

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Featured Musicians: Jackie Behrend, Mark Behrend, Dan Wachowicz

October 15th, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost/Students & Colleges Sunday

"...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: Down in the River to Pray

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)

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Here God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Light of the minds that know him"

#355

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of all life and each life,

you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes.

We confess we are often anxious to see results.

We lose patience when we cannot see progress.

We blame others rather than seek solutions.

Forgive us.

Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

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: *"Jesus loves me, this I know"* **#373**
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 32: 1-14

- Donna Fenton

Psalms 106: 1-6, 19-23 Refrain 1

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *"Waiting"* - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Swing Down Chariot

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: *"Called as partners in Christ's service"* **#587**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Keep on the Sunny Side of Life

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Hosts:

Sharon Wiseman & Mary Ann Lyle



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, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

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

Announcements

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC will be offered following the church service downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will have blood pressure cuffs to fit all arms!



ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS TO ST. ANDREW'S SESSION: Three members of our congregation have agreed to let their names stand for election. Please pray for **Kelly Christopher Lamb, Dr. Vickie Lamb Drover, and Alicia Monson**, read their bios (which you can find in the latest Saints Alive newsletter) and plan to attend the brief congregational meeting following worship on **Sunday, November 12th**, at which time the election will take place.

WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

We have had a wonderful summer and fall, with warm dry weather and no real extreme weather. However, if you have lived in Saskatchewan for any length of time, we know that can change quickly. October is the traditional 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, or contact Al Ireland to arrange to have items picked up. With your help we can hopefully make Saskatoon a little warmer this winter. Thank you for your support!



Youths that are in grades 7 to grade 12 are invited to join Martha Fergusson, our St. Andrew's Coordinator of Christian Education, on ZOOM for membership classes.

We will be meeting on Zoom starting Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 for approximately 1 hour. During our first meeting, we will be discussing our regular scheduled sessions, our field trips, and our journey to decide on membership by Easter 2024. Our group will also involve working with Rev. Roberto and crossing over with the Adult Membership class. To sign up text Martha Fergusson 306. 270. 2378.



Adult New-Members Class: Monday, October 16th at 7pm (in-person and Zoom)

All adults who are discerning baptism or church membership are invited to take part in this monthly gathering, leading up to Easter Sunday, March 31st. Unsure? Don't know exactly what "baptism" or "membership" mean? Come to the first session and find out! To attend or find out more, please contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli (roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com).

Christmas Poinsettia Season is just around the corner!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in September 2025!! An Anniversary core committee has been developed. How to become involved in the activities leading up to the Anniversary will be outlined soon. Beginning next week order forms will be available to purchase as many poinsettias as you would like to enjoy during the Christmas Season. This is an early fundraiser hosted by the Anniversary Committee. Delivery date will be at the beginning of December, only 6 weeks away. Stay tuned!!



Confessional Community

If you are interested in having new prayer partners and going deeper into Christian fellowship and community, then this group is for you. Please contact Heather DeSandoli for more information and to share your availability.



SHARE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY! Want to help out with coffee hour on Sundays, but not sure about what's all involved? No problem! A list of responsibilities is posted in the kitchen and everything is supplied. To be added to the rotation of coffee hour volunteers, contact Roy or Laura Charles. A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen.

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
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * 2022 Annual Report
- * 2022 Accountant Statements

In Our Wider Community

SPY weekend October 27-29 at St. Andrew's! Open to all youth. Contact Rev. Devon to register: sasksynodyouth@gmail.com Posters available in the entranceway.

HUB CITY GROUP AT CALVIN-GOFORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The season will begin at 1:30 at the church. Masks are required.

Monday, Nov. 6 - Jeff O'Brien - The Great War Monday,

Monday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Sing-a-long

Please call Laura for any further information at 306-229-7846.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you haven't noticed, there is now a sign-up sheet if you wish to help provide muffins for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy's Good Breakfast Program. Rev. George Hind was surprised at the marked increase in the number of students attending the breakfasts this year, which he thinks is probably due to increases in the cost of food and rent since the end of Covid. In 2022 we were responsible for 6 dozen muffins each month, but are hoping to increase the quantity to help cover the increase in attendance. As we already have some people volunteering to supply 6 dozen muffins, we are looking for other bakers for an additional 3-6 dozen each month. Similar to last year, muffins should not have any nuts or icing.

All muffins should be delivered to the church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This will give the committee time to deliver the baking to Rev. Hind. Thank you for your help!

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



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR
WORLD FOOD DAY?

OCTOBER 16, 2023



**WATER IS LIFE.
WATER IS FOOD.**

On October 16, help raise awareness
about how essential water is to
achieving food security.

Learn more at
WeRespond.ca/world-food-day-2023

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 #43.

Reconciliation

Canadian Governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People 43. We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.

THE MICAH MISSION - a non-profit, ecumenical grassroots organization in Saskatoon supporting those who are currently incarcerated or coming out of correctional institutions is seeking Volunteer Board Members. Board Members provide oversight and are important stakeholders in decision making as we plan for our future, supporting our community. The time commitment would be approximately 1 hour via Zoom each month. No experience is necessary. Board Members must be 18 years or older with a clean police record. Please consider joining us. For more information please contact: deborah@themicahmission.org.

THE MICAH MISSION is holding a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 27th at Mulberry's Restaurant (2326B Millar Ave). Cocktails commence at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm. The event features dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, games, and more. Cost is \$50. To register please buy a ticket at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIalfjLnFYj_ROQY. For more information please email: deborah@themicahmission.org.



The hardening of the US sanctions and the global financial crisis are contributing to a shortage of food, fuel, clean water and medicine in Cuba. With partners' support, the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas carries on, providing high quality, diversified theological education, and serving the community through diaconal projects. In 2022, the PCC helped improve the infrastructure for hybrid teaching and assisted with the renovation to the library and the Historical Archive. The Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rector, shared at the 2023 General Assembly: "We appreciate the ways in which you accompany our work, not only providing much-needed financial support, but also through prayers."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 15 (Student and Colleges Sunday) We give thanks to God for our three theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia)—and we pray for the students as they prepare for ministry.

Monday, October 16 As we celebrate World Food Day, we are grateful for PWS&D programs that support sustainable agriculture and fill gaps in access to food.

Tuesday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) Pray for PWS&D projects helping adults and youth build sustainable livelihoods so they can meet their needs and build bright futures.

Wednesday, October 18 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology and a pastor of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba.

Thursday, October 19 We pray for ministers and professional church workers on medical leave, that they will know God's healing touch in body, mind and spirit.

Friday, October 20 We pray for stewardship and mission committees who work to inspire vision and enthusiasm.

Saturday, October 21 At this harvest time, we pray for all who lack food, that they be given a glimmer of hope and a source of food to sustain them in the days ahead.