

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Pianist: Fran Gordon

November 14th, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost

"Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10: 21b-22

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.



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

The God of Wisdom calls us to worship;

in humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

The God of Peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

in faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

The God of Past, Present and Future welcomes us into this moment.

in joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

Let us worship God together.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

“The kingdom of God is justice and joy”

#787

The kingdom of God is justice and joy for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God’s power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace: the prisoners are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed, God’s banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice; believe the good news; repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, for gain or for loss.

God’s kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry, “Glory!” to God all in all.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of justice and mercy,
you call us to take a part in our community,
loving our neighbours and serving your purposes.
We confess that this is easier said than done.
We often sit in judgment on those who serve in public life,
criticizing any who fall short of our expectations.
Yet we confess we, too, fall short of your loving purpose for us.
Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize
and too slow to join in what needs to be done.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Praise:

“Jesus loves me, this I know”

#373

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”

Refrain

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Mark 13: 1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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Sermon: "Kingdom Come"

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Invitation to the Offering

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Jesus bids us shine"

#773

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In the world is darkness, so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him; well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim. He looks down from heaven to see us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around; many kinds of darkness in this world abound: sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Announcements

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **TOMORROW, Monday, November 15th**. Submissions may be emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.





Are you between the ages, 18-25 and have a passion or curiosity about Church governance? Do you wish to connect with other Presbyterian young people and discuss social justice and other faith issues? Well send your name to Martha Fergusson (306.270.2378) by Wednesday, November 17th. Then you can learn more about being the 2022 Young Adult Representative to our denominations' General Assembly in June.



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **TODAY, November 14th**. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full

details. It's not too soon to start thinking about Christmas! FundScrip has some promotions on now, until the end of the year, where the church would receive a larger percentage of the sales than usual. Some of the retailers participating in this are Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Roots, Kernals, Boston Pizza, and the Ultimate Dining Card.



CHANCEL FLOWERS With the reopening of St. Andrew's and the continuing increase in the number of those worshipping within our sanctuary, the Chancel Flower Fund is coming out of retirement! Live flowers and plants are always placed to the Glory of God, and to enhance your Worship experience. Please prayerfully consider donations to the Chancel Flower Fund so that we can once again bring some of the beauty of God's world into our sanctuary. Clearly mark "Flower Fund" on any donations.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived in the office. You can pick them up, or we can mail/deliver them. Please contact the church office to make a plan. Less than a third of 2021 envelopes were distributed. Many people have moved to electronic offerings instead, so if any offering envelopes are not distributed for 2022, they will not be re-ordered for 2023.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** invites you to circle your calendars for the following: Starting December 1st, please join us on the "Walk to Bethlehem", and on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm, please attend the annual Memory and Light Service in St. Andrew's sanctuary or on- line. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

BLANKET AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

It's hard to believe that the 38-degree days are well behind us. With the extreme heat that we experienced this summer and the warm (frostless) fall that followed, we may have been a little complacent concerning the need for warm clothing. However, with the recent, hopefully brief, taste of cold weather, we have been encouraged to once again request new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for SNCM. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. Although we are looking primarily for outerwear, any clothing that you wish to donate as long as it's clean and gently used will be passed along to those who can use it. All donations can be dropped off at the church, or you can contact Al Ireland to help arrange a drop off. With your help we can hopefully make Saskatoon a little warmer this winter. Thank you for your support!



The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Tuesday November 23rd at 2:00 p.m. by Zoom.

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** has received a donation of wool. They are looking for knitters, who can make mitts for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, as cooler temperatures are approaching. Contact Sharon Nixon at 306-978-9577, if you are able to help.



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

The Session has moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.



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



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

Equipping a New Leader in Nepal

In November 2021, the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) will welcome Dhana Lama as its first ever Nepali Executive Director. In addition to being UMN's first Nepali Executive Director, Dhana will be the 13th Executive Director since its founding in 1954 and the third woman to lead UMN. Outgoing Executive Director, Joel Hafvenstein, said, "Dhana is a strong and forthright leader who is also a listener, with the humility not to fear change or the acknowledgement of mistakes. Her passion for service to Nepal's poorest people is unquestionable." As an international, interdenominational Christian mission, UMN receives funding from partners designated for specific projects, which doesn't leave much for staff salaries. Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC will join the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Asia CMS in financially supporting Dhana Lama during her tenure.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 14 We pray for wisdom and courage as Dhana Lama begins her tenure as the first Nepali Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal.

Monday, November 15 We pray for ministers and worship leaders preparing for Advent and Christmas.

Tuesday, November 16 We pray for the Racism Working Group of the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches as it seeks to shine the light of God's reconciling love on racism within member churches and our nations.

Wednesday, November 17 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rector at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Cuba, as he provides spiritual and academic leadership.

Thursday, November 18 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with the candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, November 19 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that educate women and children on their rights and provide assistance to people experiencing abuse.

Saturday, November 20 On **Transgender Day of Remembrance**, we pray for an end to violence and hatred towards trans and nonbinary people in Canada and around the world.