 1-3

John 19: 19-29

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“Lamb of God”

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: O Danny Boy – arr. Carl Strommen

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...

Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

Praise:

“Go now in peace”

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Nimrod, from *Enigma Variations* – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Greeters & Ushers:

**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu,
William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu**

Lock up:

Sean Appleton

Coffee Hosts:

Stuart & Dorothy Middleton



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

Announcements

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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

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 **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!

In Our Wider Community



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 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).

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, Nov. 6 - Jeff O'Brien, city archivist - The Great War

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

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

“SAVE THE DATE” Please come and help us celebrate 30 years of InterChurch Health Ministries-Saskatchewan (ICHM-SK) on November 26, 2023 at the top of Luther Tower.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Catering by Smiley's. More information and tickets from Luella or Laura.

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.

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 #46.

Royal Proclamation and Covenant of Reconciliation

46. We call upon the parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to develop and sign a Covenant of Reconciliation that would identify principles for working collaboratively to advance reconciliation in Canadian society, and that would include, but not be limited to:

- i. Reaffirmation of the parties' commitment to reconciliation.
- ii. Repudiation of concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and the reformation of laws, governance structures, and policies within their respective institutions that continue to rely on such concepts.
- iii. Full adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.
- iv. Support for the renewal or establishment of Treaty relationships based on principles of mutual recognition, mutual respect, and shared responsibility for maintaining those relationships into the future.
- v. Enabling those excluded from the Settlement Agreement to sign onto the Covenant of Reconciliation.
- vi. Enabling additional parties to sign onto the Covenant of Reconciliation.

In Guatemala, Leslie—a mother to four—takes great pride in the small home, built atop a former landfill site, she has owned for 15 years. To make ends meet, she sorts plastic bottles from the landfill, with her five-year-old daughter Kaitlin often accompanying her. Leslie's other daughter, Naomi, attends the PWS&D-supported Francisco Coll School. At this school, she has developed essential reading and writing skills. Leslie also participates in parenting classes, noting, "[It's] very helpful because I've changed the way I parent. I shout less. I used to come home from work and start shouting at the kids, but I've learned differently. The classes are very beneficial."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 5 November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We pray for those facing violence in their families or relationships. We pray that decision makers enact desperately-needed housing and support for people trying to leave violence in their home.

Monday, November 6 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, past and present, and give thanks for their faithful ministry over the past 110 years.

Tuesday, November 7 We pray for young Palestinian and Syrian refugees learning marketable skills through the Electronics and Computer program of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon.

Wednesday, November 8 We pray for congregations worried about finances, that God will provide the resources they need to do the ministry they are called to do.

Thursday, November 9 We pray for human rights educators and advocates that seek to protect human dignity and work for the flourishing of all people.

Friday, November 10 We pray for the ministry of chaplains serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

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