

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 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*

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(responsive; projected)

* Gathering Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness"

(#399)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

(spoken; projected)

Assurance of Pardon

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: "Trust And Obey God's Word" by Jean Anne Shafferman

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: John 3:25-36 p. 1513

Hebrews 1:1-14 p. 1704

Reader: These are the words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "HE MUST INCREASE"

SILENT REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"

(#267)

Declaration of Faith: The Nicene Creed

(projected)

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian M.

PIANIST: Rebecca S.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

* Doxology

(#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. D. C. MacDonald Scholarship Presentation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

(spoken; projected)

Announcements

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

(#687)

* Benediction

* "Go Now In Peace"

(sung; projected)

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude

Greeter:

Janet F.

In-worship Greeter:

TBD

A.V. Booth:

Brian A. and Frank L.

Reader:

Jane A.

Tellers:

Mike C. & Mary MC.

Ushers:

Gavin & Susan S.

Lift:

Jane A.

Summer Sunday School:

Youngmi K. and David H.

Jr. High (Gr. 6-9):

Janet F. and helper

Lemonade Hosts:

TBD

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.

He (God) intended to be our constant companion or co-worker in the creative enterprise of life on earth. That is what his love for us means in practical terms. – Dallas Willard

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

ST. PAUL'S – September 6 to 13, 2026			
6	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
7	Monday	Labour Day	Church office closed
8	Tuesday	Praise & Prayer	<i>resumes September</i>
		HN PAR Program	4:00 to 8:00 PM
9	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
		Mission	7:00 PM
		Friendship in Faith	7:00 to 8:15 PM
10	Thursday	Front Door Ministry	8:30 AM
		Finance & Stewardship	9:30 AM
		Christian Nurture	4:00 PM
		Session	6:30 PM
		Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
11	Friday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
13	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
<i>Church Office Hours – Monday to Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM</i> <i>Lunch Hour: 12 noon to 1 PM</i>			

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 6, 2026



LEMONADE: During the summer, we enjoy lemonade and fellowship after the worship service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Library to volunteer. Coffee resumes on September 13. Volunteers needed for this, too!



FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH: Resumes on Wednesday, September 9

FAMILY BREAKFAST: Sunday, September 20

Coffee starts at 8:00 AM, Breakfast 8:30 AM

Adults \$7.00 Children (under 12) \$2.00

Speaker: Ashley Zimmerman, Program Coordinator

for Caregiver Support and Education with VON

Topic: "VON Services & Supports" – a look at the educational programs, resources, and support services available in Norfolk County, offered by the VON to both caregivers and their families, which may enhance their well-being and help them navigate their caregiving journey.

Please sign-up in the Library so the cooks know how many to expect.



FALL FUNDRAISER: "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner"

The Finance & Stewardship committee is planning for a Fall fundraiser for Saturday, September 26 – enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with your St. Paul's family and help the church meet its ongoing financial obligations. See the Library info table and the insert for details or to sign up.



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 Presleigh P., Anne J., Owen B. (#21!), Betty F., Chandi M., and Ralph W. !!!



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



LUNCH BUNCH: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 12 PM BOSTON PIZZA, 9 QUEENSWAY WEST, SIMCOE

Please contact Peggy McArthur either at 519-426-7796 or by emailing 43pmca@eastlink.ca (by September 6) to reserve.

NEWS 'N VIEWS: Articles, updates, photos, announcements, etc. for the Thanksgiving N&V are due to the church office by September 20.

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.

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!



PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION: The Fall 2026 issues is now available in the church Library. Please feel free to pick one up and take home.

DR. D. C. MACDONALD SCHOLARSHIP: The 2026 recipient of this scholarship is Romulus Rhoad, who is studying at the Presbyterian College in Montreal. Romulus is originally from Albert, Saskatchewan. He is quite involved in his student body in Montreal, playing a leadership role in organizing events. We are pleased to have him here with us today.

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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please note that the church office shares birthday/anniversary information that they have on file. Please contact the office to update your information and/or to provide direction regarding authorization for posting.

COMMUNITY NOTES (see Library bulletin board for more details)

HOUSING REQUEST: We received a request for a room to rent. If you are considering renting out a room in your home and would like additional information, please contact the church office for details.

MASTERING THE GOLDEN YEARS: **September 23 from 11 AM to 3 PM**
Where: Norfolk County Public Library Simcoe Branch. A welcoming community event open and beneficial to everyone, with adults aged 60+ and caregivers in mind. Connect with a wide range of knowledgeable vendors ready to answer your questions, share valuable resources, and provide the support you need as you embrace your golden years.

GROW & GATHER: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 from 9 AM to 3 PM**
Norfolk County Fairgrounds, Agricultural Building
This is a one-day FRESH PRODUCE GIVE-AWAY by our generous and caring NORFOLK COUNTY FARMERS, because of their heart for local residents who live with food security concerns. Bring your own bag! Church Out Serving is honoured to be partnering with our farmers and Second Harvest in presenting this opportunity for our neighbours to be blessed with FREE produce from the abundance of Ontario's Garden!

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: **St. James United Church**
150 Colborne Street South, Simcoe
Friday, September 18 from 6 to 8 PM
Saturday, September 19 from 8:30 to 11 AM

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, September 6

Children living at Samuel House as well as some disadvantaged local children in Micske, Romania, play, study and enjoy nutritious meals together in a loving family-like Christian environment. They celebrate their birthdays and Christian holidays and in the summer attend summer camp. Without state support, Samuel House depends on domestic and international donations and this is where your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing come in. Csilla Bertalan, Director of Samuel House, writes, "Thank you for holding the children in our care in your prayers. And thank you for sharing your resources with us so that they may live their lives in fullness."

Come, come to the house of the Lord;
bring all your troubles to Jesus.
Pray, pray for his kind, loving grace,
warming your cold, troubled soul.
Hear, hear how His powerful word
cleanses and frees you from sin.
See, see the wonder of faith.
Trust Him to make your life whole.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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bring all your troubles to Jesus.
Hear, hear how His powerful word
cleanses and frees you from sin.

When you walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on your way!
When you trust in His will, He abides with you still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will together will meet
in the wonderful house of the Lord,
all our burdens to bear, all our sorrows to share,
and in faith we will trust in His word.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus.
We will trust and obey the Word of the Lord!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

We hope you are!

Join the people of St. Paul's for a Fun Fundraising event on Saturday, September 26th! Enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with your St. Pauls' Church friends and help support the Church meet its ongoing financial obligations!

How it works:

We need people to sign up as either a Host or as a Guest. Guests won't know who they will be dining with until they reach their destination. However, don't worry, we will match up old friends with some new friends. *Speaking of new friends, this dinner is open to folks outside of our St. Paul's family – if you would like to bring a guest, we will make sure to seat you and your guest together.*

Hosts: You will open your home and provide a setting to host 6-8 guests. You will also be expected to provide the main dish (protein) that the dinner will be based around. Hosts will know who is coming so they can reach out to ask the guest to bring a side dish, dessert or appetizer.

Guests: you will coordinate with your host to bring a dish of some sort as well as a donation to St. Paul's of \$50.00 per person. ***You will receive a tax receipt for this donation and all money raised goes directly to support the operations of the Church.***

To sign up, a sheet is available on the information table in the church Library. You may also email Nancy in the church office at admin@stpaulsdowntown.com.

If you have any questions, please email Dave at
dave@kingsflowerandgarden.com