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 6th, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh." – Romans 13: 14

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 on the VI Tone – Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Sing to God a new song.
We will worship God, our Maker!
Let us praise God with song and dance,
For God is gracious and loving!
Let us bring God glory and honour,
Praise the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Deep in the shadows of the past"*** ***#510***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of majesty and mercy,
although Christ offers us peace,
we confess we are a people divided;
we harbour fears and jealousy
which set neighbour against neighbour,
group against group and
nation against nation.
We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation
and the wellbeing of all people.
Have mercy upon us, O God.
Set us free from our old ways
to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"When Israel was in Egypt's land"*** ***#708***

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 return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 12: 1-14 - Al Ireland

Psalm 149 Refrain 1

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Blood of the Lamb" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Echo Fantasia in D – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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: ***"We worship God the Rock"*** ***#311***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, from *Eleven Chorale Preludes, op. 122* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu



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 offices will be closed tomorrow, September 7th, for Labour Day.



CHOIR will resume soon! If you enjoy singing, and maybe having a little fun, join us at 7pm on Thursdays, starting this week, September 10th, in the sanctuary. Speak to the Music Director, Naomi Piggott-Suchan for more information.

Coffee hour will resume on Sept. 13, 2026. 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 next "***Saints Alive***" is Sunday, September 20th. E-mail submissions to the office: office@standrewsyxe.ca





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: September 30 to November 18



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 7pm on Wednesdays at the church or on Zoom. Please contact Rev. Roberto to sign up or for more information: revroberto@standrewsyxe.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.

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

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
- PAR Forms
- The Annual Report

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 have taken 4 large boxes, and they are very appreciative. We mentioned before that they distribute their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week. In recent weeks they have noticed a major increase in the number of families coming in to collect the hampers, with many of those showing up for the hampers being grandparents and their grandchildren.
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

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 6**



Children living at Samuel House as well as some disadvantaged local children in Micske, Romania, play, study and enjoy nutritious meals together in a loving family-like Christian environment. They celebrate their birthdays and Christian holidays and in the summer attend summer camp. Without state support, Samuel House depends on domestic and international donations and this is where your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing come in. Csilla Bertalan, Director of Samuel House, writes, "Thank you for holding the children in our care in your prayers. And thank you for sharing your resources with us so that they may live their lives in fullness."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 6 We pray for Samuel House in Micske, Romania, a safe place where disadvantaged children come to play, study, eat nutritious meals and receive Christian care.

Monday, September 7 We pray that God will help us grapple faithfully with questions of suffering, autonomy, and the sanctity of life, without losing sight of our call to accompany one another in love.

Tuesday, September 8 (World Literacy Day) We give thanks that girls in Sindh province, Pakistan, are able to go to school, stay in class, learn and build brighter futures through education, with the help of daily meals provided at school through a PWS&D-supported program.

Wednesday, September 9 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it considers possibilities for revitalizing the structures of the denomination to better enable vibrant and Christ-led mission.

Thursday, September 10 We give thanks for the wisdom of Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers who walk with and support the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, and the people they serve.

Friday, September 11 We give thanks to God for those whose friendship, companionship and care are signs of God's never-failing love in times of sorrow.

Saturday, September 12 We pray for Knox College students, both new and returning, as they embark on the Fall 2026 semester. May they find wisdom in their studies, friendship in their communities, and may they be shaped for lives of purpose and service.