

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: Howard Tuwaidan

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

August 6th, 2023

10th 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: In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.

God is near to all who call out in truth.

God satisfies every living thing.

God watches over all who over love and praise,

So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *“Break now the bread of life”*

#507

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Our faithful and merciful God,

**In Jesus you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,
yet we neglect the suffering of others.**

We blame and judge each other

in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.

Free us from greed and from grievance.

**Open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings
and walk faithfully in his way. 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: *"Tell me the stories of Jesus"* **#348**
(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 26: 7-12, 17-25

- Al Ireland

Psalms 85: 8-13 Refrain 1

2 Timothy 2: 1-13

Luke 16: 1-13

- Howard Tuwaidan

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Faithful in a very little, faithful also in much!" - Howard Tuwaidan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: The Heavenly Banquet – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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: *"Where cross the crowded ways of life"* **#760**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Joyful – David L. McIntyre (b. 1950)

Greeters & Ushers:

**Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu,
William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu**

CE Coordinator:

Martha Fergusson

Lock up:

Colin Robb

No Coffee Time

Check your in box for the bulletin with full announcements.



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



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

Church offices will be closed tomorrow, August 7, for the Civic Holiday.

It is summer now! We are visiting friends, camping, and travelling. Church expenses, however continue each week. As of June 30, the year is 50% elapsed, however our revenue has now fallen to 44% of what we budgeted. We are doing well in the Missional areas - about on track with what we budgeted, but in the Givings and Rental areas, revenue has fallen behind. It is, hopefully, not the start of a trend, that this has occurred at the beginning of the year. Expenses are running along at the correct rate of just under 50%



WOMEN'S CAMP

We hope you will join us at Women's Camp September 8-10, 2023. A time of learning, fellowship, food, fun and enjoying God's creation at Camp Christopher!

See flyer available in narthex or email Donna at donnaw@sasktel.net for more information!

COFFEE HOUR!

Come down to the lower hall for some fellowship after church. Bring your own cup or use a cup as supplied. See you after the church service. From the turnout during the first few weeks it appears that the return of coffee hour following Sunday worship has been a success. Thanks to all that have helped and contributed to date. We are unsure if we will continue during the summer months but if enough people are interested in hosting we would plan to carry on. By the Fall I would like to see a minimum of 12-15 individuals or groups within the church agree to host. If we can achieve this, then no one should have to do this more than once per quarter. Everything for coffee hour is provided along with set up instructions. To sign up please contact the church office or Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or email cl.roy@shaw.ca There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. On Sundays where there are no hosts, there will not be a coffee time.



PLEASE PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO ST. ANDREW'S

The busy Saskatoon road construction season is underway! Your preferred route to St. Andrew's is likely to be affected or even closed-off at various times this summer. Please familiarize yourself with the city's projects and pre-plan your route to the church. Safe navigating!

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help beautify the church yard! Summer is a very busy time for all of us, but if you have an eye for drooping plants, PLEASE grab the watering can (by the office door entrance, off the parking lot), and sprinkle away. Help keep our flowers looking good all summer long!

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. *UPDATE* Thanks to your generosity, **100** new chairs have been ordered!

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jul/Aug/Sep Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the summer 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

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

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 #34.

Justice

34. We call upon the governments of Canada, the provinces, and territories to undertake reforms to the criminal justice system to better address the needs of offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including:

- i. Providing increased community resources and powers for courts to ensure that FASD is properly diagnosed, and that appropriate community supports are in place for those with FASD.
- ii. Enacting statutory exemptions from mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment for offenders affected by FASD.
- iii. Providing community, correctional, and parole resources to maximize the ability of people with FASD to live in the community.
- iv. Adopting appropriate evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of such programs and ensure community safety.

Gustin House presents David Jalbert, piano

Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

A warm and elegant performer, one of the elite among the new generation of classical musicians, David Jalbert concertizes internationally. He has won six Opus prizes, has had four Juno nominations, and has been named by CBC Music as one of Canada's 15 best pianists of all time! In celebration of 300 years since the birth of the piano, his recital at St. Andrew's features music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev.

Tickets: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin Committee, online, or cash at the door; child 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult. More information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca

Music for the Gut - Thurs, Aug 24 at TCU Place!

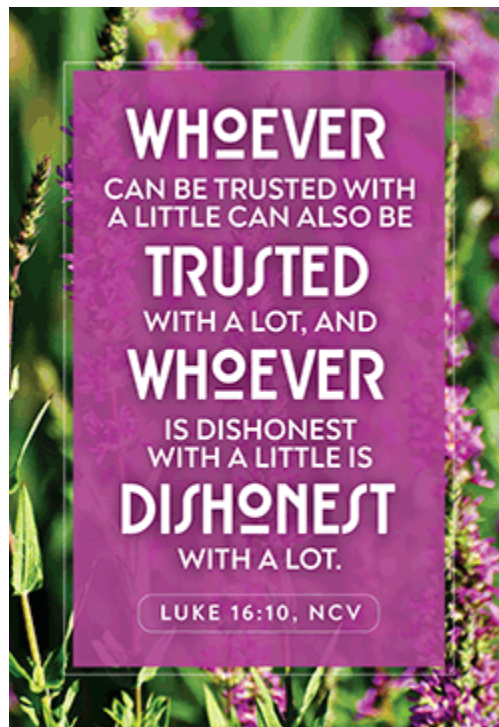
We're thankful and proud to have contributed \$183,000 to Crohn's & Colitis Canada in our 12+ years!

Featuring a 75-Vocal Ensemble and Dancers! 13-piece orchestra - Gut Banda!

Artists: River City Irish Dancers. Gerard Weber (sax). Will Boan (violin). Graham Tilsley (singer-songwriter). Graham Pritchard (guitar).

Jordie Hughton, artistic director/conductor. Justin La, conductor. Matthew Praksas, pianist. Kenni Chomyn & Heather Hataley, choreo.

Tickets at: tcutickets.ca -- MusicfortheGut.com



In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. "After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day," she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima)

We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

Monday, August 7 We give thanks for the Presbyterian Church Archives as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, continuing to ensure that the documentary evidence of the life and work of the church is preserved and accessible to all.

Tuesday, August 8 We give thanks for those who have been appointed by the 2023 General Assembly to serve on its standing committees. Grant them creativity and wisdom as they prepare to serve in the coming year.

Wednesday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We pray that the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is upheld in all places so that all Indigenous peoples around the world may thrive.

Thursday, August 10 We give thanks for the contributions of temporary migrant agricultural workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will enact policies that better protect the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families and develop fair pathways to Canadian citizenship.

Friday, August 11 We pray for theological students discerning a call, may the Lord of the Harvest send forth labourers.

Saturday, August 12 We pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and the people it serves through prayer, counselling, food, clothing and a weekly worship Circle.