

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

September 15th, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost

"Stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

– Luke 24: 49b

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: Prelude in C Major, BWV 553 – 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)

Great is the Lord.

And greatly to be praised in the city of God.

Come to God's holy mountain, to the city of God.

We will gather gladly before God.

God has set us in the midst of the city.

We will serve here, the city will know God lives.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"Wordless, ancient earth's foundations"*

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, we come before you to confess the ways we have not sought your justice in our city.

We come before you to confess that we turned a blind eye to our neighbours and their suffering.

We confess that we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

Forgive us, O God, intercede in our hearts and remake us to love whom you love and to serve whom you serve. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time: a Prayer of Blessings

This is designed to bless and inspire our children and youth. But it seems to me it is also something each of us could read each Monday, as we connect our faith to our week.

Martha: God, we thank you for each student who is here today with us or watching online. You love them no matter what and we ask them to follow you. We have watched them grow and mature and learn. We pray for and bless them as this new school year begins. May they follow your ways, as they learn, have fun, meet new friends and have new experiences. As they begin this year ...what do you ask of them?

Rev Roberto: To do justice, may they stand up for each other, May they look for needs around them and other compassion and care, As they see friends and meet new people, may they show your love and help everyone feel loved and included.

Caregivers (if you brought a child today): To love kindness, may they be eager to help their friends, family and everyone they meet, not because they have to help, but because they want to show kindness. May they share encouragement and compassion.

Congregation: To walk humbly with God, may they journey with you each day. May they be thankful, respectful of others and willing to listen. May they be gracious when things are good and when things are tough. May they not take themselves too seriously, but take your ways seriously.

Rev Roberto: We bless you today as you seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Everyone: We promise to listen to you, support you, care for you and pray for you, as you start your new year and for the weeks ahead. We will be there for each of you. Thanks be to God, 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.

Praise: *"What does the Lord require"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29: 1- 7

- Kelly Christopher Lamb

Psalms 48: 1-3, 9-14 Refrain 1

Acts 5: 27-32

Luke 24: 36-49

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Witnesses of These Things"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Holy Spirit, Here Today – J. Paul Williams and James Michael Stevens

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:

“Arise, your light is come”

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Festival Postlude – Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Greeters & Collectors: Kirk Ready & Heather Shouse, Charles & Laura Roy

Coffee Hosts: Stay for the Church BBQ!



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

Choir is back! The first practice is Thursdays at 7pm in the sanctuary. If you love to sing, this is the place for you. All ages – all skill levels – all are welcome!



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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the next issue of our newsletter, "Saints Alive" is **Thursday, September 26th**. Submissions may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to office@standrews-saskatoon.com.



St. Andrew's Community Group welcomes YOU!

As we begin the 2024/25 program year, we want to invite you to take part in the St. Andrew's Community Group. We gather every second Wednesday from 7-9pm to share life together, reflect on our faith journeys, and pray for one another (and eat delicious snacks!). Our next meeting will take place at the DeSandoli home at 842 Matheson Drive on Wednesday, September 16th.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: 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 4th 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 4th 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

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 #91.

Sports and Reconciliation

91. We call upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples' territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events.

In Our Wider Community

The Salvation Army Men's Shelter is looking for Coffee House volunteers

Pastor Ty McKenzie is looking for volunteers to help with a new coffee house ministry at the men's shelter at 339 Ave C. Dates are TBD but if you are interested in leading games, music, trivia, or movie nights, please contact Rev. Roberto to get in touch with Ty.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 15**

After participating in the New Beginnings program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON, is exploring innovative ways to engage with their community. The congregation is turning faith into action by fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities and their families. They have created a multi-sensory space where individuals with sensory sensitivities can find comfort and engagement. They hope to offer respite programming and support groups for caregivers who demonstrate a commitment to walking alongside them in their journey. The New Beginnings program receives funding from Presbyterians Sharing.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 15 We give thanks for congregations like St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON that engage in intentional ministry to support children with special needs and their families.

Monday, September 16 We pray for congregations in transition, and for those who serve as their ministers and interim moderators. May God's Spirit guide them as they continue in their journey of discernment.

Tuesday, September 17 We celebrate the ways our congregations work together to support Presbyterians Sharing by sharing their gifts, time and talent—serving on committees and participating in advocacy campaigns, learning experiences and other opportunities to serve.

Wednesday, September 18 We pray for the families of Paul McLean (working with the church in Taiwan), Blair Bertrand (working with the church in Malawi), Joel Sherbino (working with the church in Malawi), and Lora Nafziger (working with United Mission to Nepal).

Thursday, September 19 We give thanks and pray for those who serve on the Canadian Ministries Grants Committee as they fulfill their responsibilities with wisdom, compassion and discernment.

Friday, September 20 We pray for members and leaders of the Atlantic Mission Society as they hold their Annual Meeting from Sept. 20–22 in Truro, NS.

Saturday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray that love and compassion drive out senseless violence around the world and ask God to protect PWS&D partners delivering humanitarian aid to uprooted families.