

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." – Romans 6: 5*

*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: Prelude in E Major – 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

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

**Listen to our voices and answer.**

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.**

So let us glorify God's holy name together!

**We come to worship God in love and loyalty.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"This is my Father's world"***

**#328**

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**God who creates the future,**

**you call us to follow you,**

**yet we prefer familiar paths.**

**You offer us new beginnings,**

**yet change makes us uncomfortable.**

**You invite us into the fullness of life,**

**yet we resist more than we already know.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and make of us courageous disciples ready to serve in Jesus' name.**

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:** *"Make me a channel of your peace"* **#740**  
(Children leave for Church School)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 21: 8-21

- Orlanda Drebit

Psalms 86: 1-2 Refrain 1

Romans 6: 1-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *"Mercy"* - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Fugue in G Minor – J.S. Bach

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:** *"How firm a foundation"* **#685**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in C Major – J.S. Bach

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**Greeters & Collectors:**

Sheila Coulter, Christine Meier

**Lock Up:**

Heather Reichert

**No coffee time this week**

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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](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 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](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com) for those who are worshipping from home.

**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.

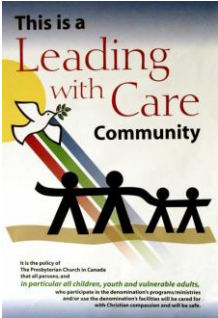
We are unsure if we will continue during the summer months but if enough people are interested in hosting we would plan to carry on. By the Fall I would like to see a minimum of 12-15 individuals or groups within the church agree to host. If we can achieve this, then no one should have to do this more 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](mailto: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.





Overall our church revenues are tracking proportionately where we are in the year. However, May statements show our revenues were down over \$6,000 from April. Just a reminder as we enter the nicer weather, that church expenses continue- whether or not we are in attendance. Please prayerfully consider your contributions to St. Andrews. Orlanda Drebit Treasurer

**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!



**Leading with Care**

Did you know your police check record (PRC) is in good standing for 5 years with the Presbyterian Church? Many of our volunteer’s PRC are coming up for renewal. And this fall we are hoping to host a SPY weekend and those young people will need billets to provide accommodations each night. You can be a ready and able volunteer for one event of several. Martha can leave a letter for you to provide the police station of your volunteer status so you can get a reduced price. Get your police check this summer so you can help with seniors, the vulnerable and children anytime without hesitation.

**YARD SALE**

Do you have things around your house that you would now like to get rid of? The Outreach committee is organizing a Yard Sale for Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn of the church, with all proceeds going to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We are looking for smaller items that people would be able to easily carry away. Anyone interested in helping us out either in person or by donating items, please contact Al Ireland, Linda Dietz, or Donna Fenton.



**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 CHRISTOPHER** is really excited to have alumni of the Tri4Kids4Camp program as most of our summer staff. We are offering First Aid Training for all our cabin leaders this summer and need some support to cover the course fees. Each participant has been asked to cover \$50 of the course fee, and we have a total of 14 participants in need of support. Donations can be made by e-transfer to [campchrisevent@gmail.com](mailto:campchrisevent@gmail.com), or mailed to 436 Spadina Cres. East in Saskatoon S7K 3G6. Another way to support Camp Christopher this summer is through SARCAN Bottle Donations - just give the reference code CCSK and your bottles will go towards camp!" Also, we are still looking for a lifeguard for the summer. If anyone knows anyone who can work a week, or a few days, or a day.

**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 #30.

### Justice

30. We call upon federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in custody over the next decade, and to issue detailed annual reports that monitor and evaluate progress in doing so.

### **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](http://tcutickets.ca) -- [MusicfortheGut.com](http://MusicfortheGut.com)

Orphaned as a teenager, Fouzia was adopted by her aunt and uncle, whom she came to live with in Kabul, Afghanistan. After the Taliban took control, the family fled to Pakistan, where they could scarcely find work as they lacked the necessary legal documents. They were then selected for a food assistance project supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. **Through the project, Fouzia's family received assistance to help ensure that they are able to meet their food needs while her uncle and aunt look for a source of income in Pakistan, providing a sense of relief in the face of great uncertainty.** "With funds received, my aunt bought food items so that we have sufficient meals every day," said Fouzia.



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#### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, June 25** We pray for the safety of all those whose lives have been uprooted by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, and we give thanks for the emergency support that Presbyterians in Canada are helping to provide through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, June 26** We give thanks and pray for those providing pulpit supply during pulpit vacancies and when a minister is away for a weekly service.

**Tuesday, June 27** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Barrie in Ontario.

**Wednesday, June 28** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Thursday, June 29** We pray for rest and renewal for all who have given so diligently to the work of the church in difficult times.

**Friday, June 30** We give thanks for the staff and volunteers at PCC camps who share God's love with children and youth over the summer.