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 28th, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Orange Shirt Sunday

"But as for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." – Joshua 24: 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: Hymn Medley – arr. Paul Suchan

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Come, all you people, worship the Lord our God,
There is no one like God in heaven above or on earth below.
There is none who keeps covenant and steadfast love,
Who instruct us, his servants, to walk before Him with all our heart.
Come, let us praise our maker and sustainer,
The one who says of our home "My name shall be there."

Prayer of Adoration - The Rev. Jim McKay

Praise: ***"Called as partners in Christ's service"*** ***#587***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Eternal God, we come before you this day as the people of this church: those who stand in faith a century from our founding, still upheld by your steadfast love.
We confess that through our doubts and fears we have not always been faithful to you.
In our secret hearts we have doubted your plans for us and for the world.
Forgive us, O God, show to us the universal scale of your love, and help us to once again find our place here, now and for the century to come.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)
Children's Time

Praise: ***"In loving partnership"*** ***#759***

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:

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30 - Pat Barber

Psalm 96 Refrain 3

Ephesians 2: 13-22

John 21: 15-19 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Follow Me" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Climbin' Up the Mountain, Children! – Spiritual, arr. Patsy Ford Simms

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Amazing grace"*** ***#670***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Amazing Grace – John Newton (1725-1807)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Coffee Hosts: Anniversary Committee

The church offices will be closed on Tuesday, September 30, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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.



Fall Bible Study: Jesus' 7 Miracles in John
All are invited to join Rev. Roberto beginning Thursday, October 2nd at 6pm for this seven-part Bible Study on Jesus' miracles in the Gospel of John. Beginning with the wedding in Cana and finishing with the raising of Lazarus, we will explore not only the miracles themselves, but also the structure and themes of (in my opinion) the greatest book ever written: the Gospel of John the Evangelist. If you are interested in taking part, please send Rev. Roberto a quick email (revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca) letting him know if you plan to attend in-person or online.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88963709649

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

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 28**



Through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church is planting seeds of faith in the hearts of many children. These young ones grow up to become disciples and leaders, sharing and nurturing the love of Jesus in the lives of other children and youth. Sunday School lessons focus on the Seven Sacred Teachings and the Fruit of the Spirit, guiding children and youth to apply these important principles in their daily lives. Despite the challenges many of these children face, including family and friends struggling with addiction and illness, these lessons help cultivate resilience, hope, and the understanding that no act of kindness is too small. Whether it's offering a smile, carrying a bag of groceries, or helping a friend, everyone can share God's love.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 28 We pray for the youth leaders and Sunday School teachers at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church as they share God's love with children and young people.

Monday, September 29 We pray that those called as leaders would be captured by God's vision for the church and the world in this time and place.

Tuesday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day) We honour Survivors of residential schools, children who died and members of their families. The Church has committed itself to the ongoing work of responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.

One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.