

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 30th, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost

"The steadfast love of the lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." – Lamentations 3: 22-23b

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 C Major, BWV 846 – 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)

Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord.

Hope in the Lord!

For with God there is steadfast love;

With God there is great power to redeem.

So we offer prayers and praise to God in whom we trust.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Your hand, O God, has guided"

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Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Great and merciful God,

We confess we sometimes lose trust in you.

When we feel desperate, we wonder where you are.

In the face of tragedy or disaster,

we ask how you could let such things happen.

We forget to reach out to you.

Forgive us, O God, when we give up on your love.

Reassure us that your love in Christ Jesus will never let us go.

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: *"The church is wherever God's people"* **#484**
(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Lamentations 3: 22-33

- Kirk Ready

Psalms 30: Refrain 1

2 Corinthians 8: 5-17

Mark 5: 21, 25- 34

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Persist" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: *"The love of God comes close"* **#474**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Rhosymedre (or "Lovely"), from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes* – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Opening & Closing Attendants: Nick Lamb & Kelly Christopher Lamb

No Coffee Time This Week



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

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, July 1, for Canada Day.

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC will be offered following the church service downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will have blood pressure cuffs to fit all arms!



Fire Safety Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the hard work of Elder Kwaku Kyei, St. Andrew's is nearly ready to hold a fire drill. Kwaku is looking for five volunteer Fire Marshalls to lend a hand to ensure our church family stays safe in the event of an emergency. If you are willing to help, please contact Dorothy de Bruijn in the office: office@standrews-saskatoon.com

Socks for SNCM

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

Thank you for your generous donations for our fourth annual sock drive. Dylan at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry will purchase durable long-lasting socks for people who come through their front door. The congregation donated \$505.00 this year.

We are also thankful for each carefully chosen pair of socks purchased for SNCM and displayed on the sock tree at the front of the church.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



Snapshot of Average St. Andrews Parishioner Based on the Whole Person Health Care Survey 2024

Thank you for your response to the survey. We had a response rate of 21.7%, which is statistically good. There will be more extensive results in the next newsletter. I will post an actual copy of results on the Pastoral Bulletin Board. If you have any questions, contact Pastoral Care Nurse Laura at 306-229-7846

Our average parishioner lives in a household with 1-2 people (84.62%), is between the ages of 60-69 (26.09%) is married (53.57%) and is in good health (53.85%). The most significant health concern of those listed is mobility (Health 16%), health changes (Mental Health 24.24%) and spiritual concerns at the local level of the church (Spiritual 33.33%). They are most interested in church programming about Dementia including Alzheimer's Disease (12.50%) and they have a good personal support system (74.19%). When asked about transportation to church, the vast majority has no concerns (80%).



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.

Yard Sale

Outreach's Third Annual Yard Sale (and Lemonade Stand) will be taking place next Saturday, July 6th. The sale will open officially at 10:30, but last year we found that purchases were taking place as items appeared from the church. For anyone wishing to help set up we will be meeting at 9:00 in order to get the tables set up on the lawn and all of the items sorted.

If you have something to drop off, this Sunday is the official day to do so, but accommodations can be made. Contact Al Ireland if you need to drop something off during the week, or, if you are in the neighborhood on the 6th, drop by the sale and drop your items off at that time. Even if you don't have anything to drop off, you are welcome to stop by and browse for treasures.



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

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 #80.

Commemoration

80. We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

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:

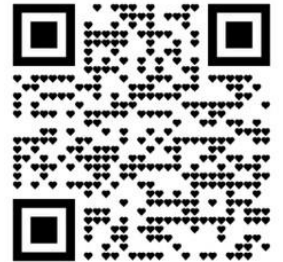
- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin

In Our Wider Community

Grace Church will be moving its service from 1:00 pm Sundays to **8:00 am beginning Sunday, July 14, 2024 – through 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.

Compassion Camp Registration Form

Changing the World with Lovingkindness, is a full day summer camp for kids in kindergarten to grade six. It is sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. It will run from 9am-4pm daily, August 6-9, 2024 at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon. The registration fee is \$75 per camper, payable by cheque, cash or e-transfer to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism (admin@pcecumenism.ca) Our mail address is 2617 Clarence Ave S, S7J 1M5. For more information, please contact Martha Fergusson 306.270. 2378
To Register <https://form.jotform.com/241435184949263>



PWS&D

Food Crisis

Climate change, conflict and other factors have led to emergency levels of hunger in many countries across the globe. In Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, some 23 million people were without reliable access to food and water due to severe ongoing drought.

In Somalia, famine-like conditions left many children malnourished. After fleeing their home due to drought, Gabey and her 11-month-old son, Abdi, were sheltering in a camp. Abdi was diagnosed as malnourished and was one of 2,482 children who received therapeutic food to recover his health. "I feel so much better and calmer now that he is better than before," his mother shared.

Many people are also living in camps for refugees and internally displaced persons because conflict forced thousands of families from their homes. Recognizing the need to support the world's hungriest, PWS&D responded in several countries, including Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan.

From the PWS&D annual impact report. For more information see a copy on the bulletin board in the entrance or go to <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/impact2023/>

Worship by the River: Sunday, July 21 at 2pm at Queen's House

All are invited to join with our ecumenical brothers and sisters for an hour-long service of unity, worship, and Communion (coffee and ice cream to follow!). Holy Covenant Church and C3 Church will host this outdoor service focused on expressing our unity in Christ.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, June 30

After participating in the New Beginnings program that guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. James (North Yarmouth, ON) began a ministry to help address the social isolation of seniors and



older adults, both within the congregation and the surrounding community. St. James adapted its service to become an interactive, conference-call worship model that allows people at home or in care facilities to participate more fully through prayer, reading scripture or singing. Community programming for seniors is also centred around encouraging greater social inclusion, through delivering hot meals and care packages, a weekly home visit program with the minister and elders, and even chartering a bus to sing carols and bring Christmas cheer to doorsteps during Advent. St. James receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 30 We pray for Knox College and its new students who will be invited to register for program studies in early July. We pray for continued discernment of God's call to equip and prepare for service.

One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.



Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals —over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

