

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest preacher: Alicia Monson

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Featured Musicians: Dan Wachowicz, Mark Behrend

August 25th, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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: When Jesus Says It's Enough

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 hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.

Let us praise God's holy name.

God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us worship the One brings new life and praise God's holy name forever.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Lord, in this broken world"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of mercy,

we face many choices each day

and we confess we often choose with no thought of you.

Forgive the choices we've made that hurt others,

those that ignored our own wellbeing,

and those that betrayed your love.

Guide us in all our choices,

simple or complicated,

so we express our faithfulness to you day by day.

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: *"Jesus loves me, this I know"*
(Children return to pews)

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 24: 1- 2a, 14-18

Psalms 34: 15-22

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

- Alicia Monson

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

- Alicia Monson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: You're Always There - Mark Behrend

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: *"Help us accept each other"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: I'll Fly Away

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

Opening & Closing Attendants: Nick Lamb & Kelly Christopher Lamb

No Coffee Time over the summer



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

Martha Fergusson and Alicia Monson are leading worship this morning. Alicia is here on her last Sunday before she begins her M.Div at the Vancouver School of Theology. She completed her summer contract as the Synod of Saskatchewan Summer Ministry student on Friday.

Coffee hour will be suspended until after the Labour Day weekend in September. Laura and I would like to thank everyone that hosted or helped in any way to make this time of fellowship a happy and meaningful experience. We hope that when the new signup rooster appears in early September that you will sign up and together continue to build on what we had previously. Ideally no one should have to host more than once per quarter. Thanks again – Charles Roy



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** will meet on Wednesday September 4th – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the lower Fellowship Hall.

Lunch 1:00-1:30 p.m. Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the summer 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 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 #88.

Sports and Reconciliation

88. We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.

In Our Wider Community

To our St. Andrew's Congregation,

You are invited to attend the Anniversary Thanksgiving and Fundraising Service by Grace Congregation, Presbyterian Church of Ghana celebrating their 5th Anniversary - "Celebrating the Faithfulness of the Lord" (Psalm 91:4).

It begins at 1pm on September 1st at St. Andrew's. All are welcome.

Grace Church has moved its service from 1:00 pm Sundays to **8:00 am through to Sunday, September 15, 2024**. The Grace service will conclude by 10:00 am and they will be cleared of the Sanctuary by **10:20 am**. This will allow plenty of time for the St. Andrew's folks to set up and begin by 11:00 am.

Magic City Chorus Guest Night is Tuesday September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Women, age 14 or older, who love to sing are invited to learn 4-part a cappella singing. Please come check us out. For more information go to the magiccitychorus.com website or email Louise at membership@magiccitychorus.com

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 25

In Malawi, the Mabiri Community Day Secondary School's Sexual Reproductive Health Club is a component of the Every Girl Empowered Project, which is supported by PWS&D. One of the issues discussed by club members is school dropout rates among their peers. One of the reasons for this is the inability to pay school fees. Determined to make a difference, club members identified a peer, Wezzie, aged 16, struggling financially. To help her, they organized an open house event, inviting supporters to hear Wezzie's story and learn about the importance of financial support for marginalized pupils. Through their advocacy efforts, the club secured pledges to cover Wezzie's school fees, enabling her to take and pass her examinations successfully. The club was pleased knowing they successfully advocated to help improve Wezzie's future.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 25 We give thanks and pray for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

Monday, August 26 We pray for women in India who, with PWS&D's support, are gaining access to livelihood opportunities and engaging in workshops about gender issues, contributing to a more equitable society.

Tuesday, August 27 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Roland DeVries, Principal of The Presbyterian College, Montreal, as he begins a sabbatical this fall.

Wednesday, August 28 We pray for the staff of the church's colleges whose work and creativity support the work of theological study, research and reflection.

Thursday, August 29 We pray for church school teachers and youth workers as they prepare for the year ahead.

Friday, August 30 We pray for the Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy for the Correctional Service of Canada and for our denominational representative, the Rev. Brad Shoemaker, in their work to provide effective spiritual care to offenders in correctional institutions.

Saturday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent) Recognizing the violent history of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit's wisdom to end ongoing anti-Black racism.