

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made and it was very good."*

*– Genesis 1: 29-31*

*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: The Cuckoo – Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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

- Martha Fergusson

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

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

God of seed-time and harvest.

**Have mercy on us and hear our prayer:**

For children who go to bed hungry at night, and for parents who cannot find food for them.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For communities hungry because of flood, fire or drought, and for governments who struggle to provide for them,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For farmers sowing seed and raising livestock to feed the world, and for their care for the land that provides their livelihood,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For subsistence farmers vulnerable to climate changes, and for market gardeners vulnerable to price variations,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are committed to organic farming practices,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the wellbeing and ethical treatment of livestock, and for those who raise animals for food,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For soup kitchens, food banks and aid agencies, and for the donors, volunteers and staff who help feed the hungry,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For remote communities where fresh food is expensive and in short supply,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For policy makers and planners in land use and food production, and for community educators in diet and nutrition,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gather us in to your heavenly feast where all who hunger and thirst for justice will be satisfied

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:** *“Wordless, ancient earth’s foundations”* **#714**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin’s shadow and feel death’s darkness: around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of the earth; beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of life, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may be makers of peace Lead us so we can be your stewards of all the earth.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children’s Time Prayers for the Farms *(interactive prayer)*

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:** *“Pray for the wilderness”* **#716 vs. 1,3,5**  
*(Children leave for Church School)*

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 21-31

Psalm 104: 1-18, 24 (Refrain 3)

Matthew 25: 14-29

- Laura Van Loon

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *“Grow Hope”* - Jo Szostak

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Come Let Us Sing – Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

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:** *“God in great love for us lent us this planet”* **#719**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Skylark – Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981)

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**Greeters & Collectors:**

**Luella Moore, Arline Sanderson, Esther Efeme,  
Sammy and Prince Lyonga Ngombe**

**Lock up:**

**Sheila Coulter**



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.

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 very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.



Available on the entranceway table are **UPDATED** accountant statements. If you picked up a copy last week, it has some inaccurate line items, and corrections have been made.

Heads up- If you can stay after church today, we could use some simple help picking up litter around the church yard. We will provide bags and tools. Happy Earth Day Sunday.



### **CLEANING THE KITCHEN!!**

Your Session has decided to reconvene coffee hour beginning in May. A WORK BEE is planned for April 27 at 10AM to clean the kitchen in preparation for coffee hour to reconvene. Please contact **Jan Rodda at 306-321-6369 or email [clerk@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:clerk@standrews-saskatoon.com)** if you are able to help. I need 2-3 other people to help me. Thank you for considering to give your time to lend a hand.

Jan Rodda, Clerk

Tonight, April 23 is the next **ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH NIGHT** at Zion with a focus on MUSIC! RSVP Martha at 306 270 2378



The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall of the church.



**MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA.** Bring someone special and enjoy a British-style Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 13th 2023, between 1:45pm and 4:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 436 Spadina Cres East (corner of Spadina Cres and 20th Street). Tickets are \$20 each. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Sandra by email to: [standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com](mailto:standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com) or call 306-260-7734. Seating is limited so book early. Proceeds from this Tea will go to Camp Christopher Presbyterian Church Camp.



**Chair-ity Fundraiser** Begin to make a difference one chair at a time. \$55 is the cost of one chair, and they will be purchased in groups of 12, as donations are received. Please clearly mark "chairs" in your donation.

### **Socks for SNCM**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" James 1:17

We can bring good gifts in the form of funds for Dylan at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase durable long-lasting socks for some of the people who come through their front door. Let's donate whatever we can to help with this project. This **online appeal** will run **May 7- June 15.**



All your donations of \$10.  or \$20 .  for socks add up.

**St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee**

**AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:**

- \* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00
- \* Copies of the spring 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***

Would you like to enjoy some free music? On Friday, April 28 at Noon, in front of The Bay at Midtown Plaza, will be an a cappella singing contest. See poster for more details.

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 #23.

23. We call upon all levels of government to:

- i. Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field.
- ii. Ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities.
- iii. Provide cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals.

You are invited to join us at Calvin GoForth Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon, **May 1st** from 1:30-4:00 PM. Join in for a Blood Pressure check, exercise regime, pharmacist's news, and a presentation "**Care for the Caregiver**", self-care not only for the caregiver but for everyone's mental health with Brenda Beaudry from the Canadian Mental Health Association. Call Laura at 306-2297846 for any information

We have two rental parking stalls becoming available on May 1. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, contact the church office.



In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so **Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian**



**World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture.** "My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.

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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, April 23** We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farming projects that help farmers and communities in Malawi achieve better food security.

**Monday, April 24** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Ottawa in Ontario.

**Tuesday, April 25** We pray for Women's Missionary Society synodicals as members prepare and gather for their annual meetings.

**Wednesday, April 26** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kingston in Ontario.

**Thursday, April 27** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Friday, April 28** We give thanks for the Rev. Watan Yawi, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Tayal translation team of the Bible Society in Taiwan as they celebrate the publication of the Tayal Bible.

**Saturday, April 29** We pray for the Rev. Jim Biggs, clerk for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.