



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

## Sunday Service – Pentecost VIII

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 "Voluntary #10" John Alcock

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 298 "Glory be to God the Father"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Mimi Fox

\*Responsive Psalm 9 vs 1-10 ref. I

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (page 220, OT)

Luke 15:11-24 (page 95, NT)

\*Hymn 321 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Solo "The Lord is My Light" F. Allisten

Soloist: Caren Donahoe

Sermon "Deuteronomy Had no Tolerance for Prodigals"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

\*Hymn 33 "According to thy steadfast love"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *Spoken*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Ayre" G. P. Telemann

\*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

\*Hymn 314 "God is love: come heaven, adoring"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Double Fugue in C" Johann Pachelbel

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## 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.

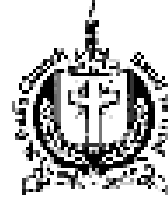
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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

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## 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
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Annette Sydney, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Overdose Awareness Day –**

On August 28<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Urban Core will be hosting an event for Overdose Awareness Day here at St. Paul's. More details to come!

### **Helping Hands Call for Volunteers –**

Helping Hands Street Mission is asking for volunteers to help with the following ministries: Men's Social Group (Thursdays 11am-1pm), Men's Bible Study (Thursdays 10am-11am), Ladies' Social Group (Thursdays 1:30pm-3:30pm), and Project Hope, which supports women involved in the sex industry and needs women to volunteer Saturdays from 1am-6am. Please contact [info@hsmhamilton.com](mailto:info@hsmhamilton.com) or 905-522-4263 for more information.

### **Presbyterian Church in Canada Calling for Reminiscences and Reflections –**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) is asking for reminiscences and reflections for a project being done by the Committee on History of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This book will be a collection of stories from Presbyterians across Canada, in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the denomination's formation, happening next year. Stories are to be anywhere from a couple of sentences to 400 words long.

Suggested prompts include: a favourite memory; anyone or anything that has shaped your involvement at church; some things your congregation is doing today to share the good news of Jesus in your community; your hopes and dreams for the future of the PPC; etc.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

### **Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### **Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Finance and Property Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### **Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

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As an example, Ian McKechnie, the editor of this project, has provided one of his memories:

“From 1982 through 2019, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, had a remarkable musical outreach project in the form of the Living Christmas Tree. This 40-foot high, fully-illuminated Christmas tree structure dominated the choir loft for a couple of weeks during Advent and used to attract busloads to each cantata. As a kid, the sight of artificial greenery and incandescent lightbulbs at the front of the church was a sure sign that the holiday season would soon be upon us!”

– Ian McKechnie, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, ON

Submissions are due **November 30, 2024**, and can be emailed to [pcc150book@gmail.com](mailto:pcc150book@gmail.com).