ST. ANDREW’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

 The **Women’s League** will be hosting their annual spring tea, plant and bake sale; ***“Treasures of Spring”*** next Saturday, May 4th, from 2-4 pm, in the Lower Hall. A$2.50 admission includes a light lunch and coffee or tea. All donations of baking or time would be greatly appreciated. See any Member of the Women’s League.

 *The Ministry of Worship*

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

September 3rd, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

"*Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered" - Zechariah 13: 7”*

*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- Don Luis Milan (c. 1500-1561)

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)

"Follow Me" the Master said, "and I will make you a fisher of people."

**We will throw down our nets, we will follow Christ.**

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

**We will gladly bear the weight, the weight of glory carried for us.**

"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves"

**We will not fear, for our good shepherd goes with us, even into the darkest valley.**

"You will deny me."

**And yet, Christ will never forsake us.**

Prayer of Adoration

***Praise:*** *“*Will you come and follow me” ***#634***

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**Merciful God, we freely confess to you the choices we have made, the words used, the actions taken, that are not from you.**

**Forgive us our transgressions, remove our deceit.**

**As we come before you this day, show to us the true self, the real self you call us to be.**

**Hold your hope before us, not to bring shame, but to bring renovation of heart.**

**That our desires would be ordered and we would sin no more.**

**Forgive us our transgressions, remove our deceit.**

 **We pray fervently in Jesus' name. Amen.**

 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: “***You Walk Along our Shoreline***” #753***

*(Children return to pews)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:Pearson Ahiahonu

Zechariah 13: 2-9

Psalm 32 *refrain 2*

1 Peter 4: 12-19

Mark 1: 16-20 & Mark 14: 26-31 The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “Simon Peter the Disciple” The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem:   The Cuckoo – Louis-Claude D’Aquin (1694-1772)

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

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer**

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

***Praise: “***When in our music God is glorified” ***#439***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Koraal, from *Suite Modale –*Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Greeters & Ushers: Pearson & Elizabeth Ahiahonu, William Ahiahonu, Fafali Ahiahonu

CE Coordinator: Martha Fergusson

Lock up: Heather Reicher
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Coffee Host: Laura & Charles Roy

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.](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.)com

Normal office hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:00am-2:00 pm –\**Dorothy remains on Holiday til Wed Sept 6.*

Announcements

**Fall Sermon Series: "Jesus in Relationship"**

From September 3 to October 8 (excluding Sept 24 - Presbyterians Sharing Sunday) Rev. Roberto will be leading us in an exploration of "Jesus in Relationship."  How does Jesus engage in relationships throughout His ministry?  Who does Jesus take care to make time for?  How does He lovingly engage even those who mock and persecute Him?  And what do these things mean for us in our own relationships with Jesus?  In this five-week series, we will follow Jesus in his relationships with Simon Peter the Disciple, Levi the Tax Collector, The Faithful Centurion, The Dying Thief, and Nicodemus the Pharisee.

* Office will closed on Monday September 4, 2023
* ****The Pastoral Care Committee will reconvene with a luncheon meeting at Luella’s on Wednesday, September 6, at 12:30 pm.
* Women's Camp September 8-10, 2023.
* Thursday, September 14 at 7pm, Choir practice resumes
* Sunday, September 17 – Church BBQ following Worship

As the new program year begins, it’s time to think about a newsletter! Please have all submissions into the church office by Monday, September 18th. office@standrews-saskatoon.com

Available on the Entranceway Table:

* These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jul/Aug/Sep Suggested donation: $3.00
* Copies of the summer 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

We have one rental parking stall available now. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #38.**

Justice

38. We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal youth in custody over the next decade..

**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

