

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

July 9th, 2023

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

– *Matthew 11: 29-30*

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: Watermelon Man – I Exalt Thee – Pete Sanchez, Jr.

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)

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

God offers compassion to all creation.

With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Lift high the cross"

#643

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Wise and patient God,

You offer us peace,

yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled.

You offer us courage,

yet we are resentful when life is challenging.

You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose,

but we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires.

Forgive us, O God,

and draw our attention back to you.

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: "Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go" #652
(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Zechariah 9: 9-12

- Rick Heatherington

Psalms 145: 8-14 Refrain 1

Romans 7: 15-25a

- David Richardson

Matthew 10: 40-42

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Juxtaposition" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Marche Religieuse, from *Die Zauberflöte* – W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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: "And can it be that I should gain" #352

Benediction

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

Postlude: Come, Thou Almighty King – Stan and James Pethel

CE Coordinators:

Lena Jang, Abby Kyei

Lock Up:

Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts:

Rehema & Rianne Nyekanyeka



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.

We are blessed this morning to be joined by members of the Loyal Orange Association in Canada. St. Andrew's welcomes you on the occasion of the opening of your new lodge here in Saskatoon.

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!

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!

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.



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, **72** 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 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

Camp Compassion is our summer VBS- the week of August 8-11,2023. It is an all day program at a different location BUT Martha, Rev Roberto, Synod VST students and the gang are leading it with some of our neighbours. Friendly familiar faces, just a large space with our faith neighbours. Call Martha for more information, and subsidies if cost is a barrier.

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 #31.

Justice

31. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide sufficient and stable funding to implement and evaluate community sanctions that will provide realistic alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders and respond to the underlying causes of offending.

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

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization runs the popular "Twinning Program" that matches newly arrived refugee women with women living in Montreal. Through regular meetings and group activities, the "twins" create bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program helps to reduce isolation and overcome barriers that the women face in their day-to-day lives. Who are the people in your community that could benefit from having someone come alongside them in a supportive and empowering way?



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 9 We pray for farmers in Guatemala as they receive support from PWS&D to train local Indigenous women to establish small dairy businesses and vegetable gardens. As a result, the women see great improvements in their health and nutrition.

Monday, July 10 We pray for the joyful rejuvenation of those who are on vacation. "He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." (Psalm 23:2-3)

Tuesday, July 11 We pray for all who are sensing a call to ministry. May they be affirmed and supported as they seek God's guidance.

Wednesday, July 12 We pray for young adults participating in the Journey for Justice program (July 8-16) as they experience the daily life of Palestinian youth and listen to their stories.

Thursday, July 13 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han Ca.

Friday, July 14 We give thanks for the gift of music and for the summer music festivals that bring people together in celebration and harmony.

Saturday, July 15 We pray for the children of ministers who are moving to new congregations. May they find friends and a comfortable sense of belonging as they adjust to their new environment.