



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

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**SUNDAY SERVICE: Pentecost V**  
**July 2, 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 Coffee Hour, immediately following the service, in St. Andrew's Hall.*

**WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD**

Prelude "Create in me a clean heart, O God" J.G. Walther

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 6 "How long will you forget me, Lord" (Ps. 13)

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

**WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

\*Responsive Psalm 13: 1-6 ref. I Reader: Walter Plater

Genesis 22: 1-14 (page 22, OT)

Romans 6: 12-23 (page 197, NT)

\*Hymn 364 "Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat"

Solo "O God, have Mercy" F. Mendelssohn  
Soloist: Caren Donahoe

Sermon "Faith at the Crossroads" Dr. Christianne Stephens  
Silent Reflection

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

\*Hymn 462 "All my hope on God is founded"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Adagio in F" J.B. Cramer

\*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Hymn 760 "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

\*Hymn 800 "O Canada"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Finale" Robert J. Powell

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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

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.

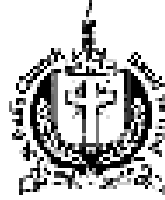
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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
Guest Preacher:	Dr. Christianne Stephens
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Archie McQueen, North Aisle Walter Plater, South Aisle

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour!** A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the office for anyone who is able to bring cold drinks and cookies, serve and clear-up. If you have any questions please reach out to Trish Haycock.

**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. Unfortunately, locking up outside has proven to be quite a risk for bike theft and damage, and we highly recommend that you bring it inside instead. 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.

**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 your items in the boxes on the St. Andrew's stage. Thanks!

## OUR GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Christianne Stephens is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She is currently attending Knox College seminary in Toronto. Prior to answering the call to ministry, Christianne was a scholar and educator. She earned her doctorate in anthropology and taught at the postsecondary level for over a decade. Christianne shares God's love through her many years of volunteer work in various organizations in the Hamilton community.

Thank you for being with us today, Christianne

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

11:00am: Sunday Service: Pentecost V

12:00pm: Coffee Hour in St. Andrew's Hall

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-4:00pm: Church office is OPEN

### Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-4:00pm: Church office is OPEN

### Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-4:00pm: Church office is OPEN

### Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm: Rental in St. Andrew's Hall

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

## MISSION MOMENT from PWS&D

"The earthquake experience is unlike any other," shared D, a 68-year-old retiree. When a powerful earthquake struck the border region between northern Syria and southeast Türkiye, the



damage and loss were overwhelming. The earthquake caused widespread displacement, with many people fleeing their homes for fear of aftershocks and further collapses. At the time, the Syrian population was already profoundly impacted by the persisting war and the country's economic collapse. PWS&D responded through our partners to provide

temporary shelter, much-needed mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, hot meals and psychological support to affected families. In addition, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, our partners are providing monthly food rations to those most affected.