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 14th, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost." – 1 Timothy 1: 15

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.
Prelude: Come Sunday – Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

O God, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.
You discern our thoughts from far away.
Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, you know it completely.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, and so we humble ourselves in worship.
In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"God is here! As we your people meet"*** ***#799***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

We gather in Jesus' name to hear the stories he told,
to gain wisdom and to know your Spirit's guidance.
Yet we confess that pride prevents us from hearing the good news
and that we resist the power of your Word to change us.
Forgive what we have been,
help us amend who we are and
set us free to be who you have called us to be.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"Tell me the stories of Jesus"*** ***#348***

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.

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 32: 7-14 - Beth Brimner

Psalm 51: 1-10 Refrain 1

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Love for the Lost" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Chariot's Comin'! – Spiritual, arr. Don Besig

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: ***"We have this ministry"*** ***#590***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Spiritual, arr. Paul Suchan

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

Coffee Hosts: Welcome BBQ

After Worship **TODAY**, September 14th, please stay for a **WELCOME BBQ**, with food, fun and community!



Special Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew's - Called by the Board of Managers, at 12:30 pm, Sunday, September 21, 2025, in the Church Sanctuary and by Zoom. Agenda to discuss: 1) Exterior Church Review; 2) Air Quality Assessment (pertaining to potential mold); 3) Funding for Exterior Repairs (Congregation contribution; Presbytery Grant Application and interest free loan, Government Grant Application); 4) Hiring a Project Manager. A more detailed Agenda will be available prior to the meeting. In order to move forward with tenders, we need all the moving parts to come together in the Fall of 2025 with the goal of starting the repairs in the Spring of 2026. When the Exterior repairs are complete, we can safely entertain interior repairs and upgrades in the future.
On behalf of the Board of Managers, I look forward to your participation.
Kirk Ready, Convenor, Board of Managers, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Saskatoon, 705 493-3513, boardchair@standrewsyxe.ca, www.standrewsyxe.ca



St. A's Homecoming 100th Party!! September 26-28, 2025.
We need your help! Plan to attend!!
Sept. 26 – 5pm – KICK-OFF Event – Bouncy Castle, Pizza and Bistro on B Food Trucks available.
7pm – In the Sanctuary – **Jeff O'Brien Presents** – Stories of Saskatoon
Sept. 27 -10am – 12pm – Free Pancake Breakfast at the church
Saturday beginning **at 5pm – Anniversary Gala Banquet at the WDM – 2610 Lorne Ave**
Reception, Banquet, Special Guests and Speakers, Photo booth, Premier St. A video Presentation Special Music Presentation.
Sept. 28 – 11am Worship Service with Fellowship hour (lots of cake and sparklers!) to follow.

Tickets for the Banquet??? Purchase by Sept. 21. There are banquet ticket forms on the entranceway table, or call the church office to add your name to the reservation list. 306-242-0525. Tickets can be purchased using cash, cheque, e-transfer.
Ticket prices: Adults $35.00, children 4-10 years - $20.00. Under 4 – free

Let's enjoy the Party, together!!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, *"Saints Alive"* is **Sunday, September 21st**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrewsyxe.ca





Coffee hour has resumed.
A sign up roster can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or by email cl.roy@shaw.ca

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

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:
- Copies of the fall 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 standrewsyxe.ca
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 Our Wider Community

IN CONCERT (“Shepherd” theme) – Michael Swan (composer/violin), Gillian Lyons (piano), Sarah ter Velde (viola) and 6 more; Emmanuel Anglican Church, Saturday September 20, 7:30 pm; Admission $25 Adult $15 Student $50 Family.

Hello Friends of the GoForth Hub Club!
Our first Hub Club Gathering of the fall will be on Monday, October 6 at 1:30 pm. Our guest presenter will be Lydia Moss from the Saskatoon Public Library. A promo will be sent out prior to the event, but we wanted you to be able to mark your calendars!
Also in October, the Saskatoon Council on Aging will be holding their annual Spotlight on Seniors event. Please see poster in the lower hall.
See you in October!

Saskatchewan Presbyterians Celebrate 150 Years of Ministry in The PCC:
You are invited to join members of the Presbyterian Synod of Saskatchewan at First Presbyterian Church in Regina (2170 Albert Street) as we celebrate our denomination’s 150th Anniversary on Friday, October 17, 2025. Special events will include a workshop on “Hope and Possibility” from 1-4 pm, an Anniversary Banquet at 5:30 pm, and an Anniversary Worship Service at 7:30 pm. (The workshop and worship are free, but the banquet tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for children 6-12 years, free for children 5 and under.) Come to the banquet prepared to share one or two historical anecdotes, memories, or highlights from your congregation’s ministry over the years. Bring your family, carpool with friends from your congregation, and join us for this special celebration. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, Moderator of the 149th General Assembly of the PCC!
If you are planning to attend, please complete the registration form at this link: https://form.jotform.com/242266058596264, by October 1, 2025.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 14**



Next week (on September 21) we will celebrate the global event, International Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it allows individuals, groups, and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace can feel distant as wars and emergencies unfold in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest moments, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the work being done to bring relief. PWS&D is committed to fostering peace by providing lifesaving aid, psychosocial support, hygiene kits and medical supplies to those affected by conflict in the world. As we mark this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 14 We pray for PCC camps hosting fall retreats and school groups this season. May the camps serve as a sanctuary, offering rest, renewal, and opportunities for outdoor learning to guests of all ages.

Monday, September 15 We pray for presbytery student committees listening for God's voice with humility, love, tenderness, and trust in the continual illumination of the Holy Spirit as they journey with and support candidates for ministry.

Tuesday, September 16 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent.

Wednesday, September 17 We pray that faith groups will work together to pursue unity in a world that is filled with conflict.

Thursday, September 18 We pray for the staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. In the midst of their busiest season of the year, may they be blessed with patience, compassion and abundant energy to serve those seeking sanctuary amid God's creation.

Friday, September 19 We ask for strength, wisdom and encouragement for members of the The Atlantic Mission Society as they serve God in their work.

Saturday, September 20 We give God thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Don Muir who is retiring as Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly after serving for 22 years.