

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." – Ephesians 4: 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.*

Prelude: Symphony no. VI *Pastorale*, Mov't 1 – Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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

- Patti Polowick

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Let all who take comfort in God's Spirit rejoice;

**let us all experience echoes of this joy.**

Let all who follow Jesus rejoice;

**and share this love with neighbours near and far.**

Let all who trust in the Creator's abundant bounty rejoice;

**and work together so that they may experience this bounty, today and tomorrow.**

When we put our gifts in God's hands,

**God does remarkable things!**

Come, let us worship God.

**We will worship God together.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"In Christ there is no east or west"***

**#480**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Let us pray.

**Out of a desire to begin again with you and one another we confess our sins:**

**Gracious and loving God, you demonstrated your deep care for us by renewing our lives through the living Christ and the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit.**

**God of abundance and grace, we confess that we often live without gratitude.**

**You give abundantly and generously, but we count what we lack and overlook what we have.**

**You bless us with many gifts, but we don't always use the gifts you have given us in your service.**

**Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be, forming us more and more in your image.**

In a moment of silence, we continue our personal confessions.

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time

- A Fergusson

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:** *"The church is wherever God's people"*

**#484**

*(Children leave for Church School)*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

- Ezra Giroth

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29: 4-14

Psalm 46 Refrain 1

Ephesians 4: 1-16

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *"Putting our Gifts in God's Hands"*

- Hastings Nyekanyeka

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Anthem: Adagio, from Symphony no. 5 – Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), arr. Paul Suchan

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:** *"Go ye, go ye into the world"*

**#755**

Benediction

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

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

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Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

No Coffee Today:

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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*

We are thankful for the Stewardship Committee, leading us in Worship on this Presbyterians Sharing Sunday. The liturgy was adapted from one prepared by Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship & Planned Giving for The PCC.

Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Youths that are in grades 7 to grade 12 are invited to join Martha Fergusson, our St. Andrew's Coordinator of Christian Education, on ZOOM for membership classes.

We will be meeting on Zoom starting Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 for approximately 1 hour. During our first meeting, we will be discussing our regular scheduled sessions, our field trips, and our journey to decide on membership by Easter 2024. Our group will also involve working with Rev. Roberto and crossing over with the Adult Membership class. To sign up text Martha Fergusson 306. 270. 2378.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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*

Remember that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day! There are many events booked around Saskatoon, to honour The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. If you are able to participate, wear your orange shirt in solidarity, and you are invited to wear orange next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/orange-shirt-day>

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 #40.

### Justice

40. We call on all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, to create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services with appropriate evaluation mechanisms.

### **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.**

### **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



New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is



Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.

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**DAILY PRAYERS**

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**Sunday, September 24** On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

**Monday, September 25** We thank God for people who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Tuesday, September 26** We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Yoichi Nakae, Moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), as he concludes his two-year term.

**Wednesday, September 27** 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.

**Thursday, September 28** We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

**Friday, September 29** We pray that the Rev. Mary Fontaine feels a strong sense of God's care and the church's support in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.

**Saturday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day)** We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.