



ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to God's house on this beautiful morning!

We are grateful for this opportunity to join together in worship.

If you are a guest, we extend a special welcome to you;

you're invited to fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate.

Please come again and share in the life and worship of this congregation.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12, NIV

Please ensure your **cell phone** is turned off or in silent mode.

Large print (words only) hymn books are available.

✧ *Indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Bold print indicates the congregation's response.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

We Gather

✧ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We give thanks to God with all our hearts,

for God's faithful love endures forever.

We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

**for God's promises declare God's goodness to all
the earth.**

We place our trust in God with full confidence,

**and we come to worship with hearts full of
praise.**

✧ **GREETING**

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and yet you come to us afresh each new day. You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged. You offer healing for what is worn or broken. You restore hope when things seem impossible. You are the source of life and love for all your creatures, and you renew us to put our love for you into action for the wellbeing of your creation. And so, we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, and offer our prayers and praise to you, eternal and ever-present God, now and always. Confident of your grace and loving kindness, we confess to you our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world. You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom, but we wait for others to do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out, and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ—and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. So let us make a fresh start today!

We Listen

KIDS' PRAISE: "Do-Ya"

KIDS' TIME: "Peter's Confession"

[Children are invited to leave to attend Sunday School]

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 124:1-6

*(Congregation's response is in **bold** type)*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side

—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;

then the flood would have swept us away;

the torrent would have gone over us;

then over us would have gone

the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,

who has not given us

as prey to their teeth.

✧ **HYMN:** "Gloria Patri"

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OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 51:1, 6-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Love of God"

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 16:13-20

The Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAISE: "I Worship You Almighty God" (sing 2x) pb 126

SERMON: "WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?"

We Respond

HEART TO HEART: "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

#535

THE OFFERING

✧ **PRESENTATION:** "Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow"

#830

✧ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We Go into the World

✧ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
praise book 59

✧ **BLESSING FOR REFRESHMENTS**

✧ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

✧ **CHORAL AMEN**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

*We invite you to join us in the Multi-purpose Room
for a time of refreshments and conversation
following the service.*

ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister:	Rev. Paul Ku
Music Director:	Lynda Wray
Welcoming Elder:	Molly Naidoo
Worship Leader:	Dionne Cousins
Special Music:	Jim Bissessar, Allison Payne
Scripture Reader:	Jasmine Zouhair
Duty Ushers:	Raymie Cousins, Lin Nah Ho
Slide Operator:	Janice Flavien
Coffee Hosts:	Megan Aro, Marva Duffus



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

New Members

Next Sunday, August 30 we are excited to receive several **new members** into our congregation. You'll notice they are all familiar faces, folks who are already part of our church family...so you may wonder what is changing? What does it mean to be a member of this congregation?

Becoming a member is joyful occasion! A person affirms their baptism by professing faith in the Trinity. Through vows, members renounce sin and turn to Jesus Christ, and, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, express a desire to mature as Christians in the church, seek the guidance of Christ in the Word of God, celebrate Christ's death and life in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and engage in Christ's mission to the world.

Membership is a sign of God's profound grace that reaches out and invites us to be part of his Church. Membership is also a public demonstration of substantial commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ and to this congregation.

Don Muir, retired Associate Secretary of the General Assembly Office, put it this way: "Sometimes being a member is compared to marriage. You can live with someone and enjoy many of the same benefits of marriage, but when two people marry, they enter into an even deeper bond of commitment to each other before God."

If you have any questions about membership, or are interested in becoming a member of St. David's yourself, please speak with your Elder or Rev. Paul.

ST. DAVID'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 23, 2026

We **welcome** back Rev. Paul and Grace after their short vacation. We hope you had a wonderful time away with your family, and we're glad to have you back!

Ken is inviting you to join him for **prayer** on the second and fourth (today) Sunday of each month at 10 am in the Village Boardroom. Come with your prayer request.

Our **Young People's Fellowship Event** will take place today following the Fellowship Hour. We'll be enjoying a barbecue and some outdoor games right here at St. David's. All Sunday School kids and young adults are invited to come.

Sunday, August 30: **Reception of New Members and Elder Ordination.**

If you have moved or changed your **phone number or e-mail address**, please make sure to share your new information with your elder, Megan, or Rev. Paul. We want to be sure everyone receives important congregational information and updates!

Bible Studies—in person on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Village Board Room.

Baptism and **New Member** class, speak to Rev. Paul.

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BIBLE READING PLAN

This week we will complete our three-week journey through Paul's letter to the **Ephesians**. As we finish up the second half of this book, we'll continue to explore with Paul how the Gospel should affect the way we live our lives personally, in our community, and within our families.

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| Monday, August 24 | ☐ Ephesians 5:3-21 |
| Tuesday, August 25 | ☐ Ephesians 5:22-33 |
| Wednesday, August 26 | ☐ Ephesians 6:1-9 |
| Thursday, August 27 | ☐ Ephesians 6:10-18 |
| Friday, August 28 | ☐ Ephesians 6:19-23 |

Prayer requests, please contact
Evangeline Persaud or
Joan Watson

Pastoral care, contact your elder or
Rev. Paul at the church 416-267-7897.

