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 20th, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard." – Matthew 20: 1

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Prelude: Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Give thanks to God who is good.
We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.
Seek the Lord continually.
We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.
Together let us worship God.
We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"God of hosts, you chose a vine"*** ***#48 (tune #637)***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God, you are the giver of all good gifts,
yet our generosity is often limited.
We complain about our circumstance.
We compare ourselves to others
and see what they have that we do not.
We share some of what we have,
but we worry about running short.
Forgive us our jealousy and greed
and give us generous hearts that trust in you day by day.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"To bless the earth"*** ***#806***

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 16: 2-15 - Donna Bailey

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Refrain 2

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Fair work, fair wages" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Family of Faith – Dale Peterson (b 1948)

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

God our Maker

Make us a sharing people

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Give thanks, my soul, for harvest"*** ***#811***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Diadamata Fantasy, mov't. 2: *Joyful* – David L. McIntyre (b. 1954)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Christél & Dewald Schlebusch



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.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

The church office will be closed September 23 – September 30, inclusive.

Coffee hour has resumed. A sign up roster can be found on the entrance way table. If you require any information, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca

Start thinking newsletter! The deadline for submissions for the nest "***Saints Alive***" is **today**, September 20th. E-mail submissions to the office: office@standrewsyxe.ca



Board of Managers and Call for Special Meeting of the Congregation

As Convenor of the Board of Managers, it is with regret that I inform you that Orlanda Drebit has resigned as Treasurer of the Board of Managers, effective Thursday, September 10, 2026.

The Board of Managers recognizes Orlanda's many years of service to St. Andrew's during changing financial times, including COVID, increasing scrutiny by Canada Revenue Agency, and the current major Exterior Renovation Project. Her knowledge, skill and dedication to her role as Treasurer will be sorely missed by the Board and indeed by the entire Church at large. We thank Orlanda for her years of service at St. Andrew's and pray for her peace and health into the future.

The second announcement is that Katie Boom, Secretary of the Board of Managers, has requested an understandable Leave of Absence. We thank Katie for her work on the Board as Secretary and as a valuable, experienced member. We hope she can return in the future. We ask for prayers for her well-being.

Thirdly, I regret to inform you that Bob Yakubowski has resigned from the Board of Managers, Exterior Upgrade Project and as Project Manager. Bob's knowledge of construction business practices has been instrumental in leading the Exterior Upgrade Project to ensure the proper exterior renovations are done, with quality contractors and materials, and safely on time. His leadership will be missed during the completion of the project. We thank Bob for his contribution and wish him all the best in the future.

Finally, the Board of Managers will be requesting a Special Meeting of the Congregation after Service on Sunday, September 27, 2026, to fill the Treasurer, Secretary and other vacant positions on the Board. In addition, there will be a brief up-date on the Financials and brief report on the Exterior Renovation Project. The meeting will be in-person and by Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606224072?pwd=6BcsFZLZYBzvHeULcReQkcf2bLLaF9.1

Meeting ID: 826 0622 4072 Passcode: 495037

Kirk Ready, Convenor, Board of Managers



New Members Class 2026/27
Have you ever thought about becoming Baptized or becoming a member in the church? Rev. Roberto invites all teen and adult worshippers who are "positive", "pretty sure", and "just wondering" about Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism (full membership in the church) to get in touch. We will be forming a class of learners to begin in the Fall and to take vows on Easter Sunday. Please contact Rev. Roberto to learn more revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca

Acts Preaching and Bible Study: October 1 to November 19 (Thursdays at 5:45pm)



All are invited to take part in Rev. Roberto's eight-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts. If you've ever wondered such questions as "Why did Luke write a sequel to his Gospel?" "Who were Jesus' first Apostles?" and "Why is there so much stuff named after them these days?" then this is definitely the class for you! This class will coincide with Rev. Roberto's preaching series on the same texts (Oct 4-Nov 22), giving us a chance to read ahead and dig deeper into Luke's second book. Classes will take place at 5:45pm on Thursdays at the church and on Zoom. Please contact Rev. Roberto to sign up or for more information: Revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca

