



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

Sunday Service – World Communion **Sunday**

October 4th, 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 "Now the Silence" Walter L. Pelz

*Call to Worship

*Hymn 299 "Holy, holy, holy"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Joel Swenor

*Responsive Psalm 19, v. 1-10, ref. I

Isaiah 5: 1-7 (page 814, OT)

Matthew 21: 33-46 (page 30, NT)

*Hymn 482 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Anthem "Bread of the World" Hugh Garland

Sermon "If I Could Grow Just One Grape"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Cup of Blessing that We Share" H. Schroeder

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 543, v. 1-3 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith: the Apostle's Creed 539 Book of Praise

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 564 Book of Praise
(With intercessions added, sung response, & sung Lord's Prayer)

The Breaking of Bread and the Holy Communion

(The inner circle contains juice cups. The outer ring has wine.)

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 543, v. 4-7 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "O Lord, We Praise You" Charles W. Ore

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:	Gordon Swenor
Today's Ushers:	Judith Flaherty, Heather Pirie

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements this week!

MISSION MOMENT

We are God's people, called to serve with the unique gifts God has entrusted to each of us. As members of a denomination united by faith, shared governance, history, and mission, we are stronger when we work together. Through Presbyterians Sharing, Presbyterians across Canada join in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and sharing God's love and hope in our communities, across the country and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing strengthen congregations, bring hope to vulnerable people, support the PCC's commitment to confession, truth, and reconciliation with Indigenous people, seek justice, and share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways. Together, we can accomplish far more than any congregation or individual could on their own.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 4th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, October 5th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

Tuesday, October 6th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, October 7th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the fall thanks to Ida. Donated books from your own personal collections are welcomed and appreciated, please leave books near the book table. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!