



St. Paul's Church  
National Historic Site  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

**Sunday, May 15th, 2022 11:00 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday in Easter**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD**

Prelude "Lento in E Minor" Gerald Bales

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn **327** "Sing Praise to God who reigns above"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

**THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

**Scriptures** **Reader:** Heather Pirie

Bible Readings

Psalm 31: 1-5 (page 633, O.T.)

Acts 7: 55-60 (page 157, N.T.)

John 14: 1-14 (page 132, N. T.)

Anthem "Where charity and love prevail" Richard D. Erickson

Sermon **"Do not let your hearts be troubled"**

Minister: Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge

Silent Reflection

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer Spoken only

Announcements

The Offering

A message about the Offering

Offertory "Siciliano" John Stanley

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Closing Hymn **468** "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Trumpet voluntary" Simon Stublely

*Please turn off all cell phones and personal electronic devices during the service. Thank you.*

We are deeply thankful to be back together in worship, but we want everyone to be safe.

Please wear your mask at all times.

Please maintain social distancing during the service by using alternating pews.

You are welcome to join us for coffee hour in St. Andrew's Hall upon the conclusion of the service



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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.

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## St. Paul's is an Inclusive and 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.



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

### **St. Paul's Vision Statement**

**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.**

<b>Minister (Guest):</b>	Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge
<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Jer Dubash
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Blair Havers
<b>Custodian:</b>	Ruparain Sydney
<b>Office Administrator (Interim):</b>	Gordon Swenor

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

We are glad you have come to worship God with us today, and hope you will experience the presence of Christ among us.

<b>USHERS:</b>	North Aisle: Arlene Swenor South Aisle: Heather Pirie
<b>GREETER:</b>	Trish Haycock

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from David & Anne Church – Thank-you! A big thank-you to all for the warm send off last Sunday as we embark on our new family adventure. The tributes, thoughtful gifts, flowers and cake are much appreciated. St. Paul's has been an integral part of our life for almost 50 years and we will miss our 'church' family greatly. Blessings, Anne and David Church

Rev. Mark's Absence – Please note that Mark is away this morning in order to preach and be recognized as Minister Emeritus at MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. Mark's work as Minister Emeritus at MacNab will not affect his work and dedication to St. Paul's.

Vases – St. Paul's is pleased to receive the gift of two solid brass vases from the family of the late Lyla Stewart. The vases were originally given to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton on October 10, 1977 in honour of the 25th wedding anniversary of Lyla and Graham Stewart. With the closure of St. Andrew's the family wanted the vases to be housed and used in another Presbyterian church in Hamilton. We are thankful to Lyla's son, William, and husband, Graham for this gift, and we will use the vases in Lyla's memory and to the glory of God.

Office Administrator Job Posting – Our search for a permanent office administrator continues. We're asking members of the congregation to keep this opening in mind if you know anyone who would be a good fit for the role.

If you'd like a copy of the job description it can be found on our website or the office can send it over upon request. If you do have a candidate that you'd like to refer, either send their info or have them reach out to the office via email –

[info@stpaulshamilton.ca](mailto:info@stpaulshamilton.ca)

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## This Week at St. Paul's

### Sunday, May 15

Hamilton Beat Harmonic in St. Andrew's Hall at 6:00pm

### Monday, May 16

Rental in St. Andrew's Hall at 7:00pm.

### Tuesday, May 17

Finance and property meeting at 7:00pm over Zoom.

### Thursday, May 19

Quartet rehearsal at 7 pm.

### Friday, May 20

Rental in Centennial Hall from 5:30 to 7 pm.

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## MISSION MOMENTS



In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting farmers. As a result of climate change, these unpredictable rains greatly impact food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. To assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District, workshops that teach conservation agriculture techniques are held. Farmers learn how to use mulch and make compost to nourish the soil and grow better crops. Farmers also learn other essential techniques, including weed and pest management, to address the ongoing challenges of climate change. **Since implementing a conservation agriculture approach, many farmers have significantly increased their crop yields.** This agricultural project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.