

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday**

*"There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil." – Job 1: 1*

*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: Variation on chorale: "O God, Thou Just God" – 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 banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**We have come from east and west, from north and south,  
to sit together at the Lord's table.**

Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

**God's Word is bread for our journey.**

Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise: "God is here! As we your people meet"**

**#799**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Ever present God,**

**When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with one another. We confess that the Church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.**

*(A time of silence is kept)*

**Free us from the burdens we carry, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world in the name of Christ who is our peace.**

Assurance of Pardon  
(Children come forward)

Children's Time

**Praise:** "Jesus loves me, this I know"  
(Children leave for Church School)

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### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Job 1: 1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26 Refrain 1

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

- Fran Gordon

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Job"

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: We Gather at Your Table, Lord – William M. Schoenfeld

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

### GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into  
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**



**Praise:** "All who hunger, gather gladly"

#534

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)**

*Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. (#523)**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology  
and the people say: Amen.*

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.**

Communion Music: Choral Prelude on "O Lord Our God, Thy Sacred Word" – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
(The Elements are Distributed)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

**Loving God,**

**you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.**

**Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise:**

***"In loving partnership"***

**#759**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor, BWV 552 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Coffee Host: Laura Van Loon



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

## *Announcements*

### **Check out St. Andrew's Library in the Lower Hall**

During announcements this morning, Librarian Pat Barber will be telling us about some of the new reads and classic books available to borrow from the St. Andrew's library. Please check out the library or the display table in the Narthex to learn more.

The next **SPY (Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth)** event, Friday, October 25 – Sunday, October 27, for youth 14 or older (unless you have a billet in Regina), will be hosted by Rev Amanda Currie's church, First Presbyterian Regina.

Rev Devon Pattermore has organized a great weekend of learning, fun and friendships. The theme will be The Beatitudes. Nicole Lindgren will be our Adult Representative for the weekend, Please contact Martha Fergusson ( 306 270 2378) as soon as you can to help with the organizing rides and overnight accommodations. The cost is \$50 per youth to cover food costs and activities.



Coffee hour has resumed! A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen. Everything is supplied; we're looking for hosts. Speak to Charles or Laura Roy for details.

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



**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.

**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](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

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 #94.

**Newcomers to Canada**

94. We call upon the Government of Canada to replace the Oath of Citizenship with the following: I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
1925 – 2025, SASKATOON**

The year 2025 will be the Presbyterian Church in Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, however, 150 years ago: 1875 – 2025, the first General Assembly was held in Montreal on June 15, 1875.

The first Moderator was Rev. John Cook, D.D. "Attired in his Ministerial gown, he took his seat in the Moderator's Chair, greeted by loud cheers."

According to "The Presbyterian", the Presbyterian Church in Canada was constituted with 614 Ministers; 1,119 congregations; 90,653 communicants; 7,471 Sabbath School Teachers; and, 73,394 Scholars.

The Church was moving forward. An example was the Mission at Prince Albert by the Rev. James Nisbet in 1866. Already an established Mission, this site was an example of the possibility of countless more fields of opportunity.

Meanwhile, "things" were happening in other parts of the country: In 1876, the Presbytery of Wallace, Nova Scotia, with great discussion, granted the congregation of Amherst their request "that the Presbytery be instructed to intimate to the congregation of Amherst that they are at liberty to introduce

instrumental music in public worship, provided such introduction does not “mar the harmony of the congregation”. This simple statement opened up a new can of worms that led to even more discussion.

[No doubt, the ability to use musical instruments during worship led to some peppy Sunday Services; out with tuning forks!]

## PRESBYTERIANS IN EARLY SASKATOON

The Government of Canada granted two million acres in this area. This was the starting point for development. Enticed by open land, Methodist John Lake of the Temperance Colonization Society brought in settlers.

In 1883, John Lake led a population of 35 to raise a liberty pole for the foundation of Saskatoon. Lumber was brought in from Medicine Hat by raft.

In 1885, the first school was opened. J.W. Powers was the first teacher whose salary was raised by voluntary subscription totalling \$271.64.

Also, a Presbyterian mission field was established.

In the spring of 1885, the population was 180 people. There were: a store, a hotel, a school, a tinsmith and a blacksmith.

The Riel Rebellion helped Saskatoon become a supply base of freight for couriers and telegraph repairs. Farmers provided much needed milk, butter and potatoes. Thirty-nine men from the rebellion were treated in private homes at first; and then, a military hospital was opened.

According to McPhillip's Saskatchewan Directory, in 1888, there were 13 places of business and 83 residences. Also included were 800 Indians in the District.

October, 1887 brought an influx of 1,000 men and 500 teams for the construction of the Railroad from Regina to Saskatoon. By June, 1890, the train lines were complete from Regina to Saskatoon and onto Prince Albert. Saskatoon became the largest shipping centre of buffalo bones. Two hundred thousand carcass bones were shipped away by rail.

## *In Our Wider Community*

Hello Friends of the **GoForth Hub Club!**

The GoForth Hub Club is starting a new year on Monday, October 7 at 1:30 pm. See poster for more details. You won't want to miss this one because Jeff O'Brien, Saskatoon City Archivist, will be back to share about Saskatoon in the Roaring Twenties!

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you then!



# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, October 6

Chandha Kumari is a 16-year-old girl living in a rural village in India. She's the eldest of five siblings and the financial strain weighs heavily on her family. Amid these daily struggles is the threat of child marriage, which remains a common practice in her village. Financial and social pressures led Chandha's parents to consider marrying her off despite her age. This all changed when her mother attended a community awareness session on child marriage hosted by PWS&D's local partner. Chandha's mother shared with her husband what she learned during the session. Armed with knowledge about the legal age for marriage and the detrimental effects of child marriage, they decided to prioritize Chandha's education and seek other financial resources to prevent her early marriage.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday)** We give thanks for the global Christian community and all who gather around God's Holy Table this Sunday.

**Monday, October 7** We give thanks for the Pinuyumayan Church District of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan for 65 years of mission history and the publication of their very first translated New Testament.

**Tuesday, October 8** We pray for the Rev. Dr. George Sabra as he retires after serving faithfully for 38 years as a faculty member, Academic Dean, and President of the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon.

**Wednesday, October 9** We pray for congregations that are envisioning new forms of mission and ministry. May God's Spirit bless their conversations and new visions and give them strength and patience as the ministry grows.

**Thursday, October 10** We pray for international students studying at Vancouver School of Theology. May God bless them with good friends and a sense of welcome and delight in the work.

**Friday, October 11 (International Day of the Girl Child)** We give thanks and pray for PWS&D programs in India that help reduce the incidence of child marriages and advocate for girls' education.

**Saturday, October 12** We pray for good health for ministers and directors of the eight Indigenous ministries of the PCC, and for their families and friends who support them.