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: Marie Levesque
November 9th, 2025

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost/Remembrance Sunday

"I will give you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind." – Isaiah 42: 6-7

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 -Jan Rodda, 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"*** ***(Current Version)***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of Mercy,
We confess that we do not always know how to act in a world in turmoil.
As violence and war cause destruction and take lives, we find ourselves frozen by fear.
As genocide and famine cause untold suffering, we act as if there is nothing we can do.
Help us. Send your Spirit of courage and compassion into our lives. Help us to take up the fight against war, injustice, and apathy. Help us to be your hands of peace in the world. All in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"O God our help in ages past"*** ***#330***

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 42: 1-9 - Kirk Ready

Psalm 6

John 9: 1-12

Romans 16: 25-27 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Blind" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: In Flanders' Fields - John Jacobson & Roger Emerson

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: Judy & Pat

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Sunday, November 16th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca





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



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

The lads in their hundreds to Ludlow come in for the fair,
There's men from the barn and the forge and the mill and the fold,
The lads for the girls and the lads for the liquor are there,
And there with the rest are the lads that will never be old.

There's chaps from the town and the field and the till and the cart,
And many to count are the stalwart, and many the brave,
And many the handsome of face and the handsome of heart,
And few that will carry their looks or their truth to the grave.

I wish one could know them, I wish there were tokens to tell
The fortunate fellows that now you can never discern;
And then one could talk with them friendly and wish them farewell
And watch them depart on the way that they will not return.

But now you may stare as you like and there's nothing to scan;
And brushing your elbow unguessed-at and not to be told
They carry back bright to the Coiner the mintage of man,
The lads that will die in their glory and never be old.



MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 9**



With a legacy of care and service spanning 115 years, St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, remains steadfast in its commitment to community outreach and demonstrating love through acts of kindness and support. The church's cornerstone initiatives include donations of essential items such as food, hygiene products and clothing to organizations like the Salvation Army, the local food bank and the Women's Centre. A dedicated group known as the Thistle Club, composed of skilled and hardworking women who sew and knit, contributes handmade goods and supplies to the local hospital and the Atlantic Mission Society. Through compassion, generosity and an unwavering presence, St. Matthew's continues to be a caring part of the community it serves.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 9 We pray for the congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, as its members reach out to their community with acts of kindness and support.

Monday, November 10 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions' new Indigenous Arts & Cultural Centre that will be a hub of local artistry, culinary expertise, and cultural opportunities.

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

Wednesday, November 12 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville, Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, as he and the team equip congregations and their leaders for compelling and compassionate Christian witness across Canada.

Thursday, November 13 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it reflects on the functions of, and relationship between, Church and State.

Friday, November 14 God of healing and restoration, we remember all those who have been dismissed, silenced, or wounded because of their cultural identities. May they find spaces of affirmation and dignity, and may their journeys of reclamation be met with solidarity, strength and deep healing.

Saturday, November 15 We pray with grateful hearts for the students, staff and faculty of The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they meet the challenges and share in the joys of this academic year.