

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

September 18th, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

"And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his son Jesus Christ and love one another." – John 13: 34

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: Prelude in C Major – J. S. Bach

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)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down the upon the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion,

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Let us praise God for this blessing, let us worship Him!

Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"Christ, you call us all to service"*

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Generous God, you have blessed us with life and the promise of life everlasting. You have given us a path of love to know you and follow you. Even so, we have often preferred our ways to yours; seeking our own comforts and wisdom, we have ignored those around us, and not practiced fellowship or service. Forgive us, O God, make us new and call us again to your love and your service. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***"Brother, sister, let me serve you"***

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(Children leave for Church School in the lower hall)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Leviticus 8: 10-13

-Fran Gordon

Psalms 133

1 John 3: 18-24

John 13: 31-35

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *"Loving Relationships"*

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: We, the People of God –Jean Anne Shafferman

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

Recognition and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Lord, in this broken world"***

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Festival Postlude – Domenico Zipoli

Lockup:

Heather Reichert



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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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 thru Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **today, September 18th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



IT'S BACK!!!

With the return of in-person services, it is time to update and pin up the financial thermometer that tells us where we are with respect to both our general fund budget and Presbyterians Sharing budget goals. Please take the time check it out in the entranceway; it will be updated every month.

For those not in the building in person, a sneak peek would tell you that we are currently at 69% of the general fund budget of \$240,125 and 58% of the Presbyterians Sharing goal of \$16,000, with two-thirds of the year finished. There is still a long way to go. Thanks for all of your generous contributions.



AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter

NAME TAGS

With the return to in-person worship we are looking at providing name tags for all members of the congregation. An engraving machine was donated to St. Andrew's just before Covid and so we will need to re-learn how to use it before creating the tags. Anyone interested in helping us out is more than welcome. Please contact Al Ireland or Trung Nguyen for more information.

Have you ever wondered about the words "Stewardship Committee", or what The Board of Managers mean? Who is the LIVESTREAM Team??? It is you, it is **US**, it is **all who call St. Andrew's home**. Anyone can volunteer to be on a committee and share the tasks that need to be done each week, each month, each year. And we sure need more folks to help in any way as we grow.



Well, then, who are these groups that do these tasks? Great question and the answer is "Come today and walk around the tables beside the BBQ and see the groups and their reps!"

You can ask "when does the choir meet", what does the Outreach Committee do? can I help Christian Education with things besides teaching?

Here is a brief list of the groups you can provide your skills and time with:

The Board of Managers

The Stewardship Committee

The Outreach Committee

The Choir

The Christian Education Committee (CE)

The Pastoral Care Committee

The Livestream Committee

The Worship & Music Committee

The Communication Committee

There is a **skills parking lot** at the back of the church - leave your name to volunteer for hospitality events (coffee, lunch, one-time events), reading (Scripture, etc.) or facility helper, (parking lot attendant or elevator host for events). Sign up that you would be happy to be called to help, if needed. (clipboards with various headings to sign-up)

On behalf of all the committees and groups of St Andrew's, the more people help, the more we do :)

In Our Wider Community

The Synod of Saskatchewan will be meeting at Queen's House of Retreats (601 Taylor St. W, Saskatoon) from October 13-15, 2022. Ministers and representative elders from all the Presbyterian Churches in Saskatchewan will be meeting to oversee the work of the Synod, including regional ministries in youth work, mission, and congregational development, as well as Camp Christopher.

You are invited to join the Synod for three special events if you are in the Saskatoon area:

1. Friday, Oct. 14, 1:00 pm - "Journey for Hope" A Fundraising Walk/Run/Ride for Presbyterian World Service & Development. Follow this link for more details, and to sign up to participate: <https://form.jotform.com/221925242733251>
2. Friday, Oct. 14, 2:30 pm – Educational Component on PWS&D and Presbyterians Sharing, with Guy Smaghe, Director of PWS&D, and Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship and Planned Giving at the PCC.
3. Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 pm – Public Worship Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (436 Spadina Cres. E, Saskatoon). Karen Plater will be preaching, and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion together.

If you are not in the Saskatoon area, you can still support the "Journey for Hope" for PWS&D by making a donation here: <http://werespond.ca/donate-synod-sk>. The Public Worship Service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK-rvToGh7GjP15se0rCSBw>

For more information, contact the Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Amanda Currie: amanda@curriejesson.ca or 306-580-8095.

The Romantic Violin “Music for the Soul”, on Friday, September 30, 7:30 pm at St. Andrew’s. Michael Swan, violin, and Paul Suchan, organ. Music by Bach, Gounod, Péron, Reger and Rheinberger. Admission at the door is \$25 per adult, \$15 per student, or \$50 per family.

COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY The Ecumenical Chaplaincy has re-started its Good Breakfast program at the University of Saskatchewan. St. Andrew’s played a large in supporting this ministry to young people until Covid caused it to close down. The Ecumenical Chaplain will once again be requesting muffins, but no dates have yet been set up. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry, or if you would like more information, please contact Al Ireland, Heather Kolojay, or Linda Dietz.

PWS&D Pakistan Flood Response

It seems as if it is just one thing after another. The most current world crisis requiring assistance is in Pakistan.

Pakistan is currently being devastated by widespread flooding and landslides caused by severe monsoon rains. There has been significant loss of human life, property, and infrastructure. Join us in praying for safety and security for the millions of people affected by the ongoing crisis.

The country has received almost three times the yearly average for rain, even as more falls. One third of the country is inundated, with water unlikely to recede soon. The United Nations estimates that 33 million people are affected; 6.4 million people require emergency assistance.

In Sindh province, where PWS&D has been supporting work with our partner, Community World Service Asia, farm families were still recovering from loss of crops and property due to flooding in 2020. The current disaster means they require urgent humanitarian support.

PWS&D is planning an emergency response that would provide monthly cash assistance to over 2,000 families for a three-month period. This cash will help families affected by the flooding to meet their immediate food needs.

You can support this life-saving assistance by donating to PWS&D through the church office via all current means of donation, donating online (<https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-pwsd/>) or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark donations as “Pakistan Relief.”

NOTE: Through our membership in [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), donations made are eligible to be matched through the Humanitarian Coalition Pakistan Floods appeal. Donations made between August 1 and September 28, 2022 are eligible to be matched, up to \$2.5 million. To meet the calendar deadline, it may be best to donate through the online option.



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

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production.

"I can't thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough. I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention," shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 18 We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the education that they receive through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program to improve their quality of life.

Monday, September 19 We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) in Beirut, Lebanon. May God grant her strength and wisdom as she and the JCC share God's love and hope with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

Tuesday, September 20 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Wednesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray for the power to devote our thought and energy to the task of making peace in the world, in our communities, in our churches and in our homes.

Thursday, September 22 We pray for clerks of Session as they work with ministers and elders to provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

Friday, September 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Saturday, September 24 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.