Presbyterian World Service & Development

PWS&D Response to Flood in Nepal
On August 26, 2026, a devastating flash flood struck Nepal. Thousands of people have been affected by the loss of homes, livelihoods and essential services. Roads, bridges, electricity and communications infrastructure have suffered extensive damage, making access to some communities extremely difficult. Schools have also been badly affected, particularly in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. The flood was caused by a massive surge of water, claiming lives and leaving significant destruction in its path.
While the areas where PWS&D's long-term development projects are implemented have not been affected, PWS&D is able to respond through its networks and coalitions. Priorities include emergency shelter, food, clean water and sanitation, healthcare and education.
Please donate today. Mark your donation PWS&D-Nepal Flood



OPERATION SANDWICHES: is an ongoing outreach mission program, in partnership with Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. SNCM has a lunch program in our inner-city neighbourhood, and we get to help on the second and fourth Sunday of the month! Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

In Our Wider Community

St. Mary's Food Hampers
Thank you to everyone who has donated food items towards filling St. Mary's hampers. We mentioned before that they distribute their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week.
We realize that there are many people in Saskatoon having problems putting food on their tables. If you are in a situation where you cannot help, or if you are helping somewhere else, that is fine, but if this is something that you feel that you might help with, please bring your items to church and place it in the bin in the entryway. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry to help St. Mary's ensure that no one goes hungry in Saskatoon. We will continue to keep the bin in the entryway for your convenience.
Current needs for the hampers are:
· Spam or other canned ham
· Evaporated milk
· Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
· Pasta (both small and big bundles)
· KD
· Pork and Beans Cans
· Canned Veggies
· Chicken Noodle Soup
· Tomato Soup
· Bologna
· Beef Wieners
· Small trays or small rolls of ground beef (only small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
· Granola Bars
· Juice Boxes (individual)
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information

Pipe Organ Recital
On Sunday, September 27, the Saskatoon Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be hosting an international artist performing at Knox United Church. Tina Christiansen is an active concert organist in Denmark with an extensive international career as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. She has played numerous concerts throughout Denmark as well as more than 90 concerts across Europe and Russia. She has played solo concerts at some of Europe's largest organs including St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. Tina is the organist and director of music at Ansgar's Church in Odense (DK), and she is the artistic director of the Odense International Organ Festival.
The concert will be at 7 PM. Admission is by donation (suggested $25/adult)

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 20**



Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing bring hope and transformation to vulnerable people and communities in Canada and internationally. Together, we support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars and connect Presbyterians across the country through the Presbyterian Connection newspaper. We equip ministers through PCC theological colleges and help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Together, we are making mission and ministry happen!

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 20 We pray for congregations whose faithful and generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing weave together a tapestry of mission and ministry that stretches across the church and around the world.

Monday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) Today we pray for those affected by war and instability in places such as Sudan and South Sudan, Gaza, Iran, the wider Middle East and many more. We pray that leaders choose dialogue over violence so that peace can prevail.

Tuesday, September 22 (Gender Equality Week – 4th week of Sept.) During Gender Equality Week, we give thanks for women's leadership in ministry and commit to the ongoing work of addressing all gender-based oppression in the church and society.

Wednesday, September 23 We pray for Rev. Sumarme Goble, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hall, as she works to share and show the gospel representing The Presbyterian Church in Canada through the UBC Inter-Faith Chaplaincy.

Thursday, September 24 We pray for the members and guests of the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History as they gather for their annual meeting at Knox College this week.

Friday, September 25 As summer turns to fall, we delight in a season of abundant harvest on the farm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

Saturday, September 26 (International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons) We give thanks for peacemaking organizations, such as church partner Project Ploughshares, that work for justice, peace, and a world free of nuclear weapons.