

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Fran Gordon

October 3rd, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

"It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification." Romans 24b-25

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.



World Communion Sunday

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

One: The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

All: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit together at the Lord's table

One: Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

All: God's Word is bread for our journey.

One: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Blest be the tie that binds”

#481

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us keenest pain, but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage on the way: in perfect friendship we shall live in God's eternal day.

Prayer of Confession:

**Ever present God, when you invite us to your table,
you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts.**

You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. We confess that the church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. We therefore hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.

Receive them, we pray, and make us new in your name's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 15: 1-11, 17-21

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 14: 22-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

“Blood of the Covenant”

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Invitation to the Offering

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

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology
and the people say: **Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Loving God,
you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Let us talents and tongues employ"*** **#563**

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! (X2)

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements



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



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY**, October 10th. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



Check your inbox for the latest edition of “**Saints Alive**”, St. Andrew’s newsletter.

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.



The latest “**These Days**”, the daily devotional for October, November and December, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen. We also have the Fall edition of The Presbyterian Connection.

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

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

Elder Exemplifies God's Love at Place of Hope Indigenous PC

Although the work of God is sometimes accompanied by displays of power or dramatic revelations, it is often the gentle whisper of the Spirit that stirs someone deeply. The Holy Spirit has been stirring in Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is due in part to the work of an elder at Place of Hope, who simply lives out what she believes. In a quiet, loving way, this elder has been teaching the church's young people that God cares about the details of their lives and loves them unconditionally. And in following her example, many older youths have been baptized in recent months. The elder's faith is a compelling testimony and an example for all, as she quietly draws those around her to Christ. Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church receives support from gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 3 (World Communion Sunday) We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness and restore its unity.

Monday, October 4 (National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) We pray for the insight and strength to work for an end to colonial racism and misogyny that targets and harms Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI2S+ people.

Tuesday, October 5 We pray for the children of Residential School Survivors who suffer from the generational effects of that era. May they heal through God's protection, guidance and love.

Wednesday, October 6 We give thanks for those who participated in Ride for Refuge in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development's food security projects around the world.

Thursday, October 7 We pray for God's protection, comfort and healing for the people and lands recovering from severe natural disasters.

Friday, October 8 As **Coming Out Day** (October 11) approaches, we pray that LGBTQI+ people who are planning to come out for the first time receive love and support from their families, friends and church communities.

Saturday, October 9 We pray for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's church planting support initiatives.