

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Truth and Reconciliation Sunday**

*"Love one another as I have loved you..." – John 13: 34-35*

*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: For the Beauty of the Earth – arr. Stan & James Pethel

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

- Patti Polowick

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Loving God; you call us together

**To worship God as the people of God.**

You call us by name and just as we are: you know each of our needs; you know our experiences; you know what rests in our minds and our hearts, and in your love you call us:

**To worship God as the people of God**

We come together, our heads, our hearts and our hands and feet yearning to be remade and redirected to paths of justice, and in ways of love. Help us, Jesus, to walk in the paths of justice and love that you yourself have walked:

**To worship God as the people of God.**

God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people! Mold us, Holy Spirit:

**To worship as the people of God.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"We cannot own the sunlit sky"***

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Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

**Creator God of love and justice, Comforter of those who mourn,**

**We turn to you acknowledging the actions of your church, our complicity in running residential schools and taking children from their families. We have asked for forgiveness and committed to work for truth, healing and reconciliation. But we recognize that for some, that change came too late.**

**The names of more of the students who died and never made it home are beginning to be known, but we know these lists are incomplete; that there will be more names**

and that some names may never be publicly known. But you know, Loving and Healing God, their names, and their stories, their hearts and their families. For those children whose names we do know, those we do not yet know, and for the intergenerational harms, the trauma still present today that grew from their absence, we apologize. We pray for healing for the siblings, family, and friends of those that were taken from home but did not return, and for the intergenerational impacts the schools continue to cause today in families and communities.

For where there was joy, and we took it;  
laughter and we stifled it  
play and we turned it to tears  
family and we broke it  
dignity, and we stifled it

We repent and renew our commitment to walk a new path. We honour the children lost and hold the memory of their lives in our hearts. Comforting God, we pray for healing in the communities and families of all who experienced residential schools, and strength for all who pursue healing, truth and reconciliation.

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time: Patti Polowick

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:** *"Open our eyes, Lord"*  
*(Children leave for Church School)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 11: 17- 20

- Ezra Giroth

Romans 2: 1-11

John 13: 34-35

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Apologies?"

- Patti Polowick

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering: Pearson Ahiahonu

Anthem: In This Very Room – Ron & Carol Harris

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:** "Who made the earth/He's got the whole world"

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Elegy – Felix Mendelssohn

Greeters & Collectors: Trung Nguyen, Elizabeth & Pearson Ahiahonu, Luella Moore

Coffee Hosts: The Drovers



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](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## Announcements

The church offices are closed tomorrow, September 30, for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

### **Last Call for New Members**

All those considering membership at St. Andrew's are please asked to contact Rev. Roberto by the end of this coming week as classes will begin in October. If you are sure about membership, unsure, or just have questions, please contact Rev. Roberto DeSandoli at [roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:roberto@standrews-saskatoon.com) or 306-880-2503

The next **SPY (Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth)** event, Friday, October 25 – Sunday, October 27, for youth 14 or older (unless you have a billet in Regina), will be hosted by Rev Amanda Currie's church, First Presbyterian Regina.

Rev Devon Pattermore has organized a great weekend of learning, fun and friendships. The theme will be The Beatitudes. Nicole Lindgren will be our Adult Representative for the weekend, Please contact Martha Fergusson ( 306 270 2378) as soon as you can to help with the organizing rides and overnight accommodations. The cost is \$50 per youth to cover food costs and activities.

**A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** will be offered following the church service downstairs in the lower hall. Laura Van Loon, Pastoral Care Nurse, will assist you.



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!

**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.



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.

**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. To learn more, please contact Heather DeSandoli at [heather.desandoli@gmail.com](mailto:heather.desandoli@gmail.com)



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:ma.wilson@shaw.ca) More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board.

**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](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

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 #93.

**Newcomers to Canada**

93. We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the national Aboriginal organizations, to revise the information kit for newcomers to Canada and its citizenship test to reflect a more inclusive history of the diverse Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including Calls to Action| 11 information about the Treaties and the history of residential schools.

## *In Our Wider Community*

**Hello Friends of the GoForth Hub Club!**

We hope that you had a wonderful restful summer - and today it felt like summer all over again, so enjoy this week as well!

The GoForth Hub Club is starting a new year on Monday, October 7 at 1:30 pm. See poster for more details. You won't want to miss this one because Jeff O'Brien, Saskatoon City Archivist, will be back to share about Saskatoon in the Roaring Twenties!

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you then!

**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 29**

Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday—a day to celebrate the mission and ministry we do together. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support a wide range of mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. Through these gifts, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love around the world. Together, we provide hospitality for people who are homeless and help those involved in the sex trade reclaim their lives. We help congregations discover new and unique ways of renewing their ministry and provide many resources (printed and digital) for congregations to use in worship and study. We help translate the Bible into Indigenous languages in Taiwan and bring hope and love to prisoners in Malawi. And so much more! When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, September 29 (Presbyterians Sharing Sunday)** We pray for the mission and ministry supported through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, and give thanks for congregations and individuals who support the work of the PCC through their generous gifts.

**Monday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day)** We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

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## One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

**Presbyterians Sharing** supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.



**Presbyterian World Service & Development** is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

