

Thanksgiving Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

**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: Will Ireton

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Entry of the Written Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God blesses us with gifts of love,  
**with relationships that bring joy and gratitude.**  
God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,  
**all we need for faithful living.**  
God protects us in times of danger:  
**and guards us from the time of trial.**  
So, we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.  
**Praise be to God for all good things, now and always!**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: For the fruits of all creation #802

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**God of our lives,  
when we give thanks for your good gifts around us,  
we know that we enjoy an abundance  
many cannot even imagine.  
Yet we confess we do not always see  
the blessings in which we share.  
We worry about the future,**

**if we can recover from the pandemic,  
whether we will have enough  
for our families to flourish.  
Forgive our fears of going without,  
and our failure to be grateful  
for how much goodness is already ours.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music: "Grateful" Tom Tomaszek

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time

Hymn: Give thanks with a grateful heart CCLI #20285

Prayer for Illumination Alfred Ferozdin

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *Eucharist*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory "In Remembrance" R. Courtney (arr. Carl Seal)

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

**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. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE**

Hymn: Let us break bread together #548

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Apostles' Creed #539

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God:*

“...joining our voices with choirs of angels...

who forever sing to the glory of your name:”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues with thanks for the ministry of Jesus...*

“Great is the mystery of faith:”

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a  
doxology and the people say: **Amen.***

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.**

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: Let all things now living

#338

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Commissioning and Benediction

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

Aaronic Blessing (#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

### HYMNS for Sunday October 10th

#802 - For the fruits of all creation

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just rewards of labour, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Give thanks with a grateful heart

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Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say I am strong.

Let the poor say I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

(Repeat)

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks.

### #548 - Let us break bread together

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

### #338 - Let all things now living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces: the stars in their courses,  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### Pray with your First Church Family

#### **Please pray for...**

- The faith and courage we need to follow Jesus wherever he leads us.
- People who are lonely or left-out from gatherings of families and friends for Thanksgiving.

- Those without enough food to sustain them and their families, while others are feasting.
- Leaders and policy-makers in Saskatchewan as we deal with the 4<sup>th</sup> wave of Covid-19 – that all may make responsible decisions for the safety and well-being of our communities.

#### **Praise God for...**

- The blessings in our lives, for which we are thankful.
- The good news that all things are possible for God, and that with God's help we can respond to Christ's challenging calls with generosity and self-giving love.

**Our Welcome Team this Month:** Alfred Ferozdin, Murray Kyle, Heather Mazurak, Ron Pugsley, & Marianne Woods

#### **This Week at First Church**

Oct. 10	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion (In-Person & Online)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Oct. 12	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering (Zoom)
Oct. 13	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Session (Zoom)
Oct. 14	7:00 pm	Choir
Oct. 15-16		Synod of Saskatchewan Annual Meeting (Zoom)

*Public invitation to join in worship on Friday evening and conference on Saturday morning. See details below.*

**In-Person Worship at the Church** Since the province began Step 3 of the Re-Opening Roadmap on July 11<sup>th</sup>, we began welcoming folks to come and worship in-person in the church. Although technically, all restrictions have been lifted by the province, we are taking things slowly at First Church to ensure that everyone is safe and feels comfortable coming back. The 4<sup>th</sup> wave of Covid-19 in Saskatchewan is prompting us to be particularly cautious at this time.

A few things to keep in mind when you attend worship at the church:

- Only the Albert Street entrance will be used to enter the sanctuary, and we will keep a list of those attending.

- Wear a mask when you are indoors. Extra masks will be available in case you need one.
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- We are no longer roping off pews, please choose your seat so as to maintain physical distance from other households.
- Coffee Hour continues to be on hold for the moment, but will resume when Session determines it is safe to do so.

**The Synod of Saskatchewan** will be meeting by Zoom video conference on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Ministers and representative elders from all the Presbyterian churches in Saskatchewan will be meeting to oversee the work of the Synod, including regional ministries in youth work, mission, and congregational development, as well as Camp Christopher.

You are invited to join us for Public Worship on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The outgoing Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Bob Wilson, will be preaching. There will be a time of online fellowship and fun following the worship service. You are also encouraged to attend the Educational Component: "Residential Schools and The Presbyterian Church in Canada" on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- 9:00 am: Opening Worship with the Rev. Stewart Folster, Minister at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 9:30 am: Residential Schools and The Presbyterian Church in Canada with Allyson Carr, Associate Secretary for Justice Ministries, PCC
- 11:00 am: The Regina Indian Industrial School and Cemetery with Sara Longman, President of the RIIS Cemetery Commemorative Association

The meeting, worship, and educational component will all take place at the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404136435?pwd=Z2xyclFISHd1Q3NwVHBEQUlzcExKdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 0413 6435

Passcode: 813932

For more information, contact the Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Amanda Currie: [amanda@curriejesson.ca](mailto:amanda@curriejesson.ca) or 306-580-8095.

**40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism** Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy!

Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. For every day, during the 40 Days, all of this content will be available as a PDF that you can review, download, or print and distribute! Writers from across the United Church have offered these daily contributions about different kinds of racism in church and in the broader society. Some draw on their personal experiences to share their insights about racial injustices. All invite the reader to explore ways to transform themselves and the denomination.

During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day. Sign up for the newsletter (opens in a new tab) to keep up-to-date with the latest developments! For more information, see <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

**Exploring our Sacred Texts: A conversation about stewarding our common life** All are invited to join this online series with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim panelists to discuss the scriptural sources for understanding generosity, hospitality, and compassion.

Thurs., Oct. 21 @ 3pm - Generosity

Thurs., Oct. 28 @ 3pm - Hospitality

Thurs., Nov. 4 @ 3pm - Compassion

In these days of increased social polarization and intolerance, where racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia appear to be increasing daily, dialogue between faith communities is an antidote to ignorance and hatred. Generosity, hospitality, and compassion are social virtues that can heal the wounds of our society.

Register in advance for this free series: <https://bit.ly/3iwyPfm>

- Rabbi Jeremy Parnes is the spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Regina. His long involvement in multifaith and community organizations includes Regina Multifaith Forum, Habitat for Humanity, numerous City of Regina committees on social housing and homelessness, and several inner-city boards, including Youth Connexions and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.
- Rev. Amanda Currie has been minister of First Presbyterian Church in Regina since 2017. She previously ministered in Saskatoon for 14 years and has recently completed a two-year term as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She is vice president of the Canadian Council of Churches, where she has served on the Governing Board for the past 7 years. She has convened the Ecumenical & Interfaith Committee of the Presbyterian Church and is active in numerous national and local ecumenical and interfaith initiatives.
- Imam Dr. Mohamed Masloh is the leader of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan in Regina, an RCMP chaplain, and a teaching assistant at the University of Regina. He studied at the prestigious Al-Azhar University in Cairo and the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana, where he earned a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies.

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at [stewardship@sasktel.net](mailto:stewardship@sasktel.net).

This webinar is planned in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

**Office Hours** Mon. Closed / Wed. - Fri. 8:30am - 2pm.

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