



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

Sunday Service – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9th, 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

*Call to Worship

*Hymn 357 "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Joel Swenor

*Responsive Psalm 85, ref. I

1 Kings 19: 9-18 (page 402, OT)

Mark 3: 1-11 (page 45, NT)

*Hymn 359 "The great Physician now is near"

Sermon "Should We Have Focused More on Jesus' Life
than His Death?" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 366 "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 699 "All the way my Saviour leads me"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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:	Judith Flaherty Trish Haycock

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Richard Hansen –

St. Paul's extends a warm welcome to Richard Hansen who will be filling in for Blair as our organist until Blair returns on Sunday, September 13th. Thank you Richard for your beautiful music!

MISSION MOMENT

Abena Asabiliga, a 46-year-old woman from Sumaduri in the Garu District of Northern Ghana, became physically impaired in infancy due to polio. Because of stigma, discrimination and her family's poverty, she lived an isolated and difficult life. After being identified in a community survey by community-based rehabilitation staff working for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, her family and community received sensitization on disability rights, which helped reduce negative attitudes. With support from PWS&D, Abena received a tricycle for mobility, business skills training and start-up capital. She now sells snacks near a school and earns a living. She said, "My life has changed, and I can now move independently with the use of the tricycle that was provided to me. I am so grateful."



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 9th

11:00am: Sunday Service

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, August 10th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Tuesday, August 11th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, August 12th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, August 14th

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!