

# 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Harvest Sunday**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." – *John 3: 16*

*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: For the Beauty of the Earth – arr. Stan & James Pethel

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)

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

God crowns the year with bounty;

**Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.**

Valleys deck themselves with grain, and sing together for joy.

**So let us all praise God for all God's goodness to us.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"For the beauty of the earth"***

**#434**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God of abundant mercy,**

**you see our failures to keep your law of love.**

**We have not always loved our neighbours as you taught.**

**We find it impossible to love our enemies as Jesus asked.**

**Forgive us all the times we failed to live out your love.**

**Renew in us the courage to offer others**

**the generosity of heart you have shown us in Jesus.**

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:** *"All things bright and beautiful"* #435  
(Children leave for Church School)

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 21: 4-9

- Jan Rodda

Psalm 27: 1-6 Refrain 1

1 John 4: 7-16

John 3: 1-21

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Nicodemus the Pharisee" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy – Hal H. Hopson

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:** *"Let all things now living"* #338

Benediction

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

Postlude: Rhosymedre (or Lovely), from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes* – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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**Greeters & Ushers:**

Sharon Wiseman, Rose Drebit

**Lock up:**

Estelle Griffiths

**No Coffee Today**

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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*

Chapel Communion will be held immediately following today's service.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, October 9, for Thanksgiving.

**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.

### **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!



### **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.



**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 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)).

**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***

**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.

The Romantic Violin, "Passion and Virtuosity" concert at Emmanuel Anglican Church on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 pm. Michael Swan on violin and Gillian Lyons on piano. Adults: \$25, Students: \$15, Family: \$50. Tickets available at the door. See poster for more details.

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 #42.

**Justice**

42. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to the recognition and implementation of Aboriginal justice systems in a manner consistent with the Treaty and Aboriginal rights of Aboriginal peoples, the Constitution Act, 1982, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, endorsed by Canada in November 2012.

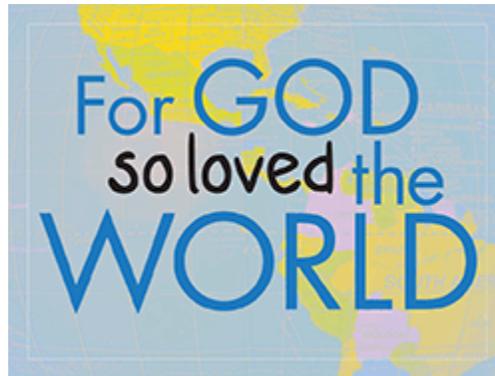
**THE MICAH MISSION** - a non-profit, ecumenical grassroots organization in Saskatoon supporting those who are currently incarcerated or coming out of correctional institutions is seeking Volunteer Board Members. Board Members provide oversight and are important stakeholders in decision making as we 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](mailto: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-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIalfjLnfyj\\_ROQY](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIalfjLnfyj_ROQY). For more information please email: [deborah@themicahmission.org](mailto:deborah@themicahmission.org).

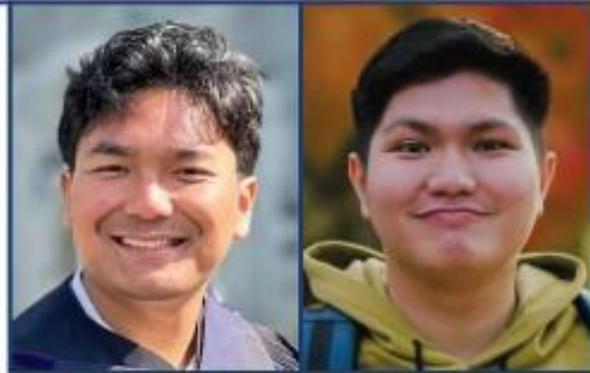
### **Missed out on a worship service?**

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



In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. The Rural and Remote Ministry Fund offers seminary students the opportunity to gain practical ministry experience in rural communities across the country. This summer, Nehemia Neuhisa and Howard Tuwaidan, both seminary



students, served as student ministers for the Synod of Saskatchewan. Through the experience, Nehemia and Howard were able to lead worship at 10 different congregations, support Vacation Bible School programs, serve as chaplains at Camp Christopher, and volunteer at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Like the early disciples, their commitment to mission and outreach was a blessing to many.

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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, October 8** We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and diversity, and we pray for more just care of the earth and its resources.

**Monday, October 9 (Thanksgiving)** We give thanks for family, friends and food and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food and fellowship for those who don't have enough of either.

**Tuesday, October 10** We pray for farmers and fishers and all those who work to provide the food that nourishes us.

**Wednesday, October 11** We give thanks for Lori Ransom who has been appointed as Consultant for World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network (EIPN) until December

**Thursday, October 12** We pray for safety and a bountiful harvest as Palestinian farmers, families and friends gather to pick olives during the harvest season.

**Friday, October 13** We pray for those whose lives are inhibited by fears and the loss of dreams.

**Saturday, October 14** We pray for staff in the Presbyterian Archives as they strive to preserve and catalogue the valued historic records of the church and provide effective service to the whole church and beyond.