ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost/Legacy Giving Sunday
November 15, 2026 **10:30 AM**

** Stand if you are able* ***Bold:*** *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude:

CALL TO WORSHIP

** Entry of the Word* ** Processional*

* Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn: *"Ancient Of Days"* (projected)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

* Passing The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *"I Can Do All Things Through Christ"* *by Mark Hayes*

Time With Our Children:

Children & Worship and Jr. High students are invited to go downstairs. Sr. High students are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary or go with the Jr. High students, whatever they are most comfortable with.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" (#442)
(sung by the Choir)

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, p. 1684
Matthew 25:14-30, p. 1414

Reader: These are the words of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

SILENT REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Follow Me, The Master Said"* (#645)

*** Declaration of Faith** **(in unison/projected)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg
ORGANIST: Ian M. **PIANIST:** Rebecca S.
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Offertory:

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (#371)

Benediction:

Go Now in Peace

** Exit of the Word*

Greeter:	*Tracy R.*
In-Worship Greeter:	*Greg J.*
A.V. Booth:	*Nancy J. and Luke J.*
Reader:	*Janny S.*
Tellers:	*Beth & Ken S.*
Ushers:	*Keith M. and Greg J.*
Lift:	*Ian M.*
Children and Worship:	*Tracy R. and Jan S.*
Jr. High (Gr. 6-9):	*Susan & Gavin S.*
Coffee Hosts:	*Barbara G. and Doreen P.*

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's. May you experience the enlivening presence of God as you gather with God's family to celebrate God's amazing grace. We extend a special welcome to anyone who is worshiping with us for the first time today. Please record your presence by signing the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. Bulletins and headphones are available from our ushers.

ST. PAUL'S: "A witness in Norfolk to the transforming love of Jesus."

ST. PAUL'S – November 15 to 22 , 2026			
15	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
16	Monday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		Library Meeting	10:30 AM
17	Tuesday	Grief Support	1:30 PM
		HN PAR Program	4:00 to 8:00 PM
		Property & Maintenance	7:00 PM
18	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
		Bible Study	1:00 PM
		Friendship in Faith	7:00 to 8:15 PM
19	Thursday	Front Door Ministry	8:30 AM
		Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
20	Friday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
22	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9 AM - 4 PM Lunch Hour: 12 noon - 1 PM			

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 15, 2026



BOWMAN: The sincere sympathy of the St. Paul's family is extended to Heidi, Phillip and family on the loss of Heidi's mother, Frieda Senger, on November 9, 2026.

SIMCOE FAIR TRADE SALE: Thank you to the congregation for the support of this year's sale. Thanks to the volunteers and the attendees, we brought in approximately $18,500 to help support families in underprivileged countries.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The office will be placing the 2027 envelope order this week. Please contact the office if you:

- are currently not using envelopes and would like a set
- would like to make changes to your envelope status
- are on PAR and would like a set of 10 small envelopes

If you have been considering donating through PAR, this would be a good time to make that switch. Please contact Nancy for more info.

EUCHRE/GAMES/POTLUCK NIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 in the Lower Hall
Doors open at 5 PM, dinner at 5:30 PM
Bring your favourite game! Sign-up sheet is in the Library.



DECEMBER NEWS 'N VIEWS: Articles are due by November 29

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:
Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 PM at St. Paul's
Suffering a loss is devastating. You don't have to do it alone. Join us to learn about the impact of grief and meet others for connection and support. Limited number of spots available. Contact the office to preregister or for additional information.

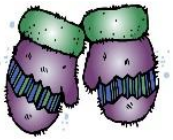
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Best wishes are extended to Ethan B. (20!), Noah S. (#18!), Kristyn H., Keith M. (#75!), Luke M., Louis I. and Dave Pettersen (#90!) !!!





FRONT DOOR MINISTRY: We are accepting donations of coats, hats, mittens and socks for our downtown neighbours in need. Please drop off donations to the church office during office hours.

Also, starting on Sunday, November 22, the Mission Committee's annual "Mittens For Missions" fundraiser will offer beautiful hand-made mittens from Mary V.G. and the proceeds will support the Front Door Ministry programs. Collection runs until Sunday, December 20.



BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS at 1:00 PM
Join us for our new study of Peter the Apostle. We will gather together at 1:00 PM in the St. Paul's Library. All are welcome.



ENTRY TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY: Please note that the wooden doors at the top of the cement steps are unlocked until 10:50 AM. The glass doors are locked at 10:31 AM, for security reasons.

MISSION: SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE
At Christmas, The Salvation Army distributes hundreds of food boxes to needy families. St. Paul's has always helped to fill their boxes with food. Your donated items may be dropped off to the Welcome Lobby at the church. Collection on Sunday, December 6 and 13. Additional details in next week's bulletin.



E-TRANSFERS: St. Paul's is able to receive your donations/offerings via e-transfer at the email stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com. To ensure your offerings are directed as you wish, i.e., to Current fund or other, please include this specific information when making the e-transfer.

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE: Remember that our PAR Program is available to help make your offering more convenient. If you would like more information about PAR, or to enroll in this pre-authorized monthly giving plan, please contact the church office for assistance.

NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE: ADVENT I (November 29)

MEDICAL MISSION DEPOT COLLECTION FOR CUBA: Ends November 15

We are collecting the following essential items (collection bin in lobby):

- **Over the counter meds for adults and especially children (expired is ok)**
- **Bar soap**
- **Toothbrushes and toothpaste**
- **Insect repellent for adults and children**

Thanks so much from St. Paul's Mission Circle!

COMMUNITY NOTES: Check the bulletin board for further details.

"A MUSICAL SERMON": Colborne Village United Church
Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 PM, featuring the Rev. Mark Curtis, "The Singing Priest".

PATCHES FROM HEAVEN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
This local program is looking for volunteers to knit patches, hand sew/crochet blankets together or do both!

HOPE CANADIAN MALE CHOIR: CHRISTMAS CONCERT & SING ALONG
Shows in Dunnville, Ancaster, Guelph and Woodstock.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: St. James United Church, Simcoe
Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 PM

Church Out Serving: Community Worship at Christmas
Sunday, November 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Simcoe Rec Centre

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR QUETZAL: STARTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22



There are currently several children living at Quetzal Family Homes for whom their mothers cannot provide a Christmas. Information cards about the children will be available in the Welcome Lobby next Sunday. Gifts are to be returned (unwrapped) by December 6. Gifts to be new items, with a $30 to $40 value. Thank you for your support.

ANTHEM: "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
He is my rock, He is my stay,
He is my comfort through the day.
He is my strength in every way.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

When doubts assail, and trials come and hope seems gone,
When I am weak and have no heart to sing my song,
I will evermore proclaim there is power in Jesus' name.
God's Word has promises I will claim.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

I will trust in the Lord with all my heart
and not depend on my own understanding.
In all my ways I will acknowledge Him
and He will direct my paths.

Christ is my shelter, my hope, my solid ground.
Abiding safe in His arms May I be found.
When all around is sinking sand,
I am secure in God's strong hands.
I gladly follow His commands.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Coffee 8:00 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM
Adults: $7.00 Children under 12: $2.00



The Family Breakfast Crew is hosting our annual Family Christmas Breakfast. Tickets will be available after service, in the Library, on November 22, 29 and December 6. Tickets may also be purchased at the church office during the week. Please confirm your attendance by purchasing your tickets!

NAME TAGS & DIRECTORY: All members are encouraged to wear their name tags – this will be helpful to identify new faces. If you would like a name tag or a directory, please contact the office.

PARKING: Please leave the Lot Street parking spaces open for those members who have mobility issues. Also, please remember that the parking lot at St. Paul's Court is for their tenants. Thank you.

We are called to live a generous life, to be faithful stewards of the gifts that God has given to us. Over time, generosity becomes a habit - and then a lifestyle. There are many ways to leave a legacy, including planned gifts.

Over 100 years ago, Sunday School teacher Isabel Walton gifted her farm in Scarborough, ON to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It grew to become Walton Place, housing Westminster Church, a 104-unit apartment complex and the Isabella Walton Childcare Centre.

Helen Watson's bequest to St. David's Church in Halifax established the Watson Endowment Fund, which has disbursed over $110,000 for a variety of ministries in Nova Scotia.

You can give a gift that will change lives today and grow the mission of the church for generations to come!

Planned gifts can be made through:

- Gifts of Cash
- Wills and bequests
- Life insurance
- Gift annuities
- Publicly traded securities
- Gifts of real estate
- Charitable remainder trusts

Planned Gifts:

- Are usually used to fund long-term ministry goals
- Often have tax benefits

We don't have to be millionaires to leave a legacy. A gift of any size, given in faith and entrusted to God, is a seed that grows. Congregations and ministries across our denomination have seen generosity bring life to vital new programs. People have been blessed. Congregations have been strengthened. And seeds of hope have been planted for generations to come.

To learn how a bequest, gift of stock, gift annuity or other planned gift can leave a lasting legacy, please contact:

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