

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 17th, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled." – Luke 6: 21

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: Fanfare – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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)

Blessed are the poor,

For yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now,

For you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,

For you will laugh.

Blessed are all who call on the name of the Lord,

For you will be saved.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Lord of all hopefulness"

#748 (tune 461)

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Holy God, repairer of the breach, you are our mighty fortress, the rock of ages, in you is eternity and salvation. Hear us as we come humbly to confess:

We confess that there are times we struggle to believe. We confess that there are times when we doubt in your power to heal, reconcile, and save. We confess that there are times when the lack and the pain found in this world overwhelm our senses.

Forgive us, O God. Replace our doubts with hope and give us minds to love you, hearts to know you, and hands to serve you.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

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.

Praise: *"We love your kingdom, Lord"* **#473**
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

- Jim Fenton

Psalms 41 Refrain 1

Acts 3: 1-10

Luke 6: 17-31

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Crowd" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Another Year of Grace – Austin C. Lovelace

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: *"There's a spirit in the air"* **#764**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Joyful – David L. McIntyre (b. 1950)

Greeters & Ushers:

Donna Bailey, Laura Van Loon, Luella Moore

Lock up:

Heather Reichert

No Coffee Today, but stay for the BBQ:



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



Please stay after worship today, and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship! All are welcome!

College and Careers Games Night: Thursday, September 28th at 7pm at the DeSandoli's

Are you between 18 and 35? Do you like board games? Do you hate board games but enjoy fellowship and conversation? You are invited to join in our monthly College and Careers Games Night at the DeSandoli home (842 Matheson Dr.). For more information, please contact Rev. Roberto and Heather (roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com).



Adult New-Members Class: Monday, October 16th at 7pm (in-person and Zoom)

All adults who are discerning baptism or church membership are invited to take part in this monthly gathering, leading up to Easter Sunday, March 31st. Unsure? Don't know exactly what "baptism" or "membership" mean? Come to the first session and find out! To attend or find out more, please contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli (roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com).

Confessional Community

If you are interested in having new prayer partners and going deeper into Christian fellowship and community, then this group is for you. Please contact Heather DeSandoli for more information and to share your availability.



As the new program year begins, it's time to think about a newsletter! Please have all submissions into the church office by TOMORROW, Monday, September 18th. office@standrews-saskatoon.com

Fall Sunday Sermon Series: "Jesus in Relationship"

From September 3 to October 8 (excluding Sept 24 - Presbyterians Sharing Sunday) Rev. Roberto will be leading us in an exploration of "Jesus in Relationship." How does Jesus engage in relationships throughout His ministry? Who does Jesus take care to make time for? How does He lovingly engage even those who mock and persecute Him? And what do these things mean for us in our own relationships with Jesus? In this five-week series, we will follow Jesus in his relationships with Simon Peter the Disciple, Levi the Tax Collector, The Faithful Centurion, The Dying Thief, and Nicodemus the Pharisee.



The sign up sheet to host coffee time is available in the church kitchen.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * 2022 Annual Report
- * 2022 Accountant Statements

In Our Wider Community

We have one rental parking stall available now. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #39.

Justice

39. We call upon the federal government to develop a national plan to collect and publish data on the criminal victimization of Aboriginal people, including data related to homicide and family violence victimization.

HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The season will begin at 1:30 at the church. Masks are required.

Monday, Oct. 2 – Alex Pelletier - Behind the Scenes of a National Geographic Expedition to the Amazon

Monday, Nov. 6 - Jeff O'Brien - The Great War Monday,

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

SASKATOON COUNCIL ON AGING

Tues Sept 26 - 1:30 to 3 pm

Mtg Room 3, Field House, 2020 College Dr. [Free Parking]

Cost: Free to attend

Seats limited PH 306.652.2255 to reserve your spot

Who: Nancy Newby and Chris Gordon – Senior Dental Hygienists/Long Term Care Coordinators for the Oral Health Program/Public Health in SHA.

When: Tuesday, September 26 - 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Where: Mtg Room 3 in the Field House, 2020 College Drive. FREE PARKING.

What: An hour-long presentation (including time for questions)

Join us for an informative and eye opening information session that will give you the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of why “Oral Health is Essential for Overall Health.” You will leave with knowledge and skills on the best ways to maintain both your loved ones and your own oral health.

Cost: FREE to Attend. There will be information pamphlets available along with some oral health goodies for all to take home.

In-person seats are limited – call 306-652-2255 to save your spot. Coffee and refreshments provided.

First Mennonite Church has received notice that our administrative secretary is retiring effective September 28, 2023. This is a part-time position, with the possibility of flexible hours. If you are interested, please contact Ethel Classen by e-mail at: classen@sasktel.net or 306-292-7886 for more information.

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



For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 17 We give thanks for the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry and pray that they continue to find new ways of meeting the physical and spiritual needs within their diverse communities.

Monday, September 18 We pray for the Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations Committee and its convenor, Laura Lee Campbell.

Tuesday, September 19 We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially during this time of lingering post-pandemic challenges. May they find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's eternal love and presence.

Wednesday, September 20 We pray for international students who are far from home and family. Pray that they will be comforted in times of loneliness and for encouragement as they strive for success in their studies.

Thursday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)
We pray for peace worldwide, and for world leaders, as well as for PWS&D partners providing life-saving aid and emotional support to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war.

Friday, September 22 We pray for congregations that support refugee families by welcoming them to Canada and helping them to find housing, jobs and community in which to build relationships.

Saturday, September 23 We pray for health, safety and good weather for those participating in the Journey for Hope on September 23 in support of PWS&D's work to end world hunger.