



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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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**

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

We will sing praises for all that God has done.

Let your hearts be joyful!

We will seek God's presence continually.

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**We will always remember the blessings of God
and glorify God forever!**

✧ **PROCESSIONAL:** "Lift High the Cross" v. 1, 3, 5 #643

✧ GREETING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy, Mysterious, Eternal and Ever-loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the beginning and end of all things. In your depth, we find mystery. In your breadth, we know your tender embrace. We can only wonder at your love for us, so small a part of your whole creation are we. Yet in Jesus Christ we meet your generous grace. In the Holy Spirit, you move with us to inspire our action and fill us with hope. Our thoughts cannot exhaust your wisdom, nor can our hearts fathom your mercy. And so, we worship you in humble praise, Holy God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

Out of a desire to begin again with you and each other, we confess to you our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's embracing grace.

We Listen

KIDS' PRAISE: "Jesus in the Morning"

KIDS' TIME: "Follow Jesus"

[Children are invited to leave to attend Sunday School]

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 26:1-8

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

Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless,

nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers

and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence

and go around your altar, O LORD,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and telling all your wondrous deeds.

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**O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

✧ **HYMN:** "Gloria Patri"

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OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 3:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 16:24-25

The Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: "THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

We Respond

HEART TO HEART PRAISE BAND: "Goodness of God"

THE OFFERING

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

#830

✧ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Service for the Ordination of a Ruling Elder

Evangeline Persaud

Reception of New Members

Velda Alexander
Floris Birkett
Suzanne Birkett
Luigi Boni
Dina Chapman
Laura Eglitis
Alfred Ku
Errol Patterson
Dinesh Xavier
Kareem Zouhair

We Go into the World

HEART TO HEART PRAISE BAND: "Goodness of God"

✧ **BLESSING FOR REFRESHMENTS**

✧ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

✧ **CHORAL AMEN**

ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister:	Rev. Paul Ku
Music Director:	Lynda Wray
Welcoming Elder:	Jim Bissessar
Worship Leader:	Evangeline Persaud
Special Music:	Hilry Neale
Scripture Reader:	Oliver Yankson
Duty Ushers:	Roy Harripaul, Errol Patterson
Slide Operator:	Janice Flavien
Coffee Hosts:	Jean Lake, Winsome Thomas

New Members

Today we are excited to receive ten **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 30, 2026

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

Thank you to everyone who made last week's **Young People's Fellowship Event** such a success! We had lots of fun together and enjoyed delicious food. We look forward to more fellowship opportunities for the Sunday School kids and young adults in future!

Next Sunday we will be celebrating **Holy Communion**.

A reminder that we are now offering **Sunday School** on Communion Sundays. We ask each family to decide with their young person whether they will stay in church to celebrate communion with the congregation or leave after the "Kids' Time" to attend class.

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

No matter our age, September brings thoughts of “Back to School.” Reading, writing, arithmetic; the world is full of things to learn! Yet Proverbs 1:7 reminds us that *the fear of the Lord is the **beginning** of knowledge.* The *fear* of the Lord described in this verse is not the same as being afraid or scared; it’s a reverent **love** that understands God’s grace toward the person who **trusts** Christ and who wants to **do** what is pleasing to the Lord. The book of Proverbs was written by a Solomon, a man who *loved the Lord* and had a God-given *wise and discerning mind*. This month we will read through the godly wisdom recorded by Solomon in Proverbs.

Monday, August 31	☐ Proverbs 1
Tuesday, September 1	☐ Proverbs 2
Wednesday, September 2	☐ Proverbs 3
Thursday, September 3	☐ Proverbs 4
Friday, September 4	☐ Proverbs 5
Saturday, September 5	☐ Proverbs 6
Sunday, September 6	☐ Proverbs 7

Prayer requests, please contact
Evangeline Persaud or
Joan Watson

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



Pastoral Care