

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musicians: Nevin Buehler, bass; William Ahiahonu, drums

May 21st, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter/Healing & Reconciliation Sunday

"Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." – John 17: 11

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: God Bless the Child – Billie Holiday

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)

Let us be joyful before God!

We will sing praises to God's holy name.

Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

who protects orphans and widows, and gives the desolate a home.

Sing to God, all nations of the earth;

We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"When long before time"

vs. 1,2,6 #295

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ,

you call us to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth.

Yet we often cannot find the words to tell others of our faith and hope.

We fall silent when we could speak up.

We try to act out your love,

but we confess we usually act in our own best interests.

Forgive us all the ways we fail to follow 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: *"What a friend we have in Jesus"* **#746**

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalms 47 Refrain 1

Ephesians 1: 15-23

John 17: 1-11

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Be One"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Abide with Me – Traditional

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: *"O Lord my God!/How great thou art"* **#332**

Benediction

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

Postlude: I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free – Nina Simone

Coffee Hosts:

Luella Moore & Judy McFadden

Lock up:

Orlanda Drebit



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.

HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, May 22, for Victoria Day.

Next Sunday, May 28, is the Day of Pentecost, and we will celebrate with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Thank you to the Session of St. Andrew's

During the 2022/23 program year, we have been giving thanks for the work of the approximately 70 volunteers who help to make the life and mission of St. Andrew's possible. Today we give thanks to the Session of Elders for their leadership and care of our congregation. Please take a moment to sign the Thank You cards in the Narthex.

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 IS ON! 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.



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, **52** new chairs have been ordered!

Socks for SNCM

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17

We can bring good gifts 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 15.



All your donations of \$10. or \$20 for socks add up. So far \$285 has been raised.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee

MEN'S CAMP: MAY 25-27 AT CAMP CHRISTOPHER

You are invited to the inaugural Men's Camp weekend at Camp Christopher! This retreat-style weekend is hosted by Rev. Roberto DeSandoli of St. Andrew's Saskatoon and Dylon Nippi of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. The theme of this weekend is "What's Your Story?" Drawing on Philippians 1: 1-12, we will explore what it means to live our stories as disciples of Jesus Christ: Where have we been? Where are we going? Where is God in it all? Come to hear and tell stories, work together, reflect in nature, and go deeper in faith.

Cost is \$65 Register by emailing name, contact information and any allergies to info@campchristopher.ca or call Donna at 306-535-6916.

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 8th 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.



OPERATION SANDWICHES

Operation Sandwiches has started up once again. We are making sandwiches on the 3rd Sunday of each month (TODAY) for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. If you wish to hone your sandwich making skills, you can meet with the Outreach team in the kitchen after the service. If you don't wish to help with the sandwiches, you can also help by providing donations to help us purchase the sandwich ingredients. All donations should be identified by writing "Operation Sandwiches" somewhere in the text. If you have any questions, please contact Al Ireland, Donna Fenton or Linda Dietz.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/June 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

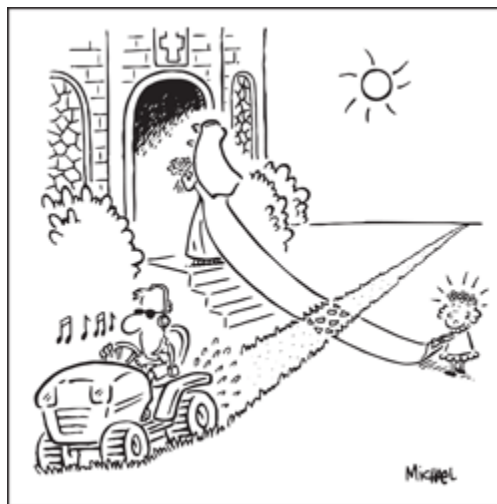
We have one rental parking stall available now, and another available on June 1. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #26.

Justice

26. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to review and amend their respective statutes of limitations to ensure that they conform to the principle that governments and other entities cannot rely on limitation defences to defend legal actions of historical abuse brought by Aboriginal people.

Tickets for our Magic City Diner burger night will be available for sale before Chorus, starting May 9 and ending June 9. You can pay with cash, cheque or e-transfer. The meals includes a barbequed burger with toppings, potato salad, coleslaw, veggie tray and ice cream sundae bar. Gluten-free and vegetarian options are available but you need to let us know when purchasing tickets. You will notice that there is a \$5 ticket available for children 12 and under – that includes a hot dog, salads, veggie tray and ice cream sundae bar. If you think your child will eat more than that, it would be best to buy an adult ticket. This event is to be held at the Shrine Club on 1021 Saskatchewan Crescent W. Speak to Fran Gordon, if you would like a ticket.



When Esther was 13 years old, she got her period for the first time—just one day before the Malawi national primary school examinations, which would determine whether she would be admitted to secondary school. Esther was instructed by the older women in her village to not leave



home and remain indoors for the next seven days in adherence with village customs. Caroline, an outreach volunteer for girls' rights, learned about Esther's situation and enlisted the help of the village's chief to speak with Esther's parents about letting her leave home isolation to write the exam. Esther was permitted to write her exam, allowing her to advance to secondary school. **With Presbyterian World Service & Development's support, local partners are raising awareness about the importance of girls' education for a successful future.**

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 21 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday) We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from Residential Schools and other forms of colonial violence. Guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

Monday, May 22 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development's partners who work hard to ensure a quality education and a better future for girls in Malawi.

Tuesday, May 23 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, May 24 We pray for the Rev. Jeanie Lee, former Ecumenical Accompanier, as she shares stories and advocates for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel.

Thursday, May 25 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Friday, May 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brampton in Ontario.

Saturday, May 27 We pray for commissioners of the 2023 General Assembly as they prepare to consider, discuss and make decisions about the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.