

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 Musician: Michael Swan

November 3rd, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength [and...] you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

– Mark 12: 30-31

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: Air on the G String – J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Wilhelmj

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)

Bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will always be on our lips.

Make great the name of God;

We will lift up God's holy name together.

For the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**We will love the Lord with heart, mind, strength and soul,
and praise God now and always.**

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Shall we gather at the river"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of goodness and mercy,

**We have heard your call to put our faith into action,
but fear holds us back.**

We stay silent rather than speak up when things go wrong.

**There is work to be done in Jesus' name,
but we often seek an easier way.**

**Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment
to serve as your saints in this time and this place,**

whatever the challenges may be.

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: ***"Love the Lord your God"***

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ruth 1: 1-18

- Jan Rodda

Psalms 146 Refrain 3

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-34

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Greatest Commandment"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Nazareth – Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

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

God of guidance,

Speak into our lives today.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"Precious Lord, take my hand"***

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Berceuse, from *Jocelyn* – Benjamin Godard (1849-1895)

Greeters & Collectors: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu

Coffee Hosts: Charles & Laura Roy



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



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: 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!!



Cybersecurity Awareness Training

" Cyber attacks have become so common on the Internet and many innocent people have fallen victim to these attacks. Most people have experienced loss of sensitive information, money or even broken hearts through the use of the Internet. A common technique used by these criminals is social engineering."

Kwaku will give a presentation **today**, after Worship, on how one can use the Internet securely without being phished by these hackers. This will take place during Coffee hour. Come and be empowered with cybersecurity skills.

A Night of Music –

Featuring Vince Guaraldi's "**A Charlie Brown Christmas**" performed by our very own **Paul Suchan Trio**, on **Friday, November 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**.

Admission by Donation at the door for St. Andrew's Anniversary Projects. Refreshments to follow in the Hall. Please share with your neighbors and friends, post on your residence bulletin board, and spread the word!

The **Youth Group** invites you to bring a favourite dish to share on Sunday November 17th 2024 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

October is the traditional kick-off month for Outreach and Pastoral Care to gather and distribute 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!

There is an opportunity for our congregation to learn or renew CPR and AED on Monday Nov. 4th from 6:00-10:00 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. The cost is \$65.00 plus GST. Your certificate is good for 2 years. Please contact Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse for more information.



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.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wednesday November 6th – 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

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 first City Council was based on the Ward System. There were four wards with two aldermen being assigned to each one. Believing in Public Ownership, the Council sought taxpayers to vote for expenditures of \$250,000. Areas that needed urgent attention were power, water and sewer, garbage disposal, fire, and hospitals.

With foresight, Council went to buy more land, increasing the City area from 974 acres to 2,567 acres. Significant advances were the opening of the Traffic Bridge in 1907, the opening of the Court of King's Bench, District Court and the Land Titles Office. These all advanced the City's progress. A great coup for Saskatoon was being chosen for the University of Saskatchewan.

The growth of the City was reflected in the school enrollment:

Year	Students	Teachers
1903	110	3
1907	831	29
1911	1,478	43
1913	2,152	58

The number of Presbyterians in Saskatoon was significant. The (old) Knox Church was located on the west riverbank near the end of the Traffic Bridge. Two additions had been added, but it was still bursting at its flimsy wooden walls.

St. Thomas Church, on the corner of Avenue H and 20th Street, opened in 1913 and soon had 600 people on the roll. The Church grew under the leadership of Rev. MacIntosh.

1911 – The Presbytery of Saskatoon decided to build an extension church in Mayfair. The Church opened June 21, 1912 with 200 members and over 70 children in Sabbath School.

Westminster Church in Nutana opened around 1911 and, by 1914, had to build a hall to hold the increasing Sabbath School students.

In 1912, Presbyterian Synod established the Theological College in affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan. It was opened in 1913, costing \$250,000.

MISSION MOMENT Sunday, November 3

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission by proclaiming love, hope and grace through the words we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together we provide funding for ministries, help congregations navigate challenging times, equip leaders to serve the church around the world, speak for those who have been silenced and marginalized, fight racism and discrimination, provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to walk together on a journey of healing and reconciliation and build a church where all are welcome. Together we are stewards of gifts from God, and through the power of God, we are accomplishing far more than we could ever imagine.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 3 We pray for students at the end of the fall semester. Give them all the grace and determination to finish well.

Monday, November 4 We pray for the Committee on History as it helps to keep the church's history alive.

Tuesday, November 5 We pray for Knox College as it celebrates the 180th anniversary of its founding on November 5, 1844. With joyful gratitude for the students the College has served since its founding, and for continued discernment of God's call to equip and prepare students for service and ministry.

Wednesday, November 6 We give thanks for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, QC.

Thursday, November 7 We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets this week.

Friday, November 8 We pray for congregations confronted with difficult decisions about closing their churches, that Jesus' love and compassion may guide their conversations in celebrating their past and leaving a legacy for the future.

Saturday, November 9 We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it continues working on the preambles to the ordination vows.