



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

Sunday Service – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost & Holy Communion

October 5th, 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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread" J. Pachelbel

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **43** "God's name forever shall endure"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Heather Pirie

*Responsive Psalm **37: 1-11** ref. I

Lamentations **3: 19-26** (page **999**, OT)

Luke **15: 1-7** (page **95**, NT)

*Hymn **691** "My shepherd is the King of love"

Anthem "Here, O My Lord, I see Thee face to face"

Percy Whitlock

Sermon "When All the Lost Things are Found Again"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "O Bread of Life, from Heaven" R.H. Haan

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **528 v. 1-2** "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

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 **528 v. 3-4** "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

S. Sheidt

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 (Interim)
Today's Ushers:	Murray McDowall, North Aisle Annette Sydney, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed October 6th, 7th, 8th –

The church office is closed this week. Regular office hours will resume Monday, October 13th. If you need to reach the office, leave a phone message or an email and we'll try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Hamilton Presbytery Job Posting –

The Hamilton Presbytery is seeking a **Treasurer** due to a retirement in December. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the office for further details.

Coffee Hour –

St. Paul's is seeking donations of cookies or other baked goods. Please place any donations in the cupboard in the kitchen. All of your donations are greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 5th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, October 6th

Church office is CLOSED

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

Tuesday, October 7th

Church office is CLOSED

Wednesday, October 8th

Church office is CLOSED

Friday, October 10th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Refugee Committee Update –

Following is the message received recently from the committee chairperson, "I am praying that the situation in Israel will soon be peacefully resolved. I am definitely concerned for Sandu and her children... not only for their safety. But that the present conflict might delay their arrival in Canada. I am sure that you are praying right along with me."

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the fall. Ida has taken over from Lydia. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!