

Ascension Sunday/General Assembly Sunday

Sunday, June 1st, 2025



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Amen.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession (in unison)

God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy, in Christ Jesus you came to live among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. After he suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things. As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation and every situation. So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love, offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

You desire us to share in the unity and be one as you are Three in One. We confess that such unity often eludes us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. The love you called us to offer one another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity and love you cherish for your followers so we may witness to unity and love in this divided world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn 216

Rejoice, the Lord is King

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

p. 770

Responsive Psalm 47

¹Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

²**For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.**

³He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

⁴He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

⁵God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

N.T. Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 827

N.T. Gospel Luke 24:44-53 p. 749

Hymn 218 Crown Him with many crowns

Sermon In his place...

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 221 Rejoice and be glad!

Offering and Offertory

Doxology (603)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Apostles' Creed (616)

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn 112 (SoG) Blessed Assurance

Benediction and Choral Amen

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, June 1

At 23, Tamala developed a passion for banana farming, inspired by the small plot of banana plants behind her family's home in Malawi. However,

her lack of knowledge and resources limited her efforts, making it difficult to expand beyond subsistence farming. Her circumstances changed when she was invited to join a training session on modern farming practices and how to work with banana seedlings. Motivated and equipped with new techniques, Tamala began expanding her farm, applying the practices she had learned to improve her yields. Reflecting on her journey with this project supported by PWS&D, Tamala explained, "The training opened my eyes to my potential as a banana farmer. It is now my pathway to securing a better life for me and my son. I will scale up my banana farming business to increase my income."

Sunday, June 1 We pray today for the 2025 General Assembly and the Moderator as commissioners gather at McMaster University in Hamilton to seek to discern the mind of Christ and to direct the work, ministry and mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Upcoming events

The Committal Service will be held on Thursday of this week for Evelyn Shaw at 1:30pm at Bible Hill Cemetery, 41 Warren Drive.

Sam Graham will once again be with us for an afternoon of gospel music on Sunday, June 22 at 2pm. This is always a wonderful afternoon of music with Sam and friends. Invite your families and friends to come. Mark your calendars.

June 8 – Brad Little

June 15 – Maryann Skinner – **Father's Day**

June 22 – Bob Lyle

June 29 – Brad Little – **Communion & Fellowship time to follow**