

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

Choir Conductor and Soloist: Terri-Lynn Mitchell

Guest Musician: Brenda Moats, Flute

October 11th, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost/Harvest Sunday

"This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." – Isaiah 25: 9b



Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Come, ye thankful people, come"

#803

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come, to God's own temple, come: raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield; wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offences purge away, give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in God's storehouse evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home: gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide. Come, with all thine angels, come: raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Confession:

Generous and loving God, we confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we enjoy more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we become indifferent to despair and grumble about small things. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives to shine with generosity, peace and the hope you offer us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"We plough the fields and scatter"

#807

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand: you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

You only are the Maker of all things near and far; you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star; the winds and waves obey you; by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

We thank you, our provider, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but that which you most welcome: our humble, thankful hearts.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 25: 1 – 9

Philippians 4: 1 – 9

Matthew 22: 1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"The Feast"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Anthem:

"Simple Thanks"

Mayo/Rinkart/Crüger

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:

"Give thanks, my soul, for harvest"

#805

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest, for store of fruit and grain, but know the owner gives us that we may share again; where souls are lone and hungry, where needy children cry, with gifts from God's rich bounty may thankfulness reply.

Give thanks, my soul, for riches of woodland, mine and hill, but know that gold and timber are the Creator's still, and God's on loan to stewards to fashion and to share, providing all earth's children the blessing of God's care.

Give thanks, my soul, for labours that strength and days employ, but know your Maker's purpose brings toil as well as joy. Where leads the path to error, where justice lies in chain, where hoarders cause new hunger, there must we strive again.

Give thanks, my soul, for beauty, for vision, hope and skill, for Christ, divine revealer of God's redeeming will. Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand to share your love and bounty with all, in every land.

Benediction and Sung Response
Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Give Thanks"

Smith arr. Raney



Announcements

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, October 12th, for Thanksgiving.

Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

LEAVE ROOM FOR JESUS



Please sit 6 ft. apart

We are very happy to be able to gather together for in-person Worship today – Thanksgiving! A congregational e-mail was sent out with the details for the reopening strategy, and details are also in the latest newsletter. Contact the church office (306-242-0525 or office@standrews-saskatoon.com) to register your household for in-person Worship. 25 person limit. Live streaming of the service will begin next Sunday, October 18.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**. 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.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY: October 12 to November 16 (Mondays at 7pm on Zoom)

Rev. Roberto and the Christian Education Committee invite you to take part in a new six-week Bible Study, following William C. Pender's *Revelation* (ISBN: 0664228585) starting on Monday, October 12th at 7pm on Zoom. Please see the October 1 newsletter for more information. Contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli to learn more or to sign up (roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com).

THE SESSION will next meet this Tuesday, October 13th, at 7pm, by Zoom.

The latest "**These Days**", a daily devotional for October, November and December, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen. The fall edition of the "**Presbyterian Connection**" is also available.



“Saskatchewan Health Covid Guidelines- note Thanksgiving and Halloween Guidelines”. For any questions, please call the Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846.

Blessings upon you during this beautiful time of Thanksgiving for all that God has bestowed on us.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/guidelines/fall-activity-guidelines>

Ride for Refuge



A small but stalwart group of cyclists took part in the PWS&D 2020 Ride for Refuge, to help raise money to support their mission around the world. Ayen Malak, Allan Ireland and Martha Fergusson started their ride from the parking lot of St. Andrew’s, and rode a loop up and down the Meewasin Trail. They then headed south, Al being dragged along in the wake of Ayen to the Riverside Country Club. In total they rode 34.5 km up and down the riverbank on a perfect day for riding. When they started, it was a little on the cool side, but it warmed up as they rode, the sun shone brightly, and the leaves provided splashes of color on an amazing canvas.

This year of pandemic has not been kind to PWS&D. As of June, givings were down over \$400,000 compared to the same time last year. With the increased need in the world because of the pandemic as well as other natural disasters, it severely limits the aid that they can provide. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring Ayen for what she did to help raise funds for people in need around the world.



The **BOARD OF MANAGERS** is looking for people from all walks of life and talents to join us. We are a small and vigorous group charged with keeping the church building, finances, and fabric in good order. We also lend a hand in matters of maintenance and repair. We meet about once per month for a lively discussion of important issues.

Please prayerfully consider offering to serve on the Board: we would love to see you!
Contact the church office. office@standrews-saskatoon.com



Virtual Choir rehearsals started on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 via Zoom, but it’s never too late to join rehearsals. St. Andrew’s Virtual Choir will present 5 anthems between September and the end of December (by video). If you would like to receive expert singing advice from Terri-Lynn, and instruction in the finer points of singing the anthems, please contact Gillian at gillianlyons@sasktel.net



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Occurrence 1 of 7

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

WEDNESDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Wednesday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



PWS&D

As the world continues to respond to COVID-19, the situation on the ground is constantly changing. Local economies have been disrupted due to lockdowns, food security is a concern for many families, and precarious access to appropriate sanitation and hygiene facilities is even more dangerous during a pandemic. While PWS&D initially supported efforts geared toward urgent action and life-saving projects through the ACT Alliance, focus has now shifted to longer-term relief projects in vulnerable communities.

Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, where over one million Rohingya people have sought shelter from violence in Myanmar, social distancing is almost impossible in overcrowded refugee camps. In addition, access to necessary sanitation and hygiene facilities is difficult. To help prevent the spread of COVID through the camps, lockdowns have been instituted, devastating livelihood opportunities and leaving many food insecure. In response, PWS&D is helping ensure families have access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, as well as providing livelihoods support and cash vouchers to those who need it most. The vouchers will help boost the local economy while also allowing families to meet their basic needs.

