



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

SUNDAY SERVICE: Pentecost XI
August 13, 2023. 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 cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Impromptu" J.W. Elliott

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 325 "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 85: 8-13 ref: II Reader: Mimi Fox

1 Kings 19: 8-18 (page 402, OT)

Matthew 14: 22-33 (page 21, NT)

*Hymn 326 "Give to the winds thy fears"

Sermon Dr. Christianne Stephens

"Discerning God's Grace and Provision in Times of Uncertainty"

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 675 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Andante Cantabile" George Gear

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 677 "My faith looks up to thee"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Judge me, O God" Mendelssohn

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

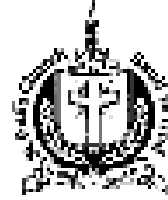
For insurance reasons, **the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public.** Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

Minister (Interim):	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Guest Preacher:	Dr. Christianne Stephens
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Guest Organist:	D. Jay Moons
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Archie McQueen, North Aisle Walter Plater, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Memorial Gathering in Honour of Cathie – We at St. Paul's are saddened to learn of the death of Cathie Nicholson. Cathie was a long-time member of St. Paul's and was active in the life of the church with her husband, David until his passing several years ago. Cathie had been living in a condo in Burlington and was assisted there by her daughter, Trish. Cathie and David's son Andrew is living in Toronto. Our condolences to Cathie's family and friends, including close family friend, Archie McQueen. A memorial gathering will be held in her honour at Smith's Funeral Home, 485 Brant St., Burlington (one block north of City Hall), on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 4pm-7pm. (www.smithfh.com)

Indoor Bicycle Parking - If you rode your bike to church today, you are very welcome to park it in the Library section of St. Andrew's Hall. St. Paul's will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that might happen in or on our property, but we can assure you that the Library is a good place to park your bike during the service, rather than outside.

Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre donations- Donations of toiletries and non-perishable snacks and foods would still be of great help to the HUC CHC. Please leave these items in the boxes on the St. Andrew's stage. **If you'd like to leave fresh food** (ex: watermelon, bananas, healthy baked goods, eggs, a pot of soup, etc.), **please leave these items in the St. Paul's refrigerator and call the CTS (905-522-3233, ext. 109) to let them know it's there.** Their clients are so grateful.

The Church Office will be closed August 15th - 17th. Feel free to leave a voicemail or email and it will be received the week of August 22nd.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 13th

11:00am: Sunday Service: Pentecost XI

12:00pm: Cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 15th

Church office is CLOSED

Wednesday, August 16th

Church office is CLOSED

Thursday, August 17th

Church office is CLOSED

Friday, August 18th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Fall Office Hours – Starting August 22nd, the regular St. Paul's Office hours will be Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. We will no longer stay open 'til 4pm.

OUR GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Christianne Stephens is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She is currently attending Knox College seminary in Toronto. Prior to answering the call to ministry, Christianne was a scholar and educator. She earned her doctorate in anthropology and taught at the postsecondary level for over a decade. Christianne shares God's love through her many years of volunteer work in various organizations in the Hamilton community.

Thank you for being with us today, Christianne.