

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday**

"Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." – *Luke 23: 42-43*

*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.*

Prelude: Echo Fantasia in A Aeolian – Jan Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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: (Responsive)

Hear our cry, O God, listen to our prayer.

**From the end of the earth we will call to you.**

Lead us to the rock that is higher than ourselves.

**For you are our refuge and protector.**

Let us abide in your tent forever, and find shelter in your wings.

**For you, O God, have heard our prayers, you are the giver of eternal life.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** *"Jesus calls us here to meet him"*

**#528**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**As we come before you to worship, O God, we come also to confess:**

**We confess to you that we have not always remembered you, we have not always given you glory, we have not always been grateful for the gifts that come from you.**

**Seeking the things of this world, we have looked to ourselves and blamed others for what we do or do not have. Forgive us, O God, turn our hearts back to you, keep our eyes fixed on the Kingdom that you alone can give. Remember us, we pray, as we seek to fully know you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time - Pat Barber

**Praise:** *"O God, in whom we live and move"*

**#488**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 3: 22-24

Psalms 25: 1-7 Refrain 2

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

Luke: 23: 32-43

- Fafali Ahiahonu

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

“The Dying Criminal”

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: At the Table of the Lord – Jay Althouse

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

## 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.**

**Praise:**

***“All who hunger, gather gladly”***

**#534**

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.**

Communion: Intermezzo in A Major, op. 118, no. 2 – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
(The Elements are Distributed)

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:** *"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"*

**#533**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Schmucke dich, meine Seele, from *Chorale Preludes for Organ, op. 122* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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**Greeters & Ushers:**

**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu,  
William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu**

**Lock up:**

**Heather Reichert**

**Coffee Hosts:**

**Heather Kolojay & Donna McNab**

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YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

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.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

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## Announcements



**COPIES OF "SAINTS ALIVE"**, St. Andrew's newsletter, are available on the entranceway table this morning. There are extra copies available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along. Check your inbox!

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, October 2, for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

**ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS TO ST. ANDREW'S SESSION:** Three members of our congregation have agreed to let their names stand for election. Please pray for **Kelly Christopher Lamb, Dr. Vickie Lamb Drover, and Alicia Monson**, read their bios (which you can find in the latest Saints Alive newsletter) and plan to attend the brief congregational meeting following worship on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at which time the election will take place.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet in the lower hall on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30 pm.

Youths that are in grades 7 to grade 12 are invited to join Martha Fergusson, our St. Andrew's Coordinator of Christian Education, on ZOOM for **membership classes**.

We will be meeting on Zoom starting Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 for approximately 1 hour. During our first meeting, we will be discussing our regular scheduled sessions, our field trips, and our journey to decide on membership by Easter 2024. Our group will also involve working with Rev. Roberto and crossing over with the Adult Membership class. To sign up text Martha Fergusson 306. 270. 2378.



**Adult New-Members Class: Monday, October 16th at 7pm (in-person and Zoom)**

All adults who are discerning baptism or church membership are invited to take part in this monthly gathering, leading up to Easter Sunday, March 31st. Unsure? Don't know exactly what "baptism" or "membership" mean? Come to the first session and find out! To attend or find out more, please contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli ([roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com)).

## Confessional Community

If you are interested in having new prayer partners and going deeper into Christian fellowship and community, then this group is for you. Please contact Heather DeSandoli for more information and to share your availability.

### Fall Sunday Sermon Series: "Jesus in Relationship"

From September 3 to October 8 (excluding Sept 24 - Presbyterians Sharing Sunday) Rev. Roberto will be leading us in an exploration of "Jesus in Relationship." How does Jesus engage in relationships throughout His ministry? Who does Jesus take care to make time for? How does He lovingly engage even those who mock and persecute Him? And what do these things mean for us in our own relationships with Jesus? In this five-week series, we will follow Jesus in his relationships with Simon Peter the Disciple, Levi the Tax Collector, The Faithful Centurion, The Dying Thief, and Nicodemus the Pharisee



**SHARE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY!** Want to help out with coffee hour on Sundays, but not sure about what's all involved? No problem! A list of responsibilities is posted in the kitchen and everything is supplied. To be added to the rotation of coffee hour volunteers, contact Roy or Laura Charles. A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen.

### AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- \* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- \* Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- \* 2023 Offering Envelopes
- \* 2022 Annual Report
- \* 2022 Accountant Statements

## *In Our Wider Community*

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #41.

### Justice

41. We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal organizations, to appoint a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of Aboriginal women and girls. The inquiry's mandate would include:

- i. Investigation into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls.
- ii. Links to the intergenerational legacy of residential schools.

## **HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The season will begin at 1:30 at the church. Masks are required.

Monday, Oct. 2 – Alex Pelletier - Behind the Scenes of a National Geographic Expedition to the Amazon

Monday, Nov. 6 - Jeff O'Brien - The Great War Monday,

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

### **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](http://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



Hummingbird Ministries, one of the Indigenous ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is committed to bringing peace and healing to Indigenous families living in BC's lower mainland. Led by The Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, the ministry helps to restore hope by offering regular healing circles, working with the community in art and celebration, and providing educational and healing workshops, Bible studies, children's art and music programs. The ministry has also recently embarked on a journey to gather the wisdom and teachings of Indigenous elders through a series of interviews, reviving and preserving their treasured stories for generations to come.



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Sunday)** We give thanks for the global Christian community and all those who gather around the Lord's Table on this World Communion Sunday.

**Monday, October 2** We give thanks for the staff and faculty of our theological schools. We pray that God will nurture grace, wisdom and energy in them as they seek to follow God's leading in times of enormous change and challenge.

**Tuesday, October 3** We pray for those who serve partner churches outside of Canada.

**Wednesday, October 4 (Sisters in Spirit)** We pray for Indigenous girls and women who have faced terrible levels of violence and for the families and friends seeking justice for murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

**Thursday, October 5** We pray for the Rev. Harry Currie, serving as synod clerk for Alberta and the Northwest.

**Friday, October 6** We pray for ministers and other professional church workers who are on long term disability.

**Saturday, October 7** We pray for Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, as it provides an urban "home" for elders and young people who have endured the residential school system or have aged out of the child welfare system.