



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

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## SUNDAY SERVICE: Pentecost XII

August 20, 2023. 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 cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service.*

### WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn **477** "Your hand, O God, has guided"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

\*Responsive Psalm **42: 1-11** ref: I Reader: Heather Pirie

1 Kings **19: 1-13** (page **402**, OT)

2 Corinthians **4: 16-18** (page **230**, NT)

\*Hymn **681** "We have heard a joyful sound"

Sermon "Elijah in the Shade of the Juniper Tree"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

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

\*Hymn **674** "In the bulb there is a flower"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

\*The Doxology **830** *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Hymn **490** "God of grace and God of glory"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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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.

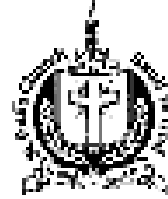
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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

Minister (Interim):	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Guest Organist:	D. Jay Moons
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Heather Pirie, North Aisle Walter Plater, South Aisle

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Memorial Gathering in Honour of Cathie** – We at St. Paul's are saddened to learn of the death of Cathie Nicholson. Cathie was a long-time member of St. Paul's and was active in the life of the church with her husband, David until his passing several years ago. Cathie has been living in a condo in Burlington and was assisted there by her daughter, Trish. Cathie and David's son Andrew is living in Toronto. Our condolences to Cathie's family and friends, including close family friend, Archie McQueen. A memorial gathering will be held at Smith's Funeral Home, 485 Brant St., Burlington (one block north of City Hall), on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 4pm-7pm. ([www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com))

**Church Office Hours** – The regular St. Paul's Office hours are now Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. We will no longer stay open 'til 4pm.

**Indoor Bicycle Parking** - If you rode your bike to church today, you are very welcome to park it in the Library section of St. Andrew's Hall. St. Paul's will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that might happen in or on our property, but we can assure you that the Library is a good place to park your bike during the service, rather than outside.

**Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre donations**- Donations of toiletries and non-perishable snacks and foods would still be of great help to the HUC CHC. Please leave these items in the boxes on the St. Andrew's stage. **If you'd like to leave fresh food** (ex: watermelon, bananas, healthy baked goods, eggs, a pot of soup, etc.), **please leave these items in the St. Paul's refrigerator and call the CTS (905-522-3233, ext. 109) to let them know it's there.** Their clients are so grateful.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

11:00am: Sunday Service: Pentecost XII

12:00pm: Cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

## MISSION MOMENT from the PWS&D



On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.