

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

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Sunday Service – Pentecost XV
September 1st, 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 "Allegretto" from Trois Voluntaries Denis Bédard

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 324 "Great is thy faithfulness"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Branden Moffat

*Responsive Psalm 15 ref. I

James 1:22-27 (page 293, NT)

Mark 7:5-8 (page 52, NT)

*Hymn 756 "O Christ, our Lord, we meet here as your people"

Sermon "Dive In!"

Rev. Mark Gaskin

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 462, verses 1-3, 5 "All my hope on God is founded"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *Spoken*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Siciliano" J. S. Bach

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 457 "Now thank we all our God"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

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| Interim Moderator: | Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis |
| Guest Minister: | Rev. Mark Gaskin |
| Clerk of Session: | Jer Dubash |
| Director of Music: | Blair Havers |
| Guest Organist: | Simon Irving |
| Chimer: | Branden Moffat |
| Custodian: | Ruparain Sydney |
| Office Administrator: | Lydia Ekodeu |
| Today's Ushers: | Trish Haycock, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle |

ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Rev. Mark Gaskin –

We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Mark Gaskin, our guest minister. Mark Gaskin will be with us for this Sunday, and Sunday September 8th, as Mark Lewis is on vacation until September 15th. Should you encounter a need for pastoral care, please contact the church office or an elder, and they will connect you to a Minister on call. Please see the insert for more information on Rev. Mark Gaskin.

Welcome Simon Irving –

We also extend a warm welcome to our guest organist, Simon Irving. We hope he will enjoy his time with us. Blair Havers is on vacation until Sunday, September 8th. We all hope that Blair will have an enjoyable and restful time off.

Rally Sunday – September 15, 2024 –

Mark your calendar! Our traditional Rally Sunday lunch will take place following the service on September 15th. Join us as we get back into routine after enjoying the wonderful summer months. This Rally Sunday will be extra special as we celebrate Rhona Harvey's 90th birthday with cake.

Gordon Bond Requesting Cards –

Gordon Bond would appreciate cards from the congregation.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 1st

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, September 2nd

9am-3pm: Church office is CLOSED for Labour Day

Tuesday, September 3rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, September 4th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, September 6th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall
