

Global Shore Opportunities exists to transform Guatemala through Christ-centred education. The team will participate in morning devotions at our school, serve breakfast to our elementary students, enjoy recess with the kids, and help in English classes.

Each team contributes time and labour to a service project aligned with ministry needs. Snack times provide opportunities to hear impactful testimonies of staff and students, and house visits to deliver supply hampers to families give teams a window into everyday Guatemalan life.

Our ministry is located 20 minutes from the historic city of Antigua, Guatemala, where participants can visit 18th-century ruins, browse the open market, and experience the richness of Guatemalan culture. Teams also have a guided tour of our local coffee plantation.

Team members gain a deeper understanding of ministry through attending church services and partnering with local pastors in local outreach. We desire that team members will encounter the Lord, and that He will transform their hearts even after they return home.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Truth and Reconciliation Sunday
Guatemala Mission Service
September 27, 2026 **10:30 AM**



PASTOR PAUL'S SUMMER TEAM



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Truth and Reconciliation Sunday/Guatemala Mission Service

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10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

OPENING WORSHIP

* *Entry of the Word*

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

* *"FIESTA En El Desierto"* (projected video)

Introduction of St. Paul's Mission Team and Global Shore Team

Opening Worship:

* *"There's Joy In The House Of The Lord"* (projected video)

* *"Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul"* (projected video)

Opening Prayer: Leigh Nagy and Deb Melnyk

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Time With Our Children: Deb Melnyk (projected video)

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.

PRESENTATION: Scott Elliott (projected slides)

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *"The Time For Turning"* music by Craig Courtney
lyrics by Pamela Martin

PRESENTATION: Leigh Nagy

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *"La Paz de la Tierra" (The Peace of the Earth)*
music and text - traditional Guatemalan

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

PRESENTATION: Deb Melnyk (projected slides)

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian M.

PIANIST: Rebecca S.

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Closing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (spoken; projected)

Announcements

CLOSING WORSHIP

* *"What A Beautiful Name It Is"* (projected video)

* Benediction

* *"Go Now In Peace"* (sung; projected)

* *Exit of the Word* Musical Postlude

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Frank & Grete L.</i>
<i>A.V. Booth:</i>	<i>Brian A. and Frank L.</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Scott E., Deb M. and Leigh N.</i>
<i>Tellers:</i>	<i>George & Judy M.</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jacklyn & Willie N.</i>
<i>Lift:</i>	<i>Ian M.</i>
<i>Children and Worship:</i>	<i>Emily S. and Kai H.</i>
<i>Jr. High (Gr. 6-9):</i>	<i>Susan & Gavin S.</i>
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	<i>Scott E., Barbara G., Grace M., Deb M., Leigh N., Doreen P. and Linda S.</i>

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 worshipping 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 may be obtained from our ushers.

GRACIAS, GRACIAS, GRACIAS !!!

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!! Your generosity was outstanding. With your help, we raised \$4,225 to be shared with our friends in Guatemala. We experienced firsthand the impact of your gifts on the children and teachers. They were so appreciative and send their thanks!

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ST. PAUL'S – September 27 to October 4, 2026

27	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
28	Monday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		WMS/Mission Circle	1:30 PM
29	Tuesday	Praise & Prayer	10:00 AM
		Grief Support	1:30 PM
		HN PAR Program	4:00 to 8:00 PM
30	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
		Bible Study	1:00 PM
1	Thursday	Front Door Ministry	8:30 AM
		Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
2	Friday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		Movie Night	6:30 PM
4	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

Church Office Hours – Monday to Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM; lunch hour 12 noon to 1 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 27, 2026



COFFEE HOUR: We have resumed our post-worship coffee and fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Library, should you wish to volunteer.

Our Guatemala Mission team would like to thank you for your support and invites you to stay after the service for a special coffee hour.

FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH NEEDS MORE FRIENDS!

We need Friends who have struggles and Friends who will support them! We need a Friend [or 2] to make coffee, tea etc. before each meeting. We need Friends to donate "goodies" (finger friendly cookies, squares). Please consider this invitation and if you are curious come out this Wednesday [by 7 p.m.] and be blessed, and see if God is calling you to this special ministry! There are brochures on the table just at the top of the stairs! Linda Shaw would be pleased to answer your questions.

MAILBOXES: Please check your mailbox for correspondence, name tags, envelopes, News 'N Views, interim receipts, etc.

THESE DAYS: The fourth quarter 2026 issue is now available; if you are a subscriber, please look for this in your church mailboxes. Please contact the church office if you would like to subscribe in 2027.

THANK YOU! Thank you to Jacklyn N. and Kim M. who decorated the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving – it looks great!



CELTIC EVENING: Monday, October 19, 7:00 PM

St. Paul's will be hosting another Celtic Evening in our Sanctuary – come out and enjoy an "Evening at the Kirk".

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Beginning on September 29, 2026

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.



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes are extended this week to
Ian S., Rob B. and Youngmi K. !!!



BIBLE STUDY: STARTED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Join us for our study of the Book of Zechariah. We will gather together on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. All are welcome. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Library table.



LUNCH BUNCH: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 12 PM
GREEN ROOM, 243 MAIN STREET, PORT DOVER
(near the Lighthouse Festival Theatre)

Please contact Peggy McArthur either at 43pmca@eastlink.ca or by calling 519-426-7796 (by October 4) to reserve.

MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, October 2 at 6:30 PM in the St. Paul's Library
Join us for the James Bond movie "Skyfall". Popcorn & water provided.

NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday, October 4, 2026

 PRAISE AND PRAYER

Regular Praise and Prayer meetings have resumed; they will take place Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Parlour. Come and join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

As we start up again this September after our August break, we are in need of **juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, rice krispy bars, cheese and cracker packs, and easy open cans of tuna, salmon, pasta, and beans.** These will help to fill our snack bags. **We also need donations of cash to purchase Food Basics grocery cards for our coffee hours.** If you are able to help with any of the food items, you can place them in the bin marked Front Door Ministry located in the lobby. Money or cheques for food cards can be placed in an envelope marked "Front Door Ministry" and placed in the offering plate or given to the office. You will receive a tax donation receipt for money donations if you include your name. E-transfers can also be sent. Thanks in advance for your generous support of our ministry!



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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Please help us continue the tradition of decorating our church with non-perishable foods. These items are collected by our Mission Committee and are then delivered to Quetzal Family Homes. Please begin collecting your items and bring them with you on Thanksgiving Sunday. Your support is much appreciated.



CHRISTIAN NURTURE is looking for new members who would like to join our committee to help our church congregation grow in their faith, build community, and care for one another at every stage of life. Please reach out to Nicole A. if interested at (519) 420-8649. The Jr. High worship staff is also looking for another teacher to join their team. If you would like to be part of spiritual lessons, facilitate small group discussions and mentor youth in grades six to nine, Janet F. would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role further.

HAYRIDE AND CHILI: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 3:00 PM

Hosted by Christian Nurture,
all ages welcome!
Join us for a festive Fall hayride and
a hot bowl of chili!
Refreshments are included.
Evergreen Hill Farm, 687 St. John's Road
See sign-up sheet in the church Library.



ANTHEM: "THE TIME FOR TURNING"

To everything a season, to everything a time;
a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.
As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,
there comes a time for turning to every living thing.

The breezes change direction,
the geese turn homeward bound.
The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.
The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow
And so, to all a season, a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning and this the place to start;
for yielding to the yearning; for changing of the heart;
a moment to surrender the things we should release,
forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace,
and in forgiveness, peace, peace.