

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks – slave or free  
– and we were all made to drink of the one Spirit" – 1 Corinthians 12: 13*

*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: Elegy – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**The Lord made us; we belong to God.**

**All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"In loving partnership"***

**#759**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Holy and righteous God, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this day, help us  
to remember our own baptism. Help us to remember that because of you we are a  
new creation. The old life has died; the new life has come. Help us to let go of those  
things, those sins, those bitter ideas that still cling to our lives. Help us, as we  
repent, as we try again, to remember that in you there is no condemnation.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

## **GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE**

Introduction and Invitation

**Praise:**

***"O God eternal, sovereign Lord"***

**#518**

Presentation and Vows

When invited to respond, the congregation will affirm the baptism with the words, **“We do”**.

Apostles’ Creed

#539

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

Aaronic Blessing

#619 (sung)

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.**

*(Children return to pews)*

**Praise:**

**“Child of blessing, child of promise”**

**#521**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 36: 25- 28

- Kirk Ready

Psalms 100

1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

Acts 2: 38-42

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “One Baptism”

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: March of the Priests – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

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:**

**"Now thank we all our God"**

**#457**

Benediction

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

Postlude: By the Seashore – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Opening & Closing Attendants: Nick Lamb & Kelly Christopher Lamb

No Coffee Time over the summer



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**

Today we are joyfully celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Gabriella Gina Achiaa Kusi as the newest member of Christ's family. Gabriella is the daughter of Mary and Gideon Kusi.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, for Labour Day.

Coffee hour will resume next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:ma.wilson@shaw.ca) More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.



**OPERATION SANDWICHES:** The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** will meet on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the lower Fellowship Hall.

Lunch 1:00-1:30 p.m. Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- \* Contact Information Forms
- \* The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- \* Annual Report & Financial Statements

**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 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 #89.

**Sports and Reconciliation**

89. We call upon the federal government to amend the Physical Activity and Sport Act to support reconciliation by ensuring that policies to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being, reduce barriers to sports participation, increase the pursuit of excellence in sport, and build capacity in the Canadian sport system, are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples.

***In Our Wider Community***

**The Salvation Army Men's Shelter is looking for Coffee House volunteers**

Pastor Ty McKenzie is looking for volunteers to help with a new coffee house ministry at the men's shelter at 339 Ave C. Dates are TBD but if you are interested in leading games, music, trivia, or movie nights, please contact Rev. Roberto to get in touch with Ty.

Grace Church has moved its service from 1:00 pm Sundays to **8:00 am through to Sunday, September 15, 2024**. The Grace service will conclude by 10:00 am and they will be cleared of the Sanctuary by **10:20 am**. This will allow plenty of time for the St. Andrew's folks to set up and begin by 11:00 am.

**Magic City Chorus** Guest Night is Tuesday September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Women, age 14 or older, who love to sing are invited to learn 4-part a cappella singing. Please come check us out. For more information go to the [magiccitychorus.com](http://magiccitychorus.com) website or email Louise at [membership@magiccitychorus.com](mailto:membership@magiccitychorus.com)



# MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 1**

In an Indigenous community in Guatemala, Mercedes Coronado (36), a teacher and mother of eight, shares her transformative journey as the vice president of the agroecological group Los Arbolitos.

The community women once faced challenges, including violence and a lack of decision-making power within their households. With the support of PWS&D's local partner, the Maya-Mam Indigenous Association for Development, Mercedes and the women are experiencing positive change through education and training programs, enabling them to advocate for themselves and future generations. Mercedes is grateful for her husband's strong support in her career pursuits, emphasizing the importance of gender equality in fostering harmonious relationships and eliminating discrimination.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, September 1** We pray for presbyteries as they gather after a summer respite to continue caring for the congregations and ministers within their boundaries. We also pray for their clerks and moderators as they prepare to offer leadership within their courts.

**Monday, September 2** We pray for members of the Canadian Council of Churches' Faith and Life Sciences Reference Group, and the Rev. Dr. Catherine Chalin Clark who represents the PCC on that group. The reference group monitors developments in biotechnology and life sciences and discerns the theological and ethical implications of its use in the world.

**Tuesday, September 3** We pray for students and teachers who are returning to school and for Sunday schools and church groups as they resume after a summer break, that they might joyfully return to fellowship and study.

**Wednesday, September 4** Calling God, we pray for students who begin their studies or return to them this month at VST. Ignite your gifts in them through teaching that they may serve you and the world with compassion.

**Thursday, September 5** We pray for the Committee on History's PCC 150 Ad Hoc Team in their work to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Church and highlight where the denomination has been, where it stands, and where it is going.

**Friday, September 6** We pray for the farm and kitchen staff at Crieff Hills who are working hard to harvest and preserve the summer's bounty.

**Saturday, September 7** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as they meet in person. May their work help the church think about contemporary issues from a Christ-centered perspective.