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 21st, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all." – 1 Timothy 2: 5-6

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: Prière à Notre Dame, from *Suite Gothique* – Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise God.
We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.
The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens,
but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.
So we will sing God's praise.
Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Wordless, ancient earth's foundation"*** ***#714***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Generous God,
You have enriched us with life worth living,
but we confess we often squander your good gifts.
We have wasted our time and energy,
but held tightly to things we think we need.
Forgive our foolish priorities
and those times we overlooked the needs of others.
Inspire us to live more generously,
trusting your goodness to sustain us always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Seek ye first"*** ***#625***

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:

Amos 8: 4-7 - Donna Bailey

Psalm 113 Refrain 2

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Dishonest Manager" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: By the Seashore – 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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"There is a balm in Gilead"*** ***#747***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Étude no. 3 in E Major – Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

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

Coffee Hosts: Congregational Meeting

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. Andrew's Community Group Welcomes You!
All are welcome to the next Community Group on Wednesday, September 24th from 7-9pm at the DeSandoli house. Community Group is a bi-weekly time of fellowship, faith, and fun as we share life and prayers with and for one-another. To learn more, please contact Rev. Roberto (revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca) or Heather DeSandoli (heather.desandoli@gmail.com).



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



Wear orange
Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is a commemorative day led by Indigenous communities to raise awareness about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools on children, families, and communities. It honours Indigenous children who were lost in the residential school system.
The orange shirt symbolizes the loss of culture, freedom, and self-esteem that many Indigenous children experienced. This day reminds us that **"Every Child Matters"**.
Please consider wearing something orange to church on Sunday September 28 to help demonstrate our support of the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.



Jesus' Miracles in John Bible Study starting October 1st

All are invited to take part in a brand-new Bible Study this October and November. Each Thursday evening at 6pm, Rev. Roberto will be leading us through the seven miracle stories in the Gospel of John (and preaching on these as a series each Sunday at worship). To get involved, please reach out to Rev. Roberto at revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca and let him know if you plan to attend in-person or online.

Muffins



Our muffin ministry is once again open for business. If you would like to help with this important ministry, or if you just like baking muffins, we would encourage you to sign up on a sheet that we have left in the entryway. Select a month that is convenient and let us know how many muffins you will be able to supply. It may seem like a small thing, but it means a lot to some very stressed (and hungry) students.
We are attempting to provide 10-12 dozen muffins to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast program at the U of S on the third Sunday of each month.
All muffins should be brought to the church on the date noted on the sign-up sheet and the Outreach committee will make sure that they get to where they need to go.
It is important to note that we have been asked to not provide any muffins with either nuts or icing.
If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach committee.



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

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.



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

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 21**



On Presbyterians Sharing Sunday we thank God for the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the mission and ministry we do together, locally, nationally and internationally. Together we equip ministries in Canada, providing grants for congregations, camps, theological colleges and other ministries. We help congregations thrive with new opportunities during challenging times. We produce educational resources and host webinars and events. We support governance and justice work. We accompany mission partners in Canada and across the globe. We support ministries with Indigenous people. And so much more. We are called to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through words and actions. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 21 (International Day of Peace) We pray for those who experience violence, those struggling for peace and justice and those who work for a world without war and violence.

Monday, September 22 (Gender Equity Week) We pray for people of all genders to experience safety and well-being. We give thanks for people and organizations that strive to establish gender equity in all aspects of society.

Tuesday, September 23 We pray for wisdom, strength and health for all the members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, and for blessings on each of their ministries.

Wednesday, September 24 We pray for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

Thursday, September 25 We pray for transformation within congregations that will inspire God's people to share love and healing in their communities through tangible acts of friendship and kindness.

Friday, September 26 (International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons) We pray for a world without nuclear weapons and give thanks for the peace-building work of Project Ploughshares (a church partner organization).

Saturday, September 27 We praise God for everyone taking part in PWS&D's Journey for Hope today, helping families around the world access food in times of uncertainty.