



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Sunday Service – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 26th, 2025. 11 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

*We are so glad that you've come to worship the Lord with us today, and we hope that you will experience the presence of Christ among us. In the pew are the following tools for participation in this service. The blue "**Book of Praise**" contains our hymns, the red "**Book of Psalms**" contains the responsive psalms, and the blue "**New English Bible**" contains the scripture passages. If an item has an asterisk (*), then please stand if you are able. **Large print Hymnals** are available in the back of the Sanctuary. An usher would be happy to help you. All are welcome to join us for Coffee hour in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service today.*

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Ein Feste Burg" D. Buxtehude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 333 "I sing the almighty power of God"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Joel Swenor

*Responsive Psalm 84, v. 1-7, ref. I

Jeremiah 14: 7-10 (page 930, OT)

Luke 18: 9-14 (page 98, NT)

*Hymn 497 "Word of God, across the ages"

Anthem "Be Joyful!" Eugene Butler

Sermon "Nothing to Bring, Nothing to Show"

Rev. Dr. Vicky Eldridge

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 642 "O Master, let me walk with thee"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Adagio Cantabile" G. Tartini

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 647 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" W. Held

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul's is situated on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. All peoples have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Land acknowledgments are essential as we move forward on a path to reconciliation and are guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

AN INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive to create a church where all people are included and affirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: GALLERY SEATING IS CLOSED

For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



An automated external defibrillator is available in the hallway outside the main office.

ST. PAUL'S VISION



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a Christian community in downtown Hamilton, embodying Jesus' acceptance and love of all people and supporting the growth of God's people in faith and service.

ST. PAUL'S TEAM

Guest Minister:	Rev. Dr. Vicky Eldridge
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Gordon Swenor (Interim)
Today's Ushers:	Judith Flaherty, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Guest Minister –

Today the Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge will be speaking and leading our services. We're blessed to have her with us again. Thanks, Vicky! Mark is away visiting family in Amsterdam, and will return next week.

Anniversary Sunday Luncheon, November 16 –

Circle your calendar for Sunday, November 16! Start thinking about what you would like to bring to our third annual potluck luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be available in St. Andrew's Hall.

West Flamboro Presbyterian Church –

Has extended the invitation to attend their Christie Learning Series 2025, "*Sola Mysterium: Celebrating the Mystery of God*" to be held on Saturday, November 1 from 2:30 – 8 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Keith Giles, best selling author, podcast host, and former pastor. There is no charge for this event, and dinner is included! Further information is available on West Flamboro's website, <https://www.wfpconline.com/events>.

Sanctuary Flowers –

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Ina & Walter Plater by Margaret Plater and family.

Treasurer of the Presbytery of Hamilton – Applications are still being sought for this role with Presbytery and will be accepted until October 20, 2025. If you know anyone who would be interested in this position, please contact either brendapodio@gmail.com or hampresby@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 26th

11:00am: Sunday Service
12:00pm: Coffee Hour
4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, October 27th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN
7:30pm: Scottish Country Dancing in St. Andrew's Hall

Tuesday, October 28th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, October 29th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, October 31st

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Refugee Committee Update –

Documents have been received and added to the file. The file is ready and will now be sent to the Ministry of Interior (Israel immigration) for travel arrangements. The principal applicant, Sandu, should be contacted regarding the family's departure to Canada shortly.

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the fall. Ida has taken over from Lydia. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!