

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musicians: Nevin Buehler, Bass; William Ahiahonu, Drums

September 22nd, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." – Mark 9: 37

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: Watermelon Man – Herbie Hancock (b. 1940)

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)

From sunrise to sunset,

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, in our homes, and in all we do,

Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!

We will worship God now and always.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Lord of all power"

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Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

God of all creation,

**you opened the world around us and filled it with wonder,
yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities.**

Our ears can be deaf to cries of need.

Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own.

**Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness,
and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.**

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: *"I'm gonna live so God can use me"*

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(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 11: 18- 20

- Beth Brimner

Psalms 54

James 3: 13- 4: 3; 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Work Out"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Ecclesiastes – Charles Mingus (1922-1979)

Special Presentation: Beth Brimner

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: *"Will you come and follow me"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Moanin' – Art Blakey (1919-1990)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme

Coffee Hosts: Stuart & Dorothy Middleton



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.

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

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



Our Anniversary Celebrations Year has begun! On Sunday, September 15 with the help of Issac, Evelyn, O, Dean, Heather, Elizabeth and Pearson the Burning Bush - "Euonymus alatus #2" (latin) was planted! Why a Burning Bush? The 140th General Assembly approved a recommendation that the "burning bush" and "nec tamen consumebatur" be authorized as an official symbol and motto of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It expresses what the bemused Moses observed when he stood before the blazing shrub in Exodus 3:2. It burned "...yet it was not consumed." The bush itself will have some yellow spring flowers followed by turning red in the Autumn. It may grow up to 6 feet. However, it is a bush that likes to be trimmed and shaped. May you be filled with fanning the flame of our church's mission as we glorify God, forever.

Choir is back! Practices are 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.

Today, September 22, Martha Fergusson and six members of the Youth Group are leading Worship in North Battleford. The Worship content is inspired by the Uplight Conference of July, 2024 that many attended.

120 hamburgers, 127 hotdogs and a whole cake were all enjoyed with our neighbours last Sunday, September 15 when the Outreach Committee and Christian Education Committee hosted a **Welcome BBQ**. It was possible because of the many volunteers: The whole Drover family, Jan & Richard Rodda,

Donna Fenton, members of the Youth Group, Dean Fergusson, Jacob Fergusson, Laura Van Loon, the CMT Committee and many who just pitched in. The establishment of the Community Transformation Committee will be a valuable part of our mission and future BBQs. Thanks everyone!

See our Nursery! Our nursery space now looks fresh and welcoming for babies, toddlers, and caregivers to use and appreciate. Thank you to the spackle and painting specialist, Kelly Christopher-Lamb. Her 20+ hours of time has made our nursery look inviting for families to use while they are at St. Andrew's. Her husband, Nick, helped to hang the wallpaper mural and add shelves for items that need to be out of reach. Thank you from the CE Committee and families of St. Andrew's!

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, October 2nd.

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, that's **TODAY**, 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. **TODAY!**

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

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 #92.

Business and Reconciliation

92. We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. This would include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects.

ii. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.

iii. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

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.

There is an organ recital at Knox on Sunday, September 22, at 7:00 pm with free will offering.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 22**

PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope encourages supporters to gear up and walk, run, ride, roll or do another activity they love to raise money for the food security work PWS&D does around the world.



Food security is an essential human right, yet a significant portion of

the global population is food insecure, without access to enough food of acceptable quantity and quality. Your participation in and support for Journey for Hope enables PWS&D to actively respond to hunger needs through food security projects that improve agricultural production in places like Haiti, Guatemala and Malawi. Funds also help provide emergency food assistance in countries that are extremely vulnerable, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Thank you for participating and making a difference!

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 22 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver.

Monday, September 23 We give thanks for the contributions of temporary migrant agricultural workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will enact policies that better protect the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families and develop fair pathways to Canadian citizenship.

Tuesday, September 24 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Wednesday, September 25 We pray for newly ordained Ruling Elders, that God will give them wisdom and compassion as they serve on their sessions.

Thursday, September 26 We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and its director, Dr. Adrian Langdon. May the centre's ministry enrich and energize the church.

Friday, September 27 We remember the clerks of synods who will be working on preparations for the various meetings and gatherings of synods during October.

Saturday, September 28 We pray for those participating in Journey for Hope on September 28 in support of PWS&D's food security programs.