

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Worship Leaders: The Stewardship Committee

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

May 12th, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter/Stewardship Sunday

"Lord, you have made so many things!" – Psalm 104: 21

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: Morning Has Broken - Traditional

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, please join in proclaiming "Christ is the Light of the World."

Welcome and Announcements

- Patti Polowick

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

- Hastings Nyekanyeka

Who is this God whom we have come to worship?

God is the creator of all.

The creator of birds and trees, wind and sea?

God is the creator of all things seen and unseen.

Then let us worship the God of creation,

the God of all things great and small.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "God in great love for us lent us this planet"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of all creation,

you loved us into being,

yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation.

We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us

and dominate the richness of the natural order.

Forgive our greedy grasping.

We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home,

mirrored in the violence of cities,

and the brokenness of hearts.

Forgive and restore us, O God.

Nurturing God, remind us of other ways to live

**and of a place called home,
where creation reflects your goodness
and each thing lives in balance with all others.
Come and find us, set us right again,
and take us home. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

- Chef Tasty

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: *"Wordless, ancient earth's foundations"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1

- Dean Fergusson

Psalms 104 Refrain 1

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Environmental Justice"

- Patti Polowick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

- Pearson Ahiahonu

Anthem: Can Weeping for Our Planet Be Enough - Adam M.L. Tice (b. 1979)

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: *"Pray for the wilderness"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: For the Beauty of the Earth - Stan & James Pethel

Coffee Hour: Heather Kolojay & Chef Tasty



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

May 25 - Helpers Needed for the BIG Spruce -Up! Join the Anniversary Committee members to tidy up our flower and rock beds, paint our exterior doors and the parking lot curbs, sand and stain the wooden door frames, and wash a few easy to reach windows. Meet at the church at 10AM. If it's raining, we will postpone this event. Contact Jan Rodda or Heather Kolojay for information.

NEEDED: To sand down the door frames we are needing a couple of electric or battery operated sanders? Do you have one that you would let us use for this job? If so, talk to Jan Rodda

Looking forward to the fun!



Socks for SNCM

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

We can bring good news in the form of funds for Dylon at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase durable long-lasting socks for some of the people who come through their front door. Let's donate whatever we can to help with this project. This **online appeal** will run to **June 16**. Let's donate whatever we can to help with this project.



All your donations of \$10. or \$20 for socks add up.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



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.

BIRDS OF THE BIBLE HIGH TEA BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to the home of Kirk and Heather Ready on Friday, June 7th or Saturday, June 8th, 1-3 pm. Sign up sheets are available, and any donations will go toward the Anniversary Fund.

Join Rev. Roberto in the Community Transformation Certificate Program

Servant Partners Canada and Rev. Roberto DeSandoli invite you to take part in this amazing 10-week program focused on seeing, hearing, and serving our most vulnerable downtown neighbours. Servant Partners co-founder Krista-Dawn Kimsey will be leading a cohort of St. Andrew's learners through this summer of deep, faithful, and transformative learning as we seek wholeness, Communion, and justice with our neighbours. If you have a heart for our downtown and feel Christ's calling to serve here, this program is for you. To find out more, please visit servantpartners.ca/ctc and reach out to Rev. Roberto (roberto@standrews-saskatoon). We will begin on Friday, May 31 (evening) and Saturday, June 1 (daytime).

Lawn Sale

The Outreach Committee would like to start a rumour concerning its 3rd Annual Lawn Sale. It will be taking place on July 6th with proceeds being split between Operation Sandwiches and Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. If you would like to help out, please start setting aside small items for the sale. There will be more information about the sale in the upcoming newsletter, and in future bulletins.



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 #73.

Missing Children and Burial Information

73. We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the spring 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

We live in a world of plenty. Yet, today, 783 million people around the world will go to bed on an empty stomach. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is made up of 15 Canadian churches and church agencies working together to end global hunger. These members partner with trusted locally-based organizations in developing countries to meet emergency food needs and achieve long-term solutions to hunger. Last year, Presbyterian World Service and Development was involved in 8 projects in 4 different countries – Malawi, Haiti, Guatemala and Pakistan.

Grow Hope is a project of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The Synod of Saskatchewan of the



Presbyterian Church is a partner in Grow Hope Saskatchewan. Farmers donate land to grow crops and others donate money to pay for the inputs – seed, fertilizer, fuel, etc. In 2023, the Synod received enough donations to sponsor 18 acres, which resulted in \$12,487 in proceeds from the crops grown on those acres. Matched by Global Affairs Canada up to 4:1, those proceeds could grow to provide \$60,000 in funding.

Please donate to support the 2024 crops of Grow Hope Saskatchewan.

For more information or to donate, email or send an e-transfer to SynodSaskGrowHope@gmail.com or send a cheque made out to

the Synod of Saskatchewan to:
Grow Hope Saskatchewan
1-2338 Assiniboine Ave E., Regina, SK S4V 2E9

Saskatchewan Fiddle Orchestra is having their 20th Anniversary concert at the Broadway Theatre on Saturday May 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each and available at the Broadway Theatre. Mark and Jackie Behrend and Hannah Street are in the orchestra.

The Micah Mission Remember Me Campaign has been launched on April 28, 2024, with an invitation to churches to participate as a way to remember and to pray for those affected by the justice system and to consider donating to assist with costs of programs and services. Micah Mission works to transform the lives of incarcerated individuals and those formally incarcerated, and their families, promoting friendship as a vital part of community restoration, and offering those who have caused harm an opportunity to find new life by taking personal responsibility; valuing personal growth and accountability; and encouraging collaboration and reintegration rather than coercion and isolation. To learn more about Micah Mission and the services it provides, see: <https://themicahmission.org/> or contact info@themicahmission.org

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 12

Somalia faces an acute hunger crisis, worsened by the most severe drought in four decades. With failed crops, widespread water shortages and reduced livestock productivity, Nafiso Hussein's family and thousands more had to abandon their homes in search of relief. Hunger and extreme conditions affected Nafiso's son Hadi, whose health had deteriorated critically. In the displaced persons camp where they had sought refuge, Hadi was quickly referred to the stabilization centre for treatment, and under this initiative, his health significantly improved. Nafiso is grateful for her son's recovery, "He is well now, and I am happy to see him play and laugh like before." PWS&D, with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides funding to train community nutrition workers who identify and screen severely malnourished children.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 12 (Christian Family Sunday) All Christians are members both of a human family and of the church, the household of God. We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church which has nurtured us in faith.

Monday, May 13 We pray for those living in poverty in a world where the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

Tuesday, May 14 We pray for families rising above poverty with educational opportunities and vocational training offered through PWS&D's support.

Wednesday, May 15 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, that they will connect with former friends and make new friends at the 110th Anniversary Celebration and that these friendships will continue for many years to come.

Thursday, May 16 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as it works to build a brighter future where individuals, children, and their families in Winnipeg's inner city have greater opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

Friday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to hatred and discrimination that targets LGBTQI2+ people. As a church, we commit to working for the flourishing of all people.

Saturday, May 18 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Superior.