

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

November 17th, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost/ Legacy Giving Sunday

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10: 23

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 XIII, from *24 Preludes and Fugues, Op. 87* – Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

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 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: "O day of God, draw nigh"

#786, tune #277

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of justice and mercy,

you call us to take part in our community,

loving our neighbours and serving your purposes.

We confess 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 come forward)

Children's Time: Leo and Taylor

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: *"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"* #357 vs. 1-4
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

- Donna Fenton

Psalms 16 Refrain 1

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Mark 13: 1-8

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Refuge"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Simple Gifts – Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

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: *"I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance"* #250

Benediction

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

Postlude: Variations on a Shaker Melody, from *Appalachian Spring* – Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Youth



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.

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Thursday, November 21st**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



Welcome to St. Andrew's –

A brand-new **Automatic Door Opener** has been installed on the Southeast Entrance (Door #4). This is one of the 100th Anniversary Legacy Projects and marks the 2nd improvement (after the Nursery) to celebrate our Church. Special thanks to Trung Nguyen for all his work in the planning and installation of this new device to help make St. Andrew's more accessible.

Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation has begun to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The Anniversary Committee is hosting a poinsettia fundraiser to support the Anniversary celebrations. Buy one for the Sanctuary; buy one for yourself. Order forms with envelopes are located on the counter at the back of the church sanctuary. Place your order form in the offering plate.

Order Cut-off date: **TODAY**, November 17, 2024

Delivery and Pickup date from the church- November 30 or December 1, 2024

Questions: Ask Heather Kolojay or Jan Rodda

Thank you for your support!!



The **Youth Group** invites you to bring a favourite dish to share today following worship. It's a social event with a bit of friendly trivia to lighten the lunch. It is not a fundraiser. Youth will provide drinks and clear the tables etc. Come chat and have a few laughs.

Purdys 2024 Christmas Order goes in November 25th - forms available today. Here is the link

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1311233-122462>.

Or call just call Martha and she will book at time to help you. Proceeds will go to our Youth Group.

We are Expecting!

Four new babies at St. Andrew's in our anniversary year! We plan to honor them with a Baby Shower after Church during our regular Coffee Hour on December 15, 2024. You may donate (cash, debit, or credit) at the Shower to support the purchase of a new baby play pen and rocking chair for our nursery, and some individual baby gifts. Please save a moment on that day to take a peek at the renovated nursery. For further information, contact Heather Shouse, 705 493-2724 (call or text).



WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Outreach and Pastoral Care are gathering and distributing donations of new and gently used blankets, winter jackets, sweaters, boots, socks, mitts, scarves and toques for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. New underwear and stockings would also be greatly appreciated. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please drop it off in the barrel at the back of the church. The bin will be available all this fall and winter.

Thank you for your support!



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.

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

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

PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

The mood of the community was changing.

The threat of war was becoming real. On August 4, 1914, Great Britain officially was at war, and Canadians, as British Subjects, became involved. Men from Saskatoon and area flocked to enlist. By August 14, the first contingent left for training—most went to Camp Sewall (a.k.a. Salisbury Plains). Most thought the war would only last a few months so many young men were anxious to “see the world”.

In all, over 10,000 men from Saskatoon and area enlisted over a period of four years. The Dominion Census listed the population of the City at about 22,000.

By April, 1915, 110 University men enlisted. The College of Arts & Science alone had 17 recruits. Six men from the Presbyterian Theological College joined.

All the churches tried to do their part. Mayfair Presbyterian Church presented “A Cantoila” – a musical to raise money for the war effort.

The Young People at Westminster held a Song Service.

St. Thomas featured a concert with a seven-piece stringed orchestra, soloists, trios and mixed quartets.

St. Thomas sent 90 gift packages containing Christmas cake, shortbread, chocolates, candy and cigarettes.

Westminster also sent packages, and, also wrote many letters to “our boys”!

By 1916, the pressure was put on young men to enlist. Even some sermons were directed at young men. A recruiting rally was held at the Empire Theatre. One appeal was: “If You Want To Help Germany Win the War, Just Stay Where You Are!”

Workplaces encouraged their staff to join.

Example: The Civil Service of Saskatchewan proudly announced that a total of 174 staff members had volunteered. Only 46 single men were left on staff with 40 pronounced medically unfit. Six were shamed! Reverend Wylie Clark of Knox preached a sermon entitled, “Mothers who send Sons”. Reverend Clark did have two sons that served.

The newspaper daily published lists of recruitments and every day they reported the names of the dead, the injured and the missing.

June, 1918, a storm of hail lasted nine minutes. Knox had a lot of damage. The Memorial Window was damaged. The University of Saskatchewan had 3,000 windows broken and the repair was \$20,000.

By October, 1918, the Spanish Flu hit Saskatoon.

That is a story of its own!

November 11, 1918, the War was finally over! It took almost a year to get everyone home. There was a period of adjustment for returned soldiers and for the citizens.

1918: approximately 25 women at Knox, over the span of the war, knit 4,040 pairs of socks to send to soldiers!

The Story of the Presbyterians in Saskatoon and the Church will be resumed in January, 1925

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 17**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship, and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization operates the popular “Twinning Program,” which pairs newly arrived refugee women with women already residing in Montreal. Through frequent meetings and group activities, these “twins” forge bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program plays a crucial role in mitigating isolation and addressing barriers that these women encounter in their daily lives.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 17 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for all the people in congregations who leave a legacy gift—a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of life insurance—so that we may have vibrant ministry, today and tomorrow.

Monday, November 18 (Restorative Justice Week, Nov. 17-23) We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, and its work to support healing for people and communities harmed by crime, fear and system injustices.

Tuesday, November 19 We pray for those who lack access to proper sanitation and for PWS&D programs that are working to provide water, sanitation and hygiene measures.

Wednesday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church’s role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people and commit to working for a future where trans people can flourish.

Thursday, November 21 We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long-term care homes as they continue to provide comfort, offer hope, and minister during moments that matter.

Friday, November 22 We pray for the four Women’s Missionary Society members travelling to Nepal to learn about the work it supports there.

Saturday, November 23 We pray for PCC staff and committees who help and walk with the leaders of the Indigenous ministries of the PCC.