



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

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## Sunday Service – Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 "Colloquy for Flutes" Darwin Wolford

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 380 "Spirit, come, dispel our sadness"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Debbie Bruce

\*Responsive Psalm 66, ref. I, v. 1-12

Isaiah 41: 8-13 (page 863, OT)

John 14: 15-21 (page 132, NT)

\*Hymn 746 "What a friend we have in Jesus"

Anthem "Rejoice with One Accord" Johann Schulz

Sermon "You Are Never Alone" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

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

\*Hymn 574 "With the Lord as my guide"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Interlude" Maurice Greene

\*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Hymn 327 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Grand Plein Jeu" Jacques Boyvin

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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:	Gordon Swenor
Today's Ushers:	Trish Haycock Judith Flaherty

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Refugee Committee Annual Picnic –

The Refugee Committee will be hosting their annual Family Picnic on Saturday, June 6th at Dundas Driving Park beginning at 4pm.

There will be lots of food, fun, and an opportunity to meet members of the sponsored families, including Sandu and her children. Everyone is welcome!

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## MISSION MOMENT *May 10, 2026*

Laxmi Bhandari is a 31-year-old mother of two from Nepal who once lived in social isolation. She didn't attend group activities because she was too shy. Then she was invited to take part in a project that aims to help women and other excluded groups live dignified lives through social and economic empowerment. Laxmi's leadership qualities were quickly recognized, and she was selected as the chair of her Village Women's Group. She now confidently facilitates monthly meetings, encouraging other women to participate. After learning about poultry and goat farming, Laxmi had the confidence to begin pursuing a livelihood in animal husbandry. Today, her rearing of goats, chickens and buffalo is creating a more sustainable income for her family. PWS&D's support of the International Nepal Fellowship helped to make this happen.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

### Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Country Dancing in St. Andrew's Hall

### Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

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### Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue through 2026 thanks to Ida. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!