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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.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 1, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
Revelation 7:12, NRSV

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**

Let us bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise will always be on our lips.
Magnify the Lord in all ways;
We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.
God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.
May they lead us into your holy presence.

✧ **Hymn:** "To God be the Glory" #350

✧ **Greeting**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

God of life and blessing, you have created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So it is our greatest joy to be united in the community of your people, stretching across the generations, throughout all time and space. We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, in heaven and on earth, who worship and adore you, saying: All blessing and honour, glory and power wisdom, riches and strength belong to you, O God, now and forever! Amen. Let us confess to God and one another our sins:

Prayer of Confession

God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul declared: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

We Listen

KIDS' PRAISE: "Wake Me Up (I Freeze!)"

KIDS' TIME: "Wanting Something God Wants"

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 34:1-5

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

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

✧ **HYMN:** "Gloria Patri" #594

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:9-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12, NIV
The Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

✧ **HYMN:** "Seek Ye First" (verse 1) #625

SERMON: "BLESSED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

We Respond

HEART TO HEART PRAISE BAND

THE OFFERING

✧ **PRESENTATION:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #830

✧ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✧ **PRAISE:** "Jesus Paid it All" praise book 93

✧ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated on the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING #564

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS
(Please note, all glasses contain grape juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go into the World

✧ **Recessional:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #563

✧ **Blessing for Refreshments**

✧ **Commissioning and Benediction**

✧ **Sung Blessing:** "Go Now in Peace"

✧ **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:	Megan Aro
Scripture Reader:	Kareem Zouhair
Duty Ushers:	Lin Nah Ho, Errol Patterson
Slide Operator:	Janice Flavien
Coffee Hosts:	Velda Alexander, Floris Birkett

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no **Sunday School** today, children will stay in the sanctuary as we celebrate Communion together. Ushers have pencil and crayon activities available for younger children to use during the service.

Following nomination and approval by the Session, **Ken Persaud**, an ordained elder, is being presented for election to serve on Session at St. David's. Each Member will be given an anonymous ballot to vote on his election. Please see Megan in the lobby following the service to receive your ballot. Return your completed ballot to the church by Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am.

Zoom Bible Study returns this week, Thursday at 7 pm. Zoom links will be sent to all who have provided their e-mail address to the church. If you're not sure if we have your e-mail address, please speak to Rev. Paul or Megan Aro following today's service. In person studies continue to meet in the Board Room Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

Next week we will be collecting nonperishable food for the St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church **food bank**.

Hymn Sing—Monday, November 9 at 7 pm

Visitation, Funeral, and Reception for **Joan Watson** will take place at St. David's on Saturday, November 14 starting at 1 pm (service at 2 pm.)

Prayer requests, *please contact Evangeline Persaud*
Pastoral care, *contact your elder or Rev. Paul at the church 416-267-7897.*



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BIBLE READING PLAN

"The church lives to **praise** God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday." (*Living Faith* 7.3.1)

Our Bible reading plan this month is centred around **praising** the Lord!

After you've read each day's Scripture, take some time to choose one or two words of praise found in the passage, then write or say a prayer of praise using the word(s) you have chosen.

An example:

"In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them." (Psalm 22:4)

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"Lord, you've shown us again and again, we can always trust in you!"

Sunday, November 1	☐ Psalm 22:3-4
Monday, November 2	☐ Isaiah 25:1
Tuesday, November 3	☐ Psalm 150:6
Wednesday, Nov. 4	☐ Acts 16:25-34
Thursday, Nov. 5	☐ John 4:7-26
Friday, November 6	☐ Psalm 103:1-5
Saturday, November 7	☐ 1 Chronicles 16:34