

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Donna Fenton

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***"Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy."***

***-James 3:17***

*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.*



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

One: From sunrise to sunset,

**All: Let us praise God's holy name.**

With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,

**Let us praise God's holy name.**

In our work and in our homes,

**Let us praise God's holy name.**

Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts!

**We will worship God now and always.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

**“Lord of All Power”**

**#626**

Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil. Your bondage is freedom, your service is song, and, held in your keeping my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find. What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart: your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all. If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall; but, sworn in glad service your word to obey, I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Prayer of Confession:

**God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, but we confess our eyes are not always open to its harsher realities. Our ears are sometimes deaf to cries of need. Our minds are often shut to opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness. Forgive us when we miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace. Renew a right spirit within us and teach us anew to walk in your ways. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Praise:**

**“Jesus, Friend of All the Children”**

**#656**

Jesus, friend of all the children, be my friend and guide; take my hand, and ever keep me by your side.

Step by step, oh lead me onward, growing into youth, wiser, stronger, still increasing in your truth.

Never leave me nor forsake me; always be my friend, for I need you, from life's dawning to its end.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 1

James 3: 13- 4:8a

Mark 9: 30-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

“Elementary Faith”

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

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.**

## WE 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:**

***"Called as partners in Christ's service"***

**#587**

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction and Sung Response

**Amen, Amen, A - - men.**

## *Announcements*



### **Covid-19 Update**

The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

This Tuesday, **the Session moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being.** We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further

notice.

**We have also made the difficult decision to cancel the resumption of Sunday School and the Welcome Back BBQ, both scheduled for September 19th.**

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is TOMORROW. Submissions may be emailed to [office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com).



The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. by teleconference.

Last Sunday's service, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is now available on our website.

### **CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED**

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.



The latest "**These Days**", the 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.

### **BIKE- WALK CLUB**

One of our Club goals is to participate Biking and Walk in the Ride for Refuge. We welcome all bikers and walkers to come to ride that day!! Read below for more info or Call Martha 306 270 2378

If you would like to bike ride on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, for the **PWS&D Ride for Refuge** please contact the office and be part of St. Andrew's Saskatoon Team for 2021. So far we have at least 7 riders, Allan Ireland, Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson Martha Fergusson, Ayen Malek members, and the Tabien Family. You are welcome to come down to the church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021, and meet for the ride. People choose their own distance as they are able. All ages welcome and we will have covid -19 supplies in place for a healthy, safe, and meaningful ride.

Read the information to learn more but we already registered the team -see below the other post about donating.

<https://presbyterian.ca/search-results/?cx=xyz&q=ride+for+refuge>

### **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



### **SUNDAYS**

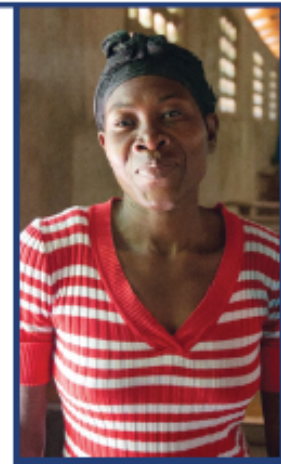
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Roots** – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

## The Difference Food Security Makes

In Haiti, global climate change has left many farmers struggling to support their families. For people in Haiti who make their living from the earth, recent unpredictable weather has had devastating consequences. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through an agroforestry program that helps farmers by providing seeds for black bean, pigeon pea and corn crops—seeds that are more resilient. Farmers learn sustainable field management and band together in savings groups to make their earnings go even further. Elimène



Joseph, an entrepreneur and mother of four, shared her experience: “Before becoming a member, I struggled to make ends meet. The program is showing me how to pool my resources together with other farmers. In truth, I do not have enough words to express everything the organization has done for me.”

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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, September 19** We pray for struggling farmers in the developing world whose livelihoods have been impacted by climate change and give thanks for programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that help them.

**Monday, September 20** We thank God for our ecumenical and interfaith connections and for the members of the PCC’s Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee who support these endeavours and meet today.

**Tuesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)**

We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations. May we all respond to God’s call to be peacemakers and speak out against forces of violence.

**Wednesday, September 22** We pray for healing and peace in the church so that its witness and ministry is focused and invigorated.

**Thursday, September 23** We pray for pastors of the Reformed Church in Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, as they provide spiritual support to people of Hungarian descent in challenging conditions.

**Friday, September 24** We pray for church musicians and give thanks for all they do to support the church in praise.

**Saturday, September 25** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.