

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Jo Szostak

Entry of the Written Word

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

We give glory, honour, and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: I sing the almighty power of God

#333

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice.

We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience.

Forgive our hubris, gracious God.

Correct our ignorant ways, and help us to know your glory through servanthood.

Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music: "In Your Hands" D. Fullen/R. Nagy

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn:

Like a Rock

MV #92

Prayer for Illumination

Marianne Woods

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 5:1-10

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Sung Response **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.**

R Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

You ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

R

You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

R

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Praise the Lord!

R

Mark 10:35-45

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Not So Among You*

HYMNS for Sunday October 17th

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: From heaven you came #379

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

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.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Christ, you call us all to service #585

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 "The Lord bless you and keep you" P. Lutkin

#333 - I sing the almighty power of God

I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, are present there.

MV #92 - Like a Rock

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.

#379 - From heaven you came

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn:
“Yet not my will but yours,” he said.

Refrain

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

Refrain

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthroned him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Refrain

#585 - Christ, you call us all to service

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice; in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the broken-hearted; to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brother, sister, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given - man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent, your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- The grace to humble ourselves and serve others.
- Communities of faith that follow Jesus' example of serving one another in love.
- Those who are waiting for necessary medical care and surgeries, that these may not be delayed by Covid.

- The family and friends of Bill Kelly, as we mourn his death on October 6th.
- On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we pray for those who are hungry or homeless.

Praise God for...

- The manifold works of the Creator, who made all things in wisdom and filled the earth with creatures.
- The renewed awareness of the many blessings we have after celebrating Thanksgiving.

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

This Week at First Church

Oct. 17	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Oct. 20	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Oct. 24	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)

In-Person Worship at the Church Since the province began Step 3 of the Re-Opening Roadmap on July 11th, 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 4th 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.

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.

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. 8:30 - 11:15 / Wed. - Fri. 8:30am - 2pm.
Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Newsletter October's edition of First Things First had been e-mailed Friday. Please have a look and see ways you can get involved here at First Church and in our community.