

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Nicole Lindgren

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Michael Swan

April 28th, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter/Mission Awareness Sunday/SPY

"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." – 1 John 4: 9

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: Praeludium, from *Suite for Violin and Organ, op. 166* – Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Like spring breaking through winter's power,

God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

God's Word upholds the church in strength.

Let us worship God who makes all things new.

We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O love that casts out fear"

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Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Forgive us for neglecting our relationship with you, for ignoring the needs of others, and not following your ways.

Forgive us for seeking praise from others yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours.

Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

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: **"Teach me, God, to wonder"** **#704**
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 8: 26-40

- SPY Representative

Psalm 22: 25-31 Refrain 1

I John 4: 7-21

- SPY Representative

John 15: 1-8

- SPY Representative

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Good Trouble and Clean Pain" - Nicole Lindgren

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment

Fafa and Friend

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Meditation Religieuse – Auguste Peron (1840-1897)

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: **"Love divine, all loves excelling"** **#371**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Intermezzo, from *Cavalliera Rusticana* – Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

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

Lock Up: Beth Brimner

Coffee Hour: Charles & Laura Roy



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements

SPY (Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth) met this weekend here at St.A.'s. Under the direction of The Rev. Devon Pattermore, they are leading Worship this morning.

Our kitchen experienced another annual CLEAN-UP on April 20. Many thanks to all the scrubbers and organizers who completed the tasks by early afternoon. The extraordinary volunteers include: Christél and Dewald Schlebusch, Sharon Wiseman, Trung Nguyen, Kirk Ready, Sandra and Alicia Monson, Heather Kolojey, Richard and Jan Rodda, Beth Brimmer and Judy McFadden. Thank you everyone!! The Anniversary Committee.



MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA. Bring someone special and enjoy a British-style Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, between 1:45 pm and 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 436 Spadina Cres East (corner of Spadina Cres and 20th Street). Tickets are \$30 each. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Sandra by email at standrews.afternoontea@gmail.com or call 306-260-7734. Seating is limited, so book early. Proceeds from this Tea will go to St Andrew's Anniversary Committee Fund.



COPIES OF "SAINTS ALIVE", St. Andrew's newsletter, are available on the entranceway table this morning. There are extra copies available for newcomers, visitors, or for regulars to pass along.

Hanging Basket Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in September 2025!! Beginning April 14 order forms will be available to place your order for as many hanging baskets as you would like to enjoy during the Spring and Summer season. This is an early fundraiser hosted by the Anniversary Committee. Delivery/pick up date is May 11 at the Mother's Day Tea! Order forms are available on the counter at the back of the church. Any questions contact Heather Kolojey or Jan Rodda.





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 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. We’ve already taken care of April, but hope to see you in May!

Thank you to all who helped out with baking muffins for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy during this past academic year. George Hind, the Ecumenical Chaplain at the U of S, found that more students participated in the Good Breakfast program as well as his Tuesday night suppers than previous years. In fact, he had to limit the number of students attending the suppers. Both he, and the students, especially appreciated the fresh baked muffins that we provided. One of the students took the time to write a letter of appreciation which has been posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. The success of the Good Breakfast program unfortunately points to an increased need, and we are pleased that St. Andrew’s was able to help fill that need. The programs will be shutting down for the summer but will start up again in September, so if there is anyone who would like to participate at that time, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee.

Join Rev. Roberto in the Community Transformation Certificate Program

Servant Partners Canada and Rev. Roberto DeSandoli invite you to take part in this amazing 10-week program focused on seeing, hearing, and serving our most vulnerable downtown neighbours. Servant Partners co-founder Krista-Dawn Kimsey will be leading a cohort of St. Andrew's learners through this summer of deep, faithful, and transformative learning as we seek wholeness, Communion, and justice with our neighbours. If you have a heart for our downtown and feel Christ's calling to serve here, this program is for you. To find out more, please visit servantpartners.ca/ctc and reach out to Rev. Roberto (roberto@standrews-saskatoon). We will begin shortly after the May long weekend.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, “*Saints Alive*” is **Thursday, May 9th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



We know we recently put out a newsletter, but there is so much news to share! This next newsletter will be the last one before the program year starts up again in the fall.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday May 8th – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the lower fellowship hall of the church.

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 #71.

Missing Children and Burial Information

71. We call upon all chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies that have not provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada their records on the deaths of Aboriginal children in the care of residential school authorities to make these documents available to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the spring 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 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

In Our Wider Community

The Micah Mission Remember Me Campaign will be launched April 28, 2024, with an invitation to churches to participate as a way to remember and to pray for those affected by the justice system and to consider donating to assist with costs of programs and services. Micah Mission works to transform the lives of incarcerated individuals and those formally incarcerated, and their families, promoting friendship as a vital part of community restoration, and offering those who have caused harm an opportunity to find new life by taking personal responsibility; valuing personal growth and accountability; and encouraging collaboration and reintegration rather than coercion and isolation. To learn more about Micah Mission and the services it provides, see: <https://themicahmission.org/> or contact info@themicahmission.org



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, April 28

The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a congregation of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been providing temporary shelter and food for people displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program includes hot food delivery to elderly congregation members who live alone and are unable to cook for themselves. With limited resources, Bishop Zan-Fabian reached out to the PCC for financial support to continue this ministry of care. The PCC provided a grant from Presbyterians Sharing, fulfilling the law of Christ to bear one another's burdens.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 28 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We give thanks for the service of all former PCC mission staff who worked with the church outside of Canada in creative and courageous ways and often under difficult circumstances.

Monday, April 29 We pray for our church's incredible history and that, with faith, we will pass on our heritage to generations who will follow us.

Tuesday, April 30 We pray for the many members of the PCC on various ecumenical church councils and working groups, as well as representatives involved in interfaith conversations. We thank God for their involvement and the ways we connect with other Christians and faith traditions.

Wednesday, May 1 We pray for students who are graduating in May from The Presbyterian College, Montreal. May it be a time of joy, celebrating the hard work and successes of each student; may each one experience God's leading in next steps as they discern direction in their respective callings.

Thursday, May 2 We pray for St. Marys Presbyterian Church in St. Marys Ontario. God bless the children there who are interested in Indigenous people and their cultures. May their personal gifts and passions be used to further the kingdom of Peace on earth.

Friday, May 3 We pray for General Assembly commissioners as they prepare to help the church discern the mind of Christ for our denomination.

Saturday, May 4 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg, NS) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.