

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 9th, 2022

18th Sunday after Pentecost/Harvest Sunday

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Philippians 4:8

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: Joyful – David L. McIntyre

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)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

We will worship the LORD with gladness and come into God's presence with song.

Know that it is the LORD God who made us, and we are God's people.

We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Great is thy faithfulness"

#324

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Living and loving God,

We acknowledge we enjoy life

with an abundance many nations cannot imagine.

Yet we confess, we do not always recognize the blessings we share.

We worry about our futures,

and ignore the present needs of those around us.

Forgive us our fears and narrow vision

and our failure to care for creation as you intended.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"All things bright and beautiful"* **#435**

(Children return to pews)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

- Jan Rodda

Psalm 100

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 6: 25-35

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Thanks be to God" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Adagio from Symphony #7 – Jean Sibelius, arr. for piano duet by Paul Suchan

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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Sent forth by your blessing"* **#775**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Gavotte in F Major – Samuel Wesley



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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face masks are required within the church building. Sanitizer is available at several locations in the church, and social distancing is encouraged. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, October 10th, for Thanksgiving.

Check your inbox for the latest edition of "**Saints Alive**", the church newsletter. There are also paper copies available on the entranceway table.



MINISTRY & MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

September was a busy month and some of you may have missed our Welcome BBQ and Volunteer Fair. In the entranceway are information snapshots of our main committees that lead our ministry and mission within our congregation, and into the community. Time commitment varies, and often there are small tasks and projects that have a beginning date and end date, that can weave into your life with ease. Each committee needs members, and there is an email for each Convenor on the display for you to contact about joining. Our Office Manager, Dorothy, is our Information quarterback and can connect you with the right person if you are unsure. (306 242 0525)

It is surprising what skills could be helpful: writing for our newsletter or website, carpentry for our Board, taking minutes for any committee, researching purchases, and connecting with our community organizations; the possibilities are endless.

Most meetings are on Zoom so you can stay home, login and share your knowledge and participate easily.

We are growing as a congregation and that means more things to do, and the more folks helping, the better quality of our ministry and mission. Come make this the year you are part of "BEING the CHURCH" together.



NAME TAGS

With the return to in-person worship we are looking at providing name tags for all members of the congregation. An engraving machine was donated to St. Andrew's just before Covid and so we will need to re-learn how to use it before creating the tags. Anyone interested in helping us out is more than welcome. Please contact Al Ireland or Trung Nguyen for more information.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Oct/Nov/Dec Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter

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

In Our Wider Community

The Synod of Saskatchewan will be meeting at Queen's House of Retreats (601 Taylor St. W, Saskatoon) from October 13-15, 2022. Ministers and representative elders from all the Presbyterian Churches in Saskatchewan will be meeting to oversee the work of the Synod, including regional ministries in youth work, mission, and congregational development, as well as Camp Christopher.

You are invited to join the Synod for three special events if you are in the Saskatoon area:

1. Friday, Oct. 14, 1:00 pm - "Journey for Hope" A Fundraising Walk/Run/Ride for Presbyterian World Service & Development. Follow this link for more details, and to sign up to participate: <https://form.jotform.com/221925242733251>
2. Friday, Oct. 14, 2:30 pm – Educational Component on PWS&D and Presbyterians Sharing, with Guy Smaghe, Director of PWS&D, and Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship and Planned Giving at the PCC.
3. Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 pm – Public Worship Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (436 Spadina Cres. E, Saskatoon). Karen Plater will be preaching, and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion together.

If you are not in the Saskatoon area, you can still support the "Journey for Hope" for PWS&D by making a donation here: <http://werespond.ca/donate-synod-sk>. The Public Worship Service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK-rvToGh7GjP15se0rCSBw>

For more information, contact the Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Amanda Currie: amanda@curriejesson.ca or 306-580-8095.

Dear Saskatoon Presbyterians,

You may have read the bulletin notice about the upcoming meeting of the Synod of Saskatchewan and assumed that it's for the ministers and representative elders. But I would like to invite you to join us for some very special events happening right in your neighbourhood on Friday, Oct. 14th.

You've heard about Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development lots of times at church. These are important ministries of our church in which you are participants, and we are grateful for your faithful generosity in giving and sharing from what you have received.

On Oct. 14th we will have Guy Smaghe, Director of PWS&D speaking at 2:30 pm and Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship at the PCC speaking at 4:15 pm about Presbyterians Sharing. It's a rare opportunity to have these leaders and experts in Saskatchewan, and for them to have the chance to meet you who support these ministries every year.

You are warmly invited to attend these presentations at Queen's House of Retreats. You don't even need to register! I hope to see you at the Friday evening worship at St. Andrew's as well. If you are interested in joining the walk/ride/run on Friday afternoon, send me a quick email so I can get you

registered: amanda@curriejesson.ca

Rev. Amanda Currie

Clerk, Synod of Saskatchewan



Remember the **OUTREACH** and **PASTORAL CARE** annual blanket and warm clothing drive, for all of October. There is a bin in the entranceway for your donations.



In 2015 the **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION** published 94 "calls to action" urging all levels of government — federal, provincial, territorial and aboriginal — to work together to change policies and programs in a concerted effort to repair the harm caused by residential schools and move forward with reconciliation. It was a call to all Canadians to examine their approach to these areas.

The "calls to action" are divided into two parts: legacy (1 to 42) and reconciliation (43 to 94.) There are sections that group the action items

Each Sunday we will share one call to Action and you can research the progress each has made. The Christian Education Committee will continue to bring information to the congregation as we all relearn, learn, listen and build new relationships of respect and love for one another.

Child Welfare

Call to Action #1

1. We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care by:

- i. Monitoring and assessing neglect investigations.
- ii. Providing adequate resources to enable Aboriginal communities and child-welfare organizations to keep Aboriginal families together where it is safe to do so, and to keep children in culturally appropriate environments, regardless of where they reside.
- iii. Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the history and impacts of residential schools.
- iv. Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the potential for Aboriginal communities and families to provide more appropriate solutions to family healing.
- v. Requiring that all child-welfare decision makers consider the impact of the residential school experience on children and their caregivers.

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524494379788/1557513026413>



YOUTH GROUP

All ages youth group
Sunday October 16 5:30-8:30
CREATION theme with
Prayer & Litter Walk
Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Volleyball and Ice breakers
RSVP text or call Martha 3062702378

While God's message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being "a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour." This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community. **Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.**



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 9 (Harvest Sunday) We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food, toiletries and other essential items to those in need.

Tuesday, October 11 We give thanks to God for challenging us to discover and participate in God's mission each day with neighbours through our words and deeds.

Wednesday, October 12 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Living Waters Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, who share God's love and acceptance for people who struggle with isolation, addiction and mental health.

Thursday, October 13 The church has confessed to the harm caused when we exclude and ostracize LGBTQI people. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we work to repair damaged relationships and contribute to healing.

Friday, October 14 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck, the new principal of Knox College in Toronto, Ontario.

Saturday, October 15 As we mark **World Food Day** tomorrow, we pray for the millions of people suffering the effects of climate change and conflict-induced hunger, and give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are striving to end hunger.