



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

Sunday Service – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 2026. 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 "Aria" Noel Rawsthorne

*Call to Worship

*Hymn 384 "O Breath of life, come sweeping through us"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Heather Pirie

*Responsive Psalm 105, v. 1-11, ref. I

Isaiah 42: 1-9 (page 865, OT)

Matthew 11: 25-30 (page 16, NT)

*Hymn 674 "In the bulb there is a flower"

Sermon

"Is There More to Faith than Guilt, Wrath & Condemnation?"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 367 "Jesus, the very thought of thee"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Berceuse" Louis Vierne

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 765 "We've a story to tell to the nations"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Allabreve" J.S. Bach

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

Interim Moderator:	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Supply Organist:	Richard Hansen
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Gordon Swenor
Today's Ushers:	Annette Sydney Trish Haycock

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY SUNDAY – September 13, 2026

Mark your calendar! Our traditional Rally Sunday pizza lunch will take place following the service on September 13th. Join us as we get back into routine after enjoying the wonderful summer months. Freewill offerings will be accepted during the lunch, and proceeds will help support our bus ticket program.

MISSION MOMENT

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Central Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, continues its strong tradition of community outreach and vibrant music ministry. Situated in an urban neighbourhood with affordable housing projects, lower-income families, seniors, and many children, the church recognizes that ticketed events are often financially inaccessible. In response, Central offers high-quality, inclusive musical programming that is open to all, welcoming neighbours regardless of circumstance. In partnership with other downtown churches, the congregation also leads Hamilton Out of the Cold, providing a warm, welcoming space, meaningful connection, and hot meals for individuals experiencing hunger, isolation, and hardship in the community.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 30th

11:00am: Sunday Service

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, August 31st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Tuesday, September 1st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, September 2nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, September 4th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue through 2026 thanks to Ida. Donated books from your own personal collections are welcomed and appreciated, please leave books near the book table. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!