

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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 of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

* Hymn: "Songs Of Thankfulness and Praise" (#176)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem: "Fill My Cup, Lord"

by Deanna Waters and Eric Wild

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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 p. 3 and 4

Romans 5:12-19 p. 1606

One: This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

SILENT REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn: "Seek Ye First" (#625)

Declaration of Faith: The Apostle' Creed (projected)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

Doxology (#830)

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian M. PIANIST: Rebecca S.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Hymn: "Jesus The Christ Said: I Am The Bread" (#346)

COMMUNION

Prayers of the People

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

Announcements

SENDING

* Hymn: "He Leadeth Me" (#650)

* Benediction

* "Go Now In Peace" (projected)

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude

Greeter:	Lauren B.
In-Worship Greeter:	Deb M.
A.V. Booth:	Nancy J. and Luke J.
Reader:	Shirley C.
Tellers:	Beth and Ken S.
Ushers:	Jacklyn & Willie N.
Lift:	Ian M.
Children and Worship:	Emily S. and Grace M.
Jr. & Sr. High (Gr. 6-12):	Erin B. and Rita P.
Coffee Hosts:	Barbara G., Doreen P. and Grace M.

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 ushers.

To die is to be healed a little more each death,
Until that final death
When I'll be healed forever.
It will be a healing that will last.
Your Words are healing
Although they bring about my death.



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

ST. PAUL'S – February 22 to March 1, 2026

22	Sunday	Communion Service	10:30 AM
23	Monday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		WMS/Mission Circle	1:30 PM
24	Tuesday	Praise & Prayer	10:00 AM
		HN PAR Program	4:00 to 8:00 PM
25	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 to 11:00 AM
		Lenten Midweek service	12 noon
		Lenten Lunch	after the service
26	Thursday	Front Door Ministry	8:15 AM to 9:30 AM
		Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
27	Friday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		Movie Night	6:30 PM
1	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 22, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes are extended to Rev. Malcolm M. (#95) !!!



LENTEN COIN BOXES: Now available in the library.
DONATIONS COLLECTED SUPPORT PWS&D PROJECTS

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting will be held on March 8, following the service, in the sanctuary. See you there!



LENTEN SERVICES & TOONIE \$2 SOUP LUNCHES:



Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing for six weeks, up to and including Wednesday, March 25, we will be having our mid-week services (12:10 PM start). The Lenten Lunches will follow the worship service.

A soup sign-up sheet is on the table in the Library. Please see Grace M. or Sharon W. for more information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Time: 1:30 PM

Organizers: St. Paul's WMS Mission Circle

World Day of Prayer 2026 is an ecumenical service written by a Christian group of women from Nigeria. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray, learn about Nigeria, sing and be in fellowship with others. All are welcome to attend. Donations will support social justice grants distributed in Canada and around the world. Contact Jane A. or see the info on the library bulletin board.



FAMILY BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 15,

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

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

Wanda Backus Kelly: Historical Importance of Backus Mill & Personal Family History

Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the Library, so that the cooks will know how many folks to cook for.



MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 6:30 PM

"THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND" is the true story of William Kamkwamba, the young Malawian genius who built a windmill entirely via DIY methods in the early 2000s, to save his family and village from drought and famine. It is as inspiring and morally upright as you'd expect from a film with such rousing source material drawn from real life. While thoroughly traditional with familiar beats of an exceptional child, his disapproving father and an eventual resolution that unites generations, the movie eloquently harnesses all these customary elements and yields them into an irresistible family film. (Roger Ebert)



PANCAKE DINNER: Thank you to all who supported our 2026 Pancake Dinner. We raised a total of \$914 for PWS&D!

TWO ROW ON THE GRAND: Info Session March 4 & 7; see bulletin board.

 **PRAISE AND PRAYER**  Regular meetings are held on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Parlour. Come and join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

 **MAILBOXES:** Please check your mailbox for correspondence, name tags, cards, newsletters and your 2025 tax receipts.

EASTER NEWS 'N VIEWS 2026: Please submit your articles, photos, announcements, etc. to the church office by Sunday, March 15.

EASTER FLOWERS: Mission Committee will begin taking orders after the service on Sunday, March 8. Mixed pots \$30 and singles \$15.

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ANTHEM LYRICS: "FILL MY CUP, LORD"

Fill my cup, Lord, to overflowing.
Lift me up, Lord, and make me whole.
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord,
Come and quench my thirsting soul.

Fill my cup, Lord, with living water,
For I thirst, Lord, and long to drink.
Fill it up, Lord, come Holy Spirit,
Take my soul and make it sing.

Holy, Holy, Holy Spirit,
Teach me of the One I love.
Keep me close to my dear Jesus,
Making me more like Him.

Bread of Heav'n, who feeds me manna
Fill my cup, Lord, and send me forth.
Live in me, Lord, that I my blossom,
Freely bearing fruit for You.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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.

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. **Please also remember to include both your first and last names.**

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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR & FELLOWSHIP: Please see the sign-up sheet in the Library, should you wish to volunteer. *Should you wish to donate a package of non-perishable cookies or treats for coffee hour, please drop that off to the Library kitchenette. These items will be handy to have on a Sunday when we are short on baked goods. Thank you.*

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship program is ready and waiting for children 3 years of age to Gr. 5. Encourage family and friends to join us. There's an information bulletin on the desk at the entrance to the sanctuary.



COMMUNITY NOTES

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY SHOW: "CURTAINS"
A musical/comedy/whodunit, playing at the Lighthouse Theatre, Port Dover. Running on weekends from April 10 to April 26. Featuring one of our members, Jim Donovan!

"NEW TO YOU" SOFA: Sofa offered for free, needs to be picked up. Measurements are 6' long on the cushions, and 7' in total length. For more information, please contact the church office; photo is on the bulletin board in the church library.