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: Adam Streisel
November 8th, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost/Remembrance Sunday

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
– John 15: 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.



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.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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.

Praise: ***"O Canada"*** ***(Current Version)***

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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 to put ourselves on the line for your love.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"Great is thy faithfulness"*** ***#324***

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:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16 - Lucy Wachowicz

Psalm 103: 1-5, 15-22 Refrain 1

Acts 10: 34-43, 12: 1-5

John 15: 12-17 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "No Greater Love" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Shalom, Pacem, Peace – Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

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: ***"Eternal Father, strong to save"*** ***#325***

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Lads in their Hundreds – George Butterworth (1885-1916)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: The Drover Families



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

The church offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is next **Sunday, November 15th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca





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

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: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, 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

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

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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 8**



The Nigerian Presbyterian Church was established through a mission partnership between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the congregation welcomed the Rev. Dr. Ukoha Ngwobia Ukoha from Nigeria in 2025 to serve as its minister. Together, they are creating a caring faith community where newcomers to Canada can experience God's love through friendship, worship, and practical support. As families navigate the challenges of beginning life in a new country, the church offers encouragement, connection and hope.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 8 On Indigenous Veterans Day we pray for and honour all First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Monday, November 9 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

Tuesday, November 10 We pray for the Rev. Lara Scholey, Moderator of the 151st General Assembly, as she participates in meetings of the Life and Mission Agency and Assembly Council this month.

Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring spiritual guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, November 12 As we look to the 100th anniversary, we give thanks for the many people who have nurtured the partnership of the PCC and the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Friday, November 13 As the land begins its season of quiet rest, we pray for the guests who seek time away at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. May they be blessed with renewal and transformation during their stay.

Saturday, November 14 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it seeks to understand and address barriers to implementing innovative models of ministry that can renew and strengthen our witness to the Gospel.