



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

Sunday Service – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20th, 2025. 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

*Opening Hymn **438** "When morning gilds the skies"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Joel Swenor

*Responsive Psalm **33:1-7** ref. I

Deuteronomy **17:1-17** (page **215**, OT)

John **8:1-11** (page **143**, NT)

*Hymn **508** "Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated"

Solo "Come, Ye Blessed" John Prindle Scott

Soloist: Caren Donahoe

Sermon "Which Version of God Do You Prefer?"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **636** "When voices are confusing"

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 **479 v. 1,2,5** "The church's one foundation"

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

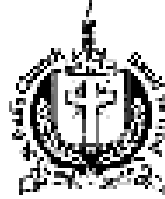
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Heather Pirie, North Aisle Annette Sydney, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refugee Committee Update –

After waiting many months, Sandu has had her interview with the International Refugee Committee to obtain her visa required prior to coming to Canada. The family is still in Israel after fleeing Eritrea. Due to the conditions at present, we do not know how long this process will take, or how or when they would be able to find a flight out.

Please pray for the family's safety as they wait to take these last steps of their journey to Canada.

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue to be held throughout the summer. Please visit St. Andrew's Hall to view the picks of the week or Centennial Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 20th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, July 21st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Tuesday, July 22nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, July 23rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, July 25th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall
