



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

Sunday Service – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 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 "Idyl" Craig Penfield

*Call to Worship

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

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Debbie Bruce

*Responsive Psalm 150, ref. II

2 Kings 17: 24-41 (page 431, OT)

John 4: 1-26 (page 114, NT)

*Hymn 500 "Open my eyes, that I may see"

Anthem "We Bring Our Eager Souls to Thee" R. Gillam

Sermon "Getting the Message" Mr. Brent Ellis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 814 "Morning has broken"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Interlude" John Blow

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 338 "Let all things now living"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Trumpet Duet" Jeremiah Clark

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

Guest Minister:	Mr. Brent Ellis
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

Rally Sunday – TODAY'S THE DAY!

Join us after the service for our Rally Sunday lunch/Birthday celebration in St. Andrew's Hall. Enjoy some pizza and a cold drink, catch up with everyone. A free will offering to cover the cost of the pizza will be graciously accepted.



Welcome Mr. Brent Ellis –

Brent is a long-time friend of the people of St. Paul's. Brent has led worship here before, and when he is not preaching elsewhere, he has attended worship here. There is a rumour that Brent knows every person in Hamilton...and is related to 50% of them! We are very grateful to have Brent as our guest minister this week.

St. Paul's 2026 Directory –

Copies of the 2026 St. Paul's directory are available to be picked up in St. Andrew's Hall at the conclusion of the service. The St. Paul's directory is exclusively for the use of the members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 13th

11:00am: Sunday Service

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, September 14th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

Tuesday, September 15th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, September 16th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, September 18th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue through 2026 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!