

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*"So the last will be first, and the first will be last" – Matthew 20: 16*

*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: Pavane pour une infante défunte – Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

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)

Put your confidence in God.

**We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.**

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

**God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.**

So put your trust in God's goodness.

**May God's goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

**#321**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of mercy,**

**you keep an eye out for those who dwell on the margins of life.**

**We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those on the margins.**

**We have been silent when we should have spoken up**

**in the face of injustice.**

**Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us.**

**Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first.**

**Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.**

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:** *"Saviour, teach me day by day"* **#698**  
(Children leave for Church School)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 6- 9

- Al Ireland

Psalms 145: 1-13 Refrain 1

James 2: 1-10

Matthew 20: 1-16

- The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Good Help is Hard to Find" - The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Berceuse, from *Dolly, op. 56* – Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

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:** *"O for a world where everyone"* **#730**

Benediction

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

Postlude: The Girl with the Flaxen Hair – Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Charles & Laura 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](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

This morning we are pleased to welcome back Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and Professor of Mission Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology.

Choir is back! The first practice is Thursday, September 12 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 narthex. Everything is supplied; we're looking for hosts. Speak to Charles or Laura Roy for details.

Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: [ma.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto: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 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.

### **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 #90.

#### **Sports and Reconciliation**

90. We call upon the federal government to ensure that national sports policies, programs, and initiatives are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to, establishing:

- i. In collaboration with provincial and territorial governments, stable funding for, and access to, community sports programs that reflect the diverse cultures and traditional sporting activities of Aboriginal peoples.
- ii. An elite athlete development program for Aboriginal athletes.
- iii. Programs for coaches, trainers, and sports officials that are culturally relevant for Aboriginal peoples.
- iv. Anti-racism awareness and training programs.

### ***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.

Grace Church has moved its service from 1:00 pm Sundays to **8:00 am through to Sunday, September 15, 2024**. The Grace service will conclude by 10:00 am and they will be cleared of the Sanctuary by **10:20 am**. This will allow plenty of time for the St. Andrew's folks to set up and begin by 11:00 am.

**Magic City Chorus** Guest Night is Tuesday September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Women, age 14 or older, who love to sing are invited to learn 4-part a cappella singing. Please come check us out. For more information go to the [magiccitychorus.com](http://magiccitychorus.com) website or email Louise at [membership@magiccitychorus.com](mailto:membership@magiccitychorus.com)

# MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 8**

At Samuel House, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, vulnerable children receive nutritious food and homework tutoring so that their potential can be realized in a caring Christian environment. Responding to



God's call, Csilla Bertalan first opened the doors in June 2003 to welcome underprivileged children living in difficult circumstances. Csilla is grateful to God and partners for their support in transforming so many young lives. She shares, "I am grateful that the PCC has been standing beside us in this mission. Thank you!" Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have been supporting Samuel House since 2014.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, September 8** We give thanks for teachers at Francisco Coll School in Guatemala who equip students with skills and knowledge that will help them succeed in furthering their education.

**Monday, September 9** Dear Lord Almighty, we pray for those who work to build relationships that are broken in our communities. Continue to hold our leaders from the World Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches in your care as you guide those working for peace and unity.

**Tuesday, September 10** We pray for search committees in vacant congregations as they discern who God is calling for them to invite to be their new minister.

**Wednesday, September 11** We pray for Samuel House, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, and Csilla Bertalan, Director, as they serve underprivileged children in Romania.

**Thursday, September 12** We pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministries, which runs a drop-in centre out of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the people it serves.

**Friday, September 13** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brandon.

**Saturday, September 14** We pray for sessions as they help the members and adherents of their congregations grow in faith and participate in the ministry of Christ locally and around the world.