

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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: "Praise, I Will Praise You Lord"* (#420)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem: "Lord Be With Us On This Day"

words and music by Jay Althouse

Children's Time:

*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 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

One: These are the words of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE:**

SILENT REFLECTION

**OUR RESPONSE**

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

**Declaration of Faith: Based on Colossians 1:15-20** (projected)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Ian M.

**PIANIST:** Rebecca S.

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Offertory:

\* *Doxology* (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayers

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

Announcements

**SENDING**

\* *Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly"* (#640)

\* Benediction

\* *"Go Now In Peace"* (projected)

\* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude

*Greeter:*

*Lauren F.*

*In-Worship Greeter:*

*Jane A.*

*A.V. Booth:*

*Nancy J. and Barbara G.*

*Reader:*

*Jane A.*

*Tellers:*

*George & Judy M.*

*Ushers:*

*Carol C. and Marg D.*

*Lift:*

*Jack N.*

*Children and Worship:*

*Linda S. and Jan S.*

*Jr. & Sr. High (Gr. 6-12)*

*Janet F. and Lauren F.*

*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 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.

We must be vulnerable and reachable enough that others can get close enough to love us, including Jesus.

— Donald Shelby

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ST. PAUL'S – September 14 to 21, 2025			
14	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
15	Monday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
16	Tuesday	Praise & Prayer	10:00 to 11:30 AM
		HN PAR Program	4:00 to 8:30 PM
		Property & Maintenance	7:00 PM
17	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 to 11:00 AM
		Friendship in Faith	7:00 to 8:15 PM
18	Thursday	Front Door Ministry	8:30 AM
		Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
19	Friday	VON SMART® Exercise	9:15 to 10:15 AM
		CCSYR Prayer Gathering	4:30 to 7:30 PM
21	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 14, 2025



**COFFEE HOUR:** Starting in September, we resume our post-worship coffee and fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Library, should you wish to volunteer.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes are extended this week to  
Judy-Ann M., Karen M., David A. and Joyce D. !!!



**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP:** Thank you to all the helpers who covered our Summer Sunday School schedule. Our regular Children and Worship has resumed – join us & bring a friend!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS:** New photos welcome!  
If you have a photo you would like to share, please send to the office.

**NEWS 'N VIEWS:** Articles for the Thanksgiving edition of the N&V are to be into the church office by September 21. Thank you.

## BIBLE STUDY: STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Join us for our study of the Book of Galatians. We will gather together at 1:00 PM, meeting for the next 4 weeks, concluding on October 22. All are welcome. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Library table.

**THESE DAYS:** The *fourth* quarter edition of this publication is now in mailboxes (for those who are subscribers).



## FAMILY BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, September 28

Coffee 8:00 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM

Adults: \$7.00 Children under 12: \$2.00

Speaker: TBD



*Please sign up on the information sheet on the Library table as this will give the cooks an estimate of numbers attending.  
Alternatively, phone/email the office to sign up.*

**CONNECTIONS:** The Fall 2025 edition of the Presbyterian Connection is now available in the church Library.

## Praise and Prayer

Regular Praise and Prayer meetings have resumed.  
They are held on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Parlour.  
Come and join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

**LOOKING FOR A FREEZER:** There is a member of the congregation who is looking for a gently-used freezer. If you have such an item and are interested in selling it, please contact the office for more information.

## COMMUNITY INFO – SEE BULLETIN BOARD for more information

## FOOD TOUR OF NORFOLK: RAFFLE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Proudly benefiting the Terry Fox Foundation. One grand prize of local restaurant gift certificates and vouchers. See poster on bulletin board.

## CLASSICAL PIANO RECITAL: BRYN BLACKWOOD

Sunday, October 26, 3:00 PM at St. James United Church, Simcoe  
Free will offering

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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.

**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.

**PARKING:** Please leave the Lot Street parking spaces open for those members who have mobility issues. Thank you.

**E-TRANSFERS:** St. Paul's is able to receive your donations/offerings via e-transfer at the email [stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**MAILBOXES:** Please check your mailbox for correspondence, name tags, cards, interim statements or newsletters.

**CCSYR PRAYER GATHERING:** Friday evenings in September

## LOOKING AHEAD – OCTOBER 2025

Communion: Sunday, October 5

Grief Support Group: Starting Tuesday, October 21

Simcoe Fair Trade Sale: Friday, October 31 from 10 AM to 6 PM  
Saturday, November 1 from 10 AM to 3 PM

Book Study: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made": Fall/Winter 2026

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Calendar

Website: [stpaulsdowntown.com](http://stpaulsdowntown.com)

Regular Office Hours:  
Monday to Thursday,  
9 AM to 4 PM

## ANTHEM LYRICS: "LORD, BE WITH US ON THIS DAY"

Words and music by Jay Althouse

Lord, be with us on this day,  
and in Thy presence my We evermore adore Thee.  
And Lord, be near and show Thy way,  
that we may follow in the path You choose.

Lord, be with us on this day,  
as with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices.  
And Lord, let us not go astray,  
for we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation.

Help us, O Lord, to love and understand  
all Thy ways both great and small.  
Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray  
so that we may need Thy call.

Lord, be with us on this day,  
and in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee.  
And Lord, be near and show Thy way,  
that we may follow in the path You choose.  
Amen.

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