

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Fran Gordon

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Environmental Awareness**

***"...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." –Genesis 1:26***

*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

-Patti Polowick

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

#### Call to Worship

One: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters. And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

**All: We have spent our money on what is not bread and our labour on what does not satisfy.**

**But we will listen, listen to you. We will eat what is good. We will delight in the richest of fare.**

One: Give ear and come to me. Hear me that your soul may live.

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

**All: We will turn from our thoughtless ways. We will interrupt our wayward thought.**

**We will come to the Lord for mercy. We will call to our God who freely pardons.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***“The Lord’s my shepherd”***

**#11**

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Prayer of Confession:

**Creator of Heaven and Earth, You who blew over the dark waters of creation have mercy on us who seek profit from what You offer so freely. Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have failed to recognize our relations with your gift of water, have not used water wisely, have not called others to awareness for the times we have thoughtlessly polluted instead of protected our water source, and have ignored the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world.**

**Have mercy on us, we who forget that your gift of water is for all creations, for all peoples,**

**All nations,**

**All lands**

**All creatures**

**All needs.**

**Forgive us. Forgive us our greed, and forgive us for the fearfulness that keeps us from sharing your generous gifts equally with all.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time – *Where does our water come from?*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Praise:**

***“All things bright and beautiful”***

**#435**

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colours; God made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, every one.

*Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour, the haunting curlew's call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forests in the fall,

*Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God almighty who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 6-13, 26-31

Psalms 65: 5-13

James 5: 1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "How much water are you wearing?" -Patti Polowick

**Praise: "God of grace and God of glory" #490**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them or thee, that we fail not them or thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of the People

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:***

***"Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"***

**#399**

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep, and over the aeons you called to each thing; wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land, and when they were blinded with their idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still, and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes; with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Benediction and Sung Response

**Amen, Amen, A - - men.**



## Announcements

**ST. ANDREW'S IS OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP!** Please note online worship will continue. Everyone is welcome! Currently, we are only utilizing the main part of the sanctuary, and the washrooms. Children are invited to stay in the pews with their family. The nursery is under construction, and the remainder of the lower hall is not yet open to use. Church School will begin next week!



**FROM OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Welcome barbeque next Sunday, September 19, after morning Worship. Bring lawn chairs to sit outside. Everyone welcome!

### **Welcome to Church School**

*Fall in-person start up*

**Sunday September 19th**

11:00 Worship & Classes

Ages 4- 11 in the Lower Hall

Ages 12 - 16 Upper Room

**More Info ? Call Martha 306 270 2378**



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Submissions may be emailed to [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com).



### **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 next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.

**BIKE- WALK CLUB** These kids can bike - speeds of 35 km per hour we reached - just WOW! A walker was looking for a buddy- maybe that could be you!! The next Club nights are **September 13, 20 and 27th.**

One of our Club goals is to participate Biking and Walk in the Ride for Refuge. We welcome all bikers and walkers to come to ride that day!! Read below for more info or Call Martha 306 270 2378

If you would like to bike ride on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, for the **PWS&D Ride for Refuge** please contact the office and be part of St. Andrew's Saskatoon Team for 2021. So far we have at least 7 riders, Allan Ireland, Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson Martha Fergusson, Ayen Malek members, and the Tabien Family. You are welcome to come down to the church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021, and meet for the ride. People choose their own distance as they are able. All ages welcome and we will have covid -19 supplies in place for a healthy, safe, and meaningful ride.

Read the information to learn more but we already registered the team -see below the other post about donating.

<https://presbyterian.ca/search-results/?cx=xyz&q=ride+for+refuge>

### **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



### **SUNDAYS**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Roots** – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

## ***Our Wider Community***

### **Haiti Crisis Response**

In the early morning of August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern peninsula of Haiti. Access to food, water, electricity, water, communication and transportation is critically difficult. Exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, Tropical Storm Grace hit the island two days later. All of this comes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the turmoil that followed the recent assassination of Haiti's president.

**Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as these are very trying times for so many.**

Immediate needs include food, water and shelter. PWS&D is planning to respond through partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.

You can also make a gift through St. Andrew's or through the PWS&D website. Please mark your donation "Haiti Crisis."

## An Education for Robina

Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed, and Robina is the only member of her family attending school. In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children do not attend school. Often, families with many children cannot afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are especially disadvantaged because of a shared cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in 10 adult women are literate. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is passionate about ensuring a world in which all children can access quality education. Working with local partners, PWS&D helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education.



### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, September 12** We give thanks and pray for organizations who work in partnership with Presbyterian World Service & Development to empower and teach girls in Afghanistan to read, write and improve their standard of living.

**Monday, September 13** We pray for Christian educators as they nurture the faith of young people.

**Tuesday, September 14** We pray for LGBTQI+ student groups and their teachers as they build communities of love, learning and support in their schools.

**Wednesday, September 15** We pray that the members of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges' Pastoral Relations Committee will feel a strong sense of God's presence in their work and discernment.

**Thursday, September 16** We pray for the members of the Continuing Education Grants Committee that meet this month.

**Friday, September 17** We pray for the Rev. Angie Song, Nuri Lee and the evangelism initiatives of Vaughan Community Church in Toronto, Ontario.

**Saturday, September 18** We pray for God's wisdom and guidance to protect creation and the world's biodiversity.