

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Guest Preacher: Orlanda Drebit

Organist: Paul Suchan

October 22nd, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

And you know in your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed." – *Joshua 23: 14-15*

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact today we are meeting on the traditional ancestral territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis. From the ashes of past injustices, let us strive to build positive relationships with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Prelude: Festival Postlude – Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

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

- Orlanda Drebit

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

You were faithful to your people as you led them out of Egypt to the promised land.

Like the Israelites God, we sometime push you to the margins of our lives.

Or even like the Israelites forget about you and begin to worship other Gods.

Emblazon on our hearts God that you are faithful always to your people.

When we wander away, help us to hear you calling us back for You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Amazing grace"

#670

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God like the Israelites, we get impatient when we cannot sense your presence in our lives.

Forgive us Lord when we push you to the sidelines of our daily activities.

Like the Israelites we sometimes wander in a spiritual desert.

Forgive us Lord when we focus on ourselves and do not seek your presence.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

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.

Praise: *"In the bulb there is a flower"* #674
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 23: 1-2, 17-23

- Orlanda Drebit

Psalms 18: 25-46

Psalms 99: Refrain 2

Hebrews 11: 1-16

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Faithfulness" - Orlanda Drebit

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Adagio for Strings – Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

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: *"How firm a foundation"* #685

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Goodness of God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f4MUUMWVMV4>

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding & Brian Johnson

Greeters & Collectors:

Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Prince & Sammy Lyonga Ngombe, Luella Moore

Lock up:

Colin Robb

Coffee Hosts:

Laura and Charles Roy



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements

FINANCIAL UPDATE. During the summer, givings normally drop. We have been blessed that church rental incomes over this period of time have somewhat made up for these deficiencies. While personal givings did increase from a total of \$20,214 in August to \$23,597 in September, we are still tracking under the forecasted amount for September 30. We should be at \$209,518, whereas the actual total revenue to Sept 30 is \$203,400. During the same period of time, our expenses have also been tracking slightly lower than expected - at 97% of forecast. However, the expense totals will increase as the church returns to normal fall conditions and also to Canadian Winter! Last year the congregation approved a deficit budget of \$ 7,315. In the past two months we have come within \$1,000 of dipping into a deficit position. What does this mean? In short, it means that I believe our expense predictions are pretty accurate, so if our givings do not increase, we will definitely see a deficit position by the end of the year. Orlanda Drebit, Treasurer

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 12th**, at which time the election will take place.

WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

We have had a wonderful summer and fall, with warm dry weather and no real extreme weather. However, if you have lived in Saskatchewan for any length of time, we know that can change quickly. October is the traditional month for Outreach and Pastoral Care to gather and distribute donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church, or contact Al Ireland to arrange to have items picked up. With your help we can hopefully make Saskatoon a little warmer this winter. Thank you for your support!



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.

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 **tomorrow**, 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.

Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in September 2025!! The Anniversary Committee is hosting a poinsettia fundraiser for the Anniversary celebrations.

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 19, 2023

Delivery and Pickup date from the church- December 2, 2023

Questions: Ask Heather Kolojay, Sandra Monson, Jan Rodda

Thank you for your support!!



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

SPY next weekend October 27-29 at St. Andrew's! Open to all youth. Contact Rev. Devon to register: sasksynodyouth@gmail.com Posters available in the entranceway.

GROSVENOR ARTISTS are having an art show Friday November 3 from 2:00 pm to 8:00pm and Saturday November 4 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Jackie Behrend is one of the artists and would love to see you there. Location: Grosvenor Park United Church (14th Street and Cumberland Ave South)

HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you haven't noticed, there is now a sign-up sheet if you wish to help provide muffins for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast Program. Rev. George Hind was surprised at the marked increase in the number of students attending the breakfasts this year, which he thinks is probably due to increases in the cost of food and rent since the end of Covid. In 2022 we were responsible for 6 dozen muffins each month, but are hoping to increase the quantity to help cover the increase in attendance. As we already have some people volunteering to supply 6 dozen muffins, we are looking for other bakers for an additional 3-6 dozen each month. Similar to last year, muffins should not have any nuts or icing.

All muffins should be delivered to the church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This will give the committee time to deliver the baking to Rev. Hind. Thank you for your help!

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 #44.

Reconciliation

Canadian Governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People 44. We call upon the Government of Canada to develop a national action plan, strategies, and other concrete measures to achieve the goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

THE MICAH MISSION - a non-profit, ecumenical grassroots organization in Saskatoon supporting those who are currently incarcerated or coming out of correctional institutions is seeking Volunteer Board Members. Board Members provide oversight and are important stakeholders in decision making as we plan for our future, supporting our community. The time commitment would be approximately 1 hour via Zoom each month. No experience is necessary. Board Members must be 18 years or older with a clean police record. Please consider joining us. For more information please contact: deborah@themicahmission.org.

THE MICAH MISSION is holding a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 27th at Mulberry's Restaurant (2326B Millar Ave). Cocktails commence at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm. The event features dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, games, and more. Cost is \$50. To register please buy a ticket at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFalfjLnfyj_ROQY. For more information please email: deborah@themicahmission.org.

World hunger is a more pressing global challenge than ever. An increasing number of people around the world suffer from worsening and chronic food insecurity and malnutrition. Climate change, conflict, and poverty exacerbated by global inflation are key factors worsening this crisis.

Hunger threatens physical and mental well-being and hinders social and economic development.

Through its partners, PWS&D is responding to the hunger crisis in East Africa, where millions of people are suffering from increased food insecurity.

Conflicts, such as those in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are forcing hundreds of thousands of families from their homes. Furthermore, extreme climate weather events across the Horn of Africa have created high hunger levels. Through PWS&D, we are helping to provide emergency support to people affected by the food crisis.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 22 We give thanks and pray for congregations and ministries that provide hot meals, and offer warmth, friendship and nourishment to those in need.

Monday, October 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

Tuesday, October 24 We pray for the safety and well-being of LGBTQI+ people seeking sanctuary and for congregations, community groups and organizations that sponsor LGBTQI+ refugees.

Wednesday, October 25 We pray that God gives the gift of perseverance to theological students preparing for service to the gospel that they may finish well.

Thursday, October 26 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions, a place of reconciliation and healing that provides a safe space for people in Winnipeg's North End and inner city to grow and learn.

Friday, October 27 We pray for the members of the International Affairs Committee.

Saturday, October 28 We give thanks for the ecumenical connections that we have nationally and internationally through ministries and councils, and pray for the many Presbyterians who serve the church in ecumenical endeavours.