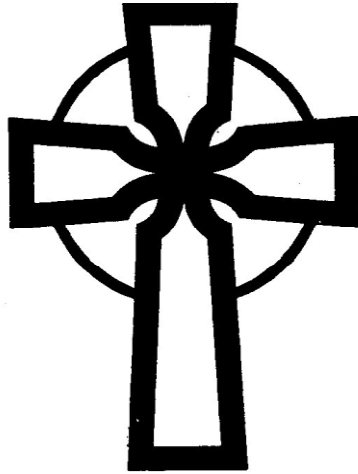


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

(A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)



Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth October 27, 2024

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie
Music Director: Chloe Golden
Organist: Will Ireton; Music Scholar: Arthur Jack
Youth Leader: Sumi Jung

*Welcome to all who gather in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May you experience God's love in our worship.
An asterisk (*) indicates congregation to stand as able.
Congregational responses are in **bold** type.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bette Kelly

* Entry of the Written Word

* Call to Worship & Prayer of Approach

* Hymn: Blest are they

#624

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God,

you call us your own children

and cover us with your love.

We would seek to be merciful as you are,

and to show compassion as you do,

but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.

Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;

the evil we should shun, we embrace.

Forgive our sinful ways,

tame our wayward wills,

and make us more like Christ,

until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music

Come Bless the Lord

Robert Lau

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

* Song: Give me oil in my lamp

#655

Prayer for Illumination

Ruth Adema

Scripture Readings:

1 John 3:1-3

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

Sung Response: **I will bless the Lord at all times;**

God's praise shall always be on my lips.

R I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!

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I sought the Lord, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
**Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
**The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.**
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed are those who take refuge in God.

R

O fear the Lord, you holy ones,
for those who fear God have no want.
**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
But redeemed are the lives of God's servants.
None will be condemned who take
refuge in the Lord!**

R

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Take the Blessing and Put it in Your Heart*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and 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.**

* Hymn: Come, let us sing #706

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory: The Beatitudes Song SPY Youth

* Doxology (#306) and Prayer of Dedication:
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn: Lead me, Lord (John D. Becker)
**Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.**

**Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. Refrain**

**Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward. Refrain**

* Commissioning and Benediction

* Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

* Aaronic Blessing (*Sung to one another*)

#619

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

*(You are welcome to sit and enjoy the musical postlude,
but if you need to get going, that's okay too.)*

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- Those who are poor, meek, mourning, hungry, or persecuted, that they may experience the fullness of God's blessing.
- The youth and young adults in our church communities across the province, including those participating in SPY this weekend.
- All those participating in the Saskatchewan Election at this time, including voters, volunteers, election workers, and candidates.
- People recovering from the impact of hurricanes, storms, and floods.

Praise God for...

- The peacemakers in our families, churches, communities, and nations.
- Those who show mercy to others – resisting the temptation to judge, offering grace and second chances.

Ushers Alfred Ferozdin, Murray Kyle, Keith Prior

Office Hours Monday 8:30 – 11:15. Wednesday to Friday, 8:30 am – 3 pm. You can contact Shirley in the office at 306-522-9571 or e-mail firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

This Week at First Church

Oct. 27	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary & Online) With Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth Sunday School
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour (gymnasium)
Oct. 29	11:30 am	Forever-In-Motion Exercises
	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch (gymnasium)
Oct. 30	7:00 pm	Book Club (Zoom)
Oct. 31	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Nov. 1	3:00 pm	Anniversary Committee
Nov. 3	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary & Online) Sunday School
	11:45 am	Lunch in the gym Mission Exercise
	7:00 pm	Youth – Gym & Game Night

Mission Exercise for the Whole Congregation After worship on Sunday, November 3rd, plan to stay a little longer than a typical Coffee Hour. Lunch will be provided! Everyone will be invited to participate in a Mission Exercise to share ideas, priorities, and visions for First Church’s mission going forward. We’ll gather everyone’s input and use the information to help guide us as we explore the future of our mission and ministry, including consideration of our church building.

Fundscrip is a great way to support the church when you're buying items that you would purchase anyway. When you buy FundScrip gift cards, you don't pay any extra but a percentage from the sales of the cards comes back to the church. You can buy cards as gifts, or you can use them for your regular purchases of groceries, gas, restaurant meals, clothing, etc. Visit the FundScrip table in the gym following worship.

Messy Church! On Saturday, November 9th, families, individuals, couples, and people of all ages are invited to a “Messy Church” program from 11 am – 1 pm in the gymnasium. The theme will be “Gratitude”, and the program will involve exploring the Scriptures through worship, song, crafts, activities, and lunch together. Bring your kids, bring your grandma, and enjoy doing church together in a little different way!

Pictures If you ordered pictures when Artistic Impressions was taking photos for the directory, they are ready for pickup. You can find them on a table in the narthex.

Youth

Youth Gym Night! On Sunday, November 3rd, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, **All 6th – 12th Graders & Young Adults** can drop in anytime from 7 PM to 8 PM at our church's gym to play basketball, badminton, or other sports and games! Bring a friend, a water bottle & your indoor running shoes! Let's Go!

Monthly Youth Gathering All students in Grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, snacks, Bible discussions, games, and more! on November 17th from 12:15 PM to 2:30 PM. We will take an engaging approach to studying the Bible, starting with the basics and including discussions and fun quizzes.

Steve Bell in Concert Westminster United Church (3025 13th Avenue) will be hosting Steve Bell and guests Saturday, November 16th at 7:30.

An evening of story and song with the Steve Bell Band, featuring music from Steve's 23rd solo release, The Glad Surprise, as well as Steve Bell classics and favourites. Steve will be accompanied by Gilles Fournier (bass), Murray Pulver (guitar), and special guest Mike Janzen (piano).

Tickets available at <https://stevebell.com/event/regina-sk-steve-bell-band-album-release-concert/> or phone Signpost Music toll-free at 1-800-854-3499.