Somalia

Long before the outbreak of COVID-19, humanitarian conditions in Somalia were critical due to ongoing civil conflict, leaving over 2.6 million people displaced inside the country. Public systems are viewed as too weak to effectively respond to a COVID-19 outbreak. Government instituted lockdowns have severely impacted the economy, with internally displaced people—who depend on informal jobs—hardest hit. PWS&D is supporting ACT Alliance member, Norwegian Church Aid, to provide livelihood and water, sanitation and hygiene support. Building on long-standing relationships of trust, the project will work with church leaders, whose voices are well respected, to ensure community ownership and success.

South Sudan

Like Somalia, years of civil war have left South Sudan more vulnerable to COVID-19. Only 22 per cent of health facilities are fully functional, leaving almost half of the country without access to health care. To

make matters worse, almost 60 per cent of the population struggles to find food daily, leaving the country as one of the most at risk of a hunger pandemic due to coronavirus, according to the World Food Programme. PWS&D is helping ensure access to food and water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Please support this essential work by making a donation today. To support our COVID-19 response, make your donations to St. Andrew's, call PWS&D at 1-800-619-7301 or visit the PWS&D website at <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/>. **Please include "COVID Response" in the designation field.**



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope that everyone will find a way to safely celebrate the abundance that God has given us with friends and family this weekend. While the days remain warm, the nights are slowly cooling off and the need for warm clothing is becoming more and more necessary for those living on the street.

We have expanded this week's list to reflect items from the agency's websites. During this time when we give thanks for all that God has given us, please take a look at the items listed below. We have done a great job over the summer and would like to keep going, so if you haven't had an opportunity to take part please take a look at the items needed below.

SNCM

- Gently used warm clothing. (pants, shirts, t-shirts, socks and footwear).
- New and gently used blankets
- New and used backpacks
- Tarps

Crisis Nursery

- Paper goods (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels etc.)
- Grocery items (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, veggies and unsweetened snacks that children will eat)
- Monetary or gift card donations
- Clothing - birth to 12 years, inner and outer clothes, and footwear

Friendship Inn

- Grocery items (canned goods, rice, carrots, onions, juice boxes soup stocks, granola bars, flour etc.)
- Toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner
- Formula and diapers

Interval House

- Gift cards or monetary donations.
- phone chargers
- night lights
- dish sets, pots/pans
- house coats
- pillows (new)
- twin bed sheets, comforters
- socks/underwear (new)
- full size shampoo conditioner
- pyjamas
- laundry baskets
- baby monitors

Egadz

- pasta/rice/tacos
- hygiene items (new) and in packaging
- pens/pencils erasers
- loose-leaf
- calculators, geometry sets, rulers, etc.
- markers, pencil crayons
- alarm clocks
- quilts/duvets, sheets/pillows
- towels
- sleeping bags
- diapers, baby/toddler clothing
- formula
- current stroller and car seats
- toys and games
- youth and teen appropriate clothing
- winter clothing
- socks, shoes, boots

YWCA Women's Shelter

- New pyjamas, socks, and underwear for women and children
- New bowls, cups, and mugs (microwave safe)
- New cutlery and kitchen supplies
- New dish cloths and towels
- New bedding for single beds
- New towels and face cloths
- New, unopened shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene products
- New multi pack generic crew neck t-shirts sizes M-XL
- New sweat pants of various sizes
- Disposable diapers and baby wipes (including swimming diapers)
- New baby bottles and nipples
- Grocery and phone gift cards of any denomination
- New swim suits for women and children
- Full sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion.
- Sun screen
- Razors, deodorant, Toothbrushes/paste
- New or gently used towels and facecloths

Elizabeth Fry Society

- Undergarments (bras, socks, socks, underwear) – new items please
- Hygiene items such as pads, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.
- Outer clothing such as coats, mitts, toques, scarves and footwear

Ecumenical Chaplaincy

- With the departure of David Kim-Cragg, and the lack of students on campus, we will be putting our breakfast ministry on hold temporarily. If circumstances change to allow students to attend classes in person once again, we will once again take part in this ministry. If you have a little time take a

look at the promotional video put out by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy that shows some of the ministries that they are involved with. The link is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl_H3rr2IKY

As always, we are looking for new ways that we can reach out and share God's love with those in our community. If you have an idea of how we can do this, please contact one of the committee members and we will try it out. We are Al Ireland (244-7386), Sharon Nixon (978-9577), Linda Dietz (653-0953), and Heather Kolojay (281-3029).



- 2nd – William Ahiahonu
- 4th – Adam Mperese
- 6th – Marilyn Greer
- 7th – Elizabeth Shih
- 8th – Sammy Lyonga Ngombe
- 9th – Katie Meier
- 12th – Donna Hagen
-Macie Kirkpatrick
- 16th – Augustus Giesbrecht
- 19th – Laura Van Loon
- 21st – Pearson Ahiahonu
- 24th – Matthew Neufeld
-Fafali Ahiahonu
- 30th – Heather DeSandoli

In Our Wider Community

Gathering God's Harvest: An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series

You are invited to join us for our fall ecumenical series on stewardship, Thursdays, Oct. 22 to Nov. 19 at 3pm and 7pm.

Oct. 22, *Stewardship in the land of 'Mammon': How are we working for God?*, with Joe Gunn
Currently the executive director of the Centre Oblat - A Voice for Justice in Ottawa, Joe is the former executive director of Citizens for Public Justice and the former director of the Social Affairs Office of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Joe will discuss how our work and vocational choices -- the what and the how -- contribute to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.