

St Paul's Anglican Church

October 12, 2025

Thanksgiving

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Prelude: We Plow the Fields – Joseph Prentiss

Processional Hymn: # 262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Sentence

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126.6*

The Gathering of the Community (*All stand*)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

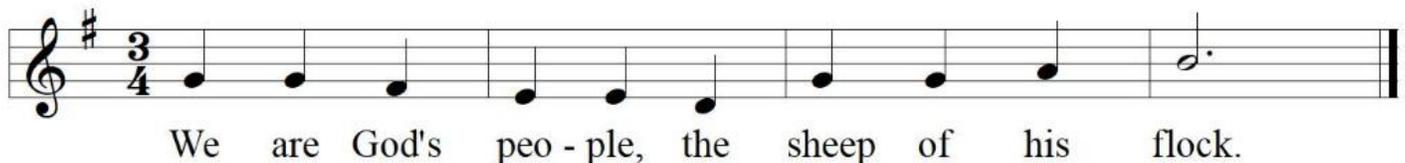
“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went

down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 100



Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. **R**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. **R**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Holy Gospel – John 6:25-35

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Homily **Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Thanksgiving Litany

(Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord.")

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

We thank you, Lord.

Today we give thanks especially for . . .

We thank you, Lord.

For (. . . and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 415 All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by kneeling and crossing their arms over their chest.

At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice. Gluten free bread available upon request.

Hymns during Communion

Eucharist 1: # 261 God, Whose Firm Is All Creation

Eucharist 2: # 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

Anthem: Thanksgiving Garden – Joseph M. Martin

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn # 355 All Creatures of Our God and King

Dismissal

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God – Lani Smith

Thanksgiving Memorial Flowers

The flowers placed in front of the altar and around the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of:

The Read & MacMillan Families by Doug Read
Family & Friends by Catherine Philp

Samuel & Margaret Champion; William & Harriett Harper by the Cameron family

Les & Marie Skerritt by Rev. Bonnie & Michael

“God doesn’t want us to just feel gratitude, but for us to show it by giving thanks to God with our lives.”

~ R.C. Sproul

Next Week’s Readings

Genesis 32:22-3; 1Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Announcements

Designated Givings #215 for October will benefit our **Foster Children** in Latin America where they enjoy the protection of S.O.S. Children's Villages and The Arms of Jesus Mission. We at St. Paul's are their sole sponsor. It is only through our donations that these children are comfortably housed, well-nourished, much loved and educated for a successful future.

“Plentiful Pantry” - This year our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is changing from the “Tower of Tins” to “Plentiful Pantry” and the recipient will be our St. Paul’s Pantry. We have seen an increasing demand throughout the year and have been receiving assistance with stocking the pantry from community members but still struggle at times to keep the pantry stocked. ***Help us stock a “plentiful pantry” this Thanksgiving!*** All food items are accepted, however items that are easy to eat or prepare are our priority.

Refreshment Time helpers: The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Sound and Live Stream We are still looking for people to take on a **once a month** role in worship as part of the sound/livestream team beginning in January. Live stream has been simplified. Please contact Arlene in the office.

Did you know....that 2026 marks our **190th anniversary?!?** We are looking for 3 people to form an **Anniversary Committee** and work alongside the Events Committee to plan 2 or 3 events as we celebrate 190 years of Anglican worship and outreach in Lindsay. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please speak with Rev. Bonnie.

Sanctuary Flowers This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The sign-up sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Pauls bulletin board. Any questions, please contact/call Marg Brohm.

Season of Spiritual Renewal

Short-term workshops We’re delighted to offer the following workshops on Wednesdays at noon.

Preaching Evangelistically (two weeks) with Dr. John Bowen, Oct. 22 and 29.

A New and Ancient Evangelism with Judy Paulsen, Nov. 19. You do need to register in advance to take part in these workshops.

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

Calendars – Church calendars are now for sale in the office for \$10. Make sure to get your 120th anniversary edition!

Save the Date – Events that you won’t want to miss!

Christmas Tea and Concert – Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Enjoy a delicious Christmas Tea followed by a concert of Christmas music featuring Arlene Gray with special guests. Tickets available later this month for \$25.

Breakfast with Santa – a new event for young and young at heart! Morning of Saturday, December 13th More details to follow.

It’s never too soon to think about Pancakes! Our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be held on February 17th, 2026.

Weekly Room Schedule:

Mon	Community Care	weekly	11:00 – 12:00	upper
Mon.	Community Choir	weekly	7:00 pm	hall
Tues.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	Sisterhood	weekly	12:00 – 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Community Care	weekly	1:00 – 2:00	upper
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly	3:45 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly	7:00 pm	sanctuary
Tues. - Fri.	Tai Chi	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	upper
3 rd Fri.	Kawartha Food Source		9:00 – 11:30	kitchen
3 rd Tues.	Horticultural Society		7:00 – 9:00	hall

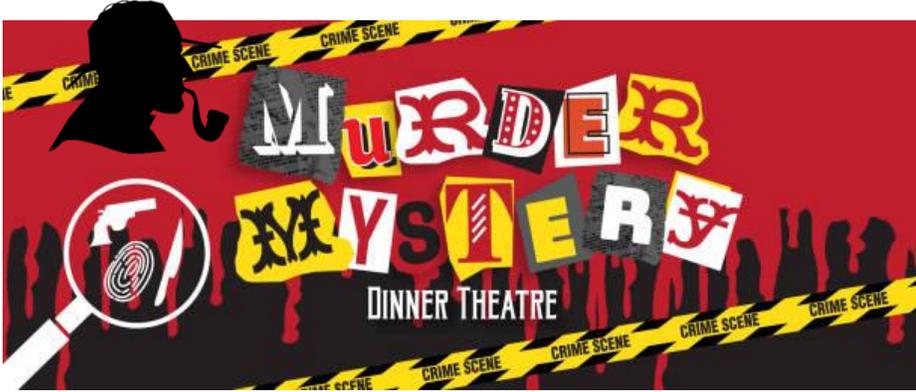
*English as a 2nd Language

Adelaide Place Worship Service last Tuesday of the Month @ 10:30



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Saturday October 25,
2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
(Doors open 6:30)
Reserved Seating - Call
705-324-6257
\$65 per person
Tickets available after
church or in the office.

*We gather on this day to be thankful for what
we have, for the family we love, the friends
we cherish, and for the blessings
that will come...*



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



*Thank you for
Worshipping with us Today.*



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