

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

September 12, 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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

Look at the heavens!

**They are shouting the glory of God.**

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Open my eyes, that I may see #500

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**You have called us, O God,**

**and we have refused to listen;**

**you have stretched out your hand**

**and we have not taken it.**

**We have taken what you have given us**

**and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.**

**We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you**

**and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**Give us the insight we need  
to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions  
reflect the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: Day by day #455

Prayer for Illumination Alfred Ferozdin

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Ministry of Music: "Walk by Faith!" Williams/Raney

Sermon: *Words of Wisdom*

### 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: Where charity and love prevail #692

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: Be thou my vision #461

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 September 12th**

#500 - Open my eyes, that I may see

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my ears: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my heart: illumine me, Spirit divine!

#455 – Day by day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly,  
to follow thee more nearly, day by day.

#692 - Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease;  
be God's the glory that we seek;  
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined,  
we are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude,  
if honoured by God's name;  
our family embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

### #461 - Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour and be thou my might;  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,  
thou my inheritance, through all my days;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when the battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### Pray with your First Church Family

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

- The people of Afghanistan, for the safety and well-being of all, particularly women who are at risk following the take-over by the Taliban.
- Those who are campaigning in the Federal election, and those who are preparing to cast a vote – for wisdom and good discernment.
- All those who are led astray by misinformation and fear-mongering, that they may receive wisdom.
- For 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 wisdom that comes from above and cries out to us to use the gifts of intellect and reason in our communal and personal decision-making.
- The gifts and resources we have to share with others.
- The opportunity for our community to worship together in-person and online, and to share Holy Communion today.

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

### This Week at First Church

Sept. 12	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online) & Sunday School (In-Person)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Sept. 15	noon	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sept. 16	7:00 pm	Choir (In-Person)
Sept. 18	10:00 am	Presbytery (Zoom)
Sept. 19	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online) & Sunday School (In-Person)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)

**First Things First** September's edition of the newsletter was e-mailed on Friday. Please take note of up-coming events.

**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 sanitizers 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.

**Welcome back, Choir!** The First Church Choir will resume in-person worship singing on Sunday, September 12. Regular choir rehearsals take place at the church on Thursday evenings (bi-weekly) from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

We are always happy to welcome both new and familiar faces to our music program. If you are interested in joining the choir or would like to share your musical gifts with our Ministry of Music in some other way, please feel free to contact me directly ([will.ireton@gmail.com](mailto:will.ireton@gmail.com); 306-570-2819).

**Office Hours** Mon. 8:30 - 11:15 am & Wed. - Fri. 8:30 - 3pm  
Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or [firstpresregina@sasktel.net](mailto:firstpresregina@sasktel.net).

Rev. Amanda Currie works from home most days and from the office occasionally. You can continue to reach her by phone or text message (306-580-8095) or by email ([revfpc@sasktel.net](mailto:revfpc@sasktel.net)). A physically-distanced pastoral visit is always possible, as well as a phone call or Zoom video call.

**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.