

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Donna Fenton

October 17th, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost/Presbyterians Sharing

"...But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way." - 1 Corinthians 12: 31

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

-Dean Fergusson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

One: With wisdom and generosity,

All: God created us.

One: With grace and compassion,

All: Jesus embraces us.

One: With ideas and inspiration,

All: The Holy Spirit transforms us.

One: Together, let us worship God.

All: Praise the Lord

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Holy, holy, holy”

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea, cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer of Confession:

**Loving and merciful God,
full of compassion, slow to anger and quick to lavish mercy.
You promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we love our old ways.
You call us into one body, but we confess that, too often, we fail to work together.
We are slow to see Christ in our neighbour,
and we nourish hurts and are divided by anger.
By the power of your Spirit,
fill us with vibrant new life,
ready to bear the fruit of goodness and love.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

“The Gift of Bees”

-Hastings Nyekanyeka

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

“Break now the bread of life”

#507

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea: beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord: my spirit longs for you, O living Word.

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me; your holy word is truth redeeming me. Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me; touch now my blinded eyes and make me see: then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Prayer for Illumination

-Orlanda Drebit

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 4: 10-17

Psalms 104

1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“Sharing our Gifts”

-Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

-Pearson Ahiahonu

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Brother, sister, let me serve you"

#635

Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

We thank the members of the Stewardship Committee for leading us in worship, this Presbyterians Sharing Sunday. The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli is leading worship in Melfort this morning.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** has received a donation of wool. They are looking for knitters, who can make mitts for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, as cooler temperatures are approaching. Contact Sharon Nixon at 306-978-9577, if you are able to help.

The fall edition of The Presbyterian Connection is available.

There are 4 people (Rev Roberto, Spencer Hanson, Sharon Nixon & Martha Fergusson) in our congregation that sit on this Presbyterian governing body, **THE SYNOD OF SASKATCHEWAN**.

But **EVERYONE is welcome** to attend the Friday (October 15) evening zoom worship featuring a sermon by Rev. Bob Wilson and worship lead by many familiar Saskatchewan faces. (same zoom link as below, 7pm)

Everyone is also invited to attend a great **educational opportunity about Residential Schools, featuring Allyson Carr from The Presbyterian Church in Canada on Saturday.**

Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am for an important learning opportunity about Residential Schools

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404136435...>

Meeting ID: 894 0413 6435

Passcode: 813932

BLANKET AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

It's hard to believe that the 38-degree days are well behind us. With the extreme heat that we experienced this summer and the warm (frostless) fall that followed, we may have been a little complacent concerning the need for warm clothing. However, with the recent, hopefully brief, taste of cold weather, we have been encouraged to once again request new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for SNCM. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. Although we are looking primarily for outerwear, any clothing that you wish to donate as long as it's clean and gently used will be passed along to those who can use it. All donations can be dropped off at the church, or you can contact Al Ireland to help arrange a drop off. With your help we can hopefully make Saskatoon a little warmer this winter. Thank you for your support!



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.



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 standrews-saskatoon.com

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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007



Keeping Hope Alive

For Palestinians, the olive tree is a symbol of their nationality and connection to the land. Cultivated for thousands of years, it is a major source of income for many Palestinian households. Between 1967 and 2009, over 830,000 olive trees were uprooted by Israeli settlers and military to build settlements and roads. In 2002, the Joint Advocacy Initiative launched the Olive Tree Campaign (OTC), inviting partners to sponsor olive trees as a sign of solidarity with Palestinian farmers. The OTC has supported 15,000 households with 200,000 olive trees, allowing them to maintain their lands, earn an income and keep their hope alive. The PCC has been supporting this life-giving project since 2018. In celebration of the campaign's 20th anniversary, organizers hope to plant 40,000 olive trees in 2022, and they still need sponsors for 15,000 trees to reach the goal.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 17 (Students and Colleges Sunday) We pray for the staff, faculty and students at The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Knox College in Toronto, and Vancouver School of Theology/St. Andrew's Hall.

Monday, October 18 (Feast Day of Luke the Evangelist) We pray that those who ask, who seek, and who knock will receive, find, and have doors opened to them.

Tuesday, October 19 We pray for the safety of Palestinian farmers and their families and friends as they gather to pick olives during the harvest season. May all those participating experience a bountiful harvest.

Wednesday, October 20 We give thanks and pray for coaches involved in Cyclical PCC and the New Beginnings program who help ministers continue Christ's ministry in new ways.

Thursday, October 21 We pray for doctors, nurses and all those who work in hospitals and medical clinics.

Friday, October 22 We pray that all Survivors of Residential Schools be heard and healed from the hurts of the past.

Saturday, October 23 We remember Chanie Wenjack who died of hunger and exposure on this day in 1966 after running away from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, Ontario. We pray for all those who carry deep pain and trauma from Residential Schools.