

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Organist: Andy DeBeer

Hymn Leader: Donna Fenton

October 31st, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

***"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."
Deuteronomy 6: 4***

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will always be on our lips.

Make great the name of God;

We will lift up God's holy name together.

For the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**We will love the Lord with heart, mind, strength and soul,
and praise God now and always.**

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“Holy, holy, holy”

#299

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:

**God of goodness and mercy,
we confess that we have been indifferent to your will,
staying silent when we should have spoken up for justice.
We have heard your call to put our faith into action,
but fear holds us back.
There is work to be done in Jesus' name,
but we often seek an easier way.
Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment
to serve as your saints in this time and this place,
whatever the challenges may be.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

“Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth”

#80

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not depart; that I may steadfastly
obey, give me an understanding heart.

In your commandments make me walk, for in your law my joys shall be; give me a heart
that loves your will, from discontent and envy free.

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet; your righteous
judgements to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

Your wondrous testimonies, Lord, my soul will keep and greatly praise; your word, by
faithful lips proclaimed, to simplest minds the truth conveys.

I thirst for your commandments, Lord, and for your mercy press my claim; oh look on
me and show the grace displayed to all who love your name.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-34

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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Sermon: "God Alone"

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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

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: "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" #678

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Saviour of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness: oh grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free. Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

Andy DeBeer, and his wife Jean, have been residents of Saskatoon since 1985. They have been retired since 2014; Andy from his job in the potash industry and Jean as a nurse. Andy has been involved in music ministry for almost 50 years, and some of you may remember he was Organist and Music Director at St. Andrews's from 1995 to 2005. He is very pleased to be with us again this morning as our guest organist.

Do you struggle to speak and share your faith with others? You're not alone!

All are invited to Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart's Workshop on Evangelism in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 6th at 2:00pm. Please join us either in-person in the St. Andrew's sanctuary or online, (live or later) at <https://youtu.be/xROwaElmLBA>.

Rev. Dr. Lockhart is Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and Professor of Mission Studies at Vancouver School of Theology. Ross will also be preaching for us on Sunday, November 7th for our Remembrance Day worship service.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, November 14th. 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.

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 **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 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

Relief Through Food Assistance

Mohammad and his family had to leave their home behind when COVID-19 made finding work difficult in their community in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, Mohammad and his father were seriously injured by a bomb blast on the journey. Mohammad's right knee now causes him a lot of pain. Mohammad still worked hard to provide for his family through the harsh winter, but it was far from enough. Things improved when the family was selected to take part in a food assistance project. Five monthly cash distributions were made to 1,100 vulnerable households—allowing families to purchase much-needed food and essential items. "This assistance has brought relief in my life," said Mohammad. This project is implemented by Community World Service Asia, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 31 (Reformation Sunday) Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and waken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

Monday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God for knitting us into one common fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

Tuesday, November 2 We remember in prayer the Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Scott, Moderator of the 2021 General Assembly, as he connects with people and ministries of the church.

Wednesday, November 3 We pray for those who are mentors to candidates preparing to serve ministries within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thursday, November 4 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Friday, November 5 We thank God for protecting and encouraging the staff and volunteers at Edmonton Urban Native Ministries in Alberta and pray that all those involved in this beautiful ministry stay safe and healthy in the love of Christ who never fails us.

Saturday, November 6 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive as they discuss plans for 2022.