

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday/Healing & Reconciliation**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." – John 3: 16*

*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 F minor, BWV 857 – 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)

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

**The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise: "O for a world where everyone"**

**#730**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Mighty God, strong to save, though we come in adoration this day, we also come to confess:**

**We are lost, we are persons of unclean lips, we live among a people of unclean lips. Often, we have failed to speak your truth, we have failed to show mercy to those you love.**

**Too often, we have focused upon our own needs, and sought to justify ourselves by human standards.**

**Help us. Touch us with the coal of your truth. Cause our guilt to depart from us. Blot out our sins; that we may be made clean and respond in love: "Here am I; send me!"**

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:** "We cannot own the sunlit sky" #717  
(Children leave for Church School)

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

- Rianne Nyekanyeka

Psalm 29 Refrain 1

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "The World God Loves" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

"A Message from Servant Partners Canada" -Krista-Dawn Kimsey

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Come down, O Love divine – Hilary Tadman-Robins (b. 1947)

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:** "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" #399

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in F major, BWV 856 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat, Judy, and Wendy

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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*

### **Welcome to Krista-Dawn Kimsey, Co-Founder of Servant Partners Canada**

We are blessed this morning to welcome Krista-Dawn from Servant Partners Canada to share a special message with us this morning. Krista-Dawn will be leading the Community Transformation Certificate program here at St. Andrew's beginning on Friday, May 31 (7-9:30pm) and Saturday, June 1 (9am-3pm). If you have any questions about the program, Krista-Dawn will be available at Coffee Hour following today's service.

The red flowers are placed in the narthex and sanctuary this week in recognition of the innocent civilian lives lost, and all the innocent peoples' suffering in Gaza and Israel since October 7, 2023. The national flower of Israel is the red anemone which is very similar to the red poppy.

### **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. 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. So far \$160.00 has been raised.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. (That's today!)

**BIRDS OF THE BIBLE HIGH TEA BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to the home of Kirk and Heather Ready on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://servantpartners.ca/ctc) and reach out to Rev. Roberto ([roberto@standrews-saskatoon](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon)). We will begin on Friday, May 31 (7-9:30pm) and Saturday, June 1 (9am-3pm).

### **Lawn Sale**

The Outreach Committee would like to start a rumour concerning its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lawn Sale. It will be taking place on July 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 #75.

#### **Museums and Archives**

75. We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of Calls to Action| 9 appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased 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](http://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

# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 26

Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, May 26 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday)** We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both within and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other forms of colonial violence. We ask that God guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

**Monday, May 27** We pray for our mission partners in Canada and around the world, supported through our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

**Tuesday, May 28** We pray for retired ministers and professional church workers, and for those preparing for retirement.

**Wednesday, May 29** We give thanks that the PCC is involved ecumenically within Canada and beyond, and pray for the councils of the church that bring various denominations together for worship, fellowship, ministry and mission: the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

**Thursday, May 30** We pray for the students enrolled in theological colleges that are preparing to serve at a rural or remote congregation this summer.

**Friday, May 31** We pray that God may strengthen the hands and hearts of farmers in Afghanistan who are working tirelessly to restore their land and livelihoods after facing repeated droughts.

**Saturday, June 1** We give thanks to God for the faithful service of the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she completes her year as the first Indigenous Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.