

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 4th, 2022

13th Sunday after Pentecost

"I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus." – Philemon 1: 4-5

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: Berceuse (sur les paroles classiques), Op. 31, no. 19 – Louis Vierne

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)

Joy comes to those who follow the ways of the Lord.

We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!

Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

Let us worship God now and for all our days.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"How blest are they who, fearing God"*

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of justice and mercy,

we offer you our love and loyalty in worship

yet we admit we do not fully live out that love and loyalty in our relationships.

We don't always act on our good intentions,

we fail to keep our promises,

we hurt each other,

and then refuse to seek or offer forgiveness.

Work within us, O God, soften our hearts, and help us to be faithful as we follow the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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:

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

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(Children return to pews)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 1

Luke 14: 25-33

Philemon

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Useful"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Organ Solo: Koraal, from *Suite Modale* – Flor Peeters

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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Not for tongues of heaven's angels"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Largo, from *Xerxes* – George Frideric Handel

Greeters & Collectors:

**Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Judy McFadden
Henriette Mukayirere, Pearson Ahiahonu**

Christian Education Ambassador:

Lena Jang



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, 9:00-2:00 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.

The office is closed tomorrow, September 5th, for Labour Day.

The PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE will meet in the lower hall on Wednesday, September 7th, at 1:30 pm.

CHOIR rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 8th, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!



Sunday, September 18th is a big day! Recognitions during Worship, a Welcome BBQ following Worship, and a kick off for Kids Klub. Please plan to attend!



GRADES 6-12! An exciting new partnership with Zion Lutheran for some of our gatherings will begin this fall! The first will be on Sunday, September 18th, at Zion, beginning at 5:30 pm.

A **SCRIPTURE READERS** schedule will be produced this week. Please let the office know if you'd like to participate in Sunday Worship by reading from the Bible. You will be notified the week before of the passage(s) you will be reading, and the Bible at the lectern will be flagged with the week's readings. All ages are welcome.



Thursday, September 8 – Choir Practice
September 9-11 – Women's Camp – there's still time to register!
Sunday, September 11 – In-person Sunday School begins
Sunday, September 18 – Welcome BBQ, Volunteer Fair, Elder Appreciation, Joint Youth Group with Zion
September 30-October 2 – Men's Camp

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



AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

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

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



Vanea is 15 years old and lives in Malawi with her parents and four siblings. When Vanea finished primary school, she wrote an entrance exam for secondary school and was selected to attend the Neno Girls School, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). Sadly, Vanea's



parents couldn't afford the school fees and she was forced to withdraw. PWS&D recognizes the importance of education for young girls to achieve their dreams and gain self-confidence. **PWS&D provides scholarships for orphans and vulnerable girls in Malawi to attend the Neno Girls School, who otherwise could not afford to due to financial constraints.** Vanea was one of the students selected for this scholarship and is now completing her high school education.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 4 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and pursue their goals.

Monday, September 5 (Labour Day) We give thanks to God for tasks completed with pride, for work to do, and for the strength and ability to do it; and we pray for those who do not have enough work and for those who have too much.

Tuesday, September 6 We pray for the Rev. Victor Kim as he commences his ministry as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

Wednesday, September 7 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Thursday, September 8 (World Literacy Day) We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners in Afghanistan, Guatemala and Malawi as they teach children and youth to read and write.

Friday, September 9 We pray for the Protestant Theological Seminary in Matanzas, equipping pastors and being a prophetic voice in Cuban society for over 76 years.

Saturday, September 10 We pray that new students at our theological colleges, particularly international students, find strength and friendship in this community of learning.