

**Bathurst Street United Church and Trinity-St. Paul's United Church**

**Orange Shirt Sunday**  
*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**EVERY  
CHILD  
MATTERS**



**Welcome**

Joanne Clarke

**Opening Words**

Joanne Clarke

*We say together (bold text):*

The Presence Project

Surely God is in this place.

**Help me notice. Help us notice.**

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

Jasper Miller

**Table Talk** *Orange Shirt Day*

Heather Piercey

**Centring Music** *Nisakihaw (Love Song)* arr. by Sherryl Sewepagaham (Cree/Dene)

Beverly Lewis (Piano)

Kathryn Humphrey (Drum)

## Candle Lighting

*Rise up O flame, by thy warmth flowing,  
Give to us beauty, wisdom and joy.*

Christoph T. Wittich

## Call to Worship

Joanne Clarke

## Hymn *Gather Us In*, Marty Haugen (1982)

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See, in this place, our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the hurt and oppressed;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
Held in your presence, graciously blessed.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old, who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
But here in this place, the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all people together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Scripture Reading

Exodus 20: 1-6  
2 Samuel 12: 1-15  
Luke 14: 25-33

Heather Piercey  
Roger Townshend  
Isabel Douglas

## Introduction of Speaker

Joanne Clarke

## Reflection *What Does Reconciliation with Indigenous People Mean?*

Roger Townshend

## Anthem *The Sleepy Song (A Cree Lullaby)* by Sherryl Sewepagaham

The Trinity-St. Paul's and Bathurst United Choirs (Sopranos/Altos)  
Conducted by Deborah Park

## Reading from *Embers* by Richard Wagamese

Isabel Douglas

- R**      **Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**
- 1**      **You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R**
- 2**      **In the pain and joy beholding,  
how your grace is still unfolding.  
Give us all your vision, God of love. R**
- 3**      **Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R**
- 4**      **You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R**

**Announcements and Concerns, including Prayer Requests**

**Trinity-St. Paul's Prayer List**

The Fallis Family at the passing of Peter Madgett, Mary Lou's husband  
Ray Whitehead  
Linda Dawn Pettigrew  
Bradley Clements and Emma Kelly  
Dave Carruthers  
Betty Butterworth and loved ones  
Greg Callaghan

**Offering** *Offerings to Bathurst can be made at Canada Helps:*

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/bathurst-street-united-church/>



*Scan the QR Code to give to Trinity-St. Paul's*

Hymn *Let Justice Roll*, Lyrics Bob Carty, Music Pete Seeger

R                    Let justice roll, like a mighty river  
                      A moving fast, down to the sea.  
                      It will erode all our foundations,  
                      Touch every heart, and every nation.  
                      Let justice roll, like a mighty river,  
                      For you and me, let justice roll.

1                    Those who live by the rule of power  
                      Will find their swords turned into ploughs.  
                      And all the rich, they shall be humbled  
                      When all the poor reclaim the earth. R

2                    And those who lie just once too often  
                      Will find that they can't know the truth  
                      That lives amongst sisters and brothers  
                      Who hand in hand seek a rebirth. R

3                    And the victims of some senseless repression  
                      Of those who fear new thoughts and visions  
                      They shall not die and be forgotten  
                      They're a living stream, let justice roll. R

Closing Words

Joanne Clarke

*We say together (bold text):*

The Presence Project

Wherever we go, God will be there  
**Help me notice. Help us notice together.**

Benediction and Sending Forth

Joanne Clarke

Postlude *Heart of the Water Song* arranged by Sherryl Sewepagaham

Beverly Lewis piano, Kathryn Humphrey drum

Chimes and Candles

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Bathurst Community Events

*[Check the previous weeks bulletin and/or the calendar in groups.io and list any upcoming meetings, gatherings, events etc. along with relevant details such as time, place, cost.]*

## BATHURST UNITED COMMUNITY EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wed. Oct 1, 7:00 pm Worship Committee**

**Sun. Oct 5, 10:30 am Sunday Service: Social Justice in the Gospels**

**Wed. Oct 9, 2:00 pm MidEast Working Group**

**Sun. Oct 12, 10:30 am Sunday Service: Thanksgiving**

**Sun. Oct 19, 10:30 am Sunday Service**

**Sun. Oct 26, 10:30 am Sunday Service (followed by a congregational meeting)**

**Wed. Oct 29, 4:00 pm MidEast Working Group**

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### Welcome to Bathurst United

[www.bathurstunited.ca](http://www.bathurstunited.ca)

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If you are in need of care or know of others who are, feel free to contact any of the following people:

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### Raising Concerns/Floating Ideas:

To raise an issue or make a suggestion, find the Committee or working group that has responsibility for the area and talk to the Chair, or Sandy or Jenny who are co-chairs of the Co-ordinating Group.

Here is information about contacting the chairs:

- Co-ordinating Group: Sandy Miller and Jenny Nedelsky, cochairs
- Worship Chair rotates: Jenny Nedelsky [j\\_nedelsky@utoronto.ca](mailto:j_nedelsky@utoronto.ca); Hazel Boyle [hazelboyle@gmail.com](mailto:hazelboyle@gmail.com); Lindsay Tyler [lindsay.tyler@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.tyler@gmail.com); Kathryn Humphrey [kvyhumphrey@yahoo.ca](mailto:kvyhumphrey@yahoo.ca)
- Pastoral Care: Ulla Weimann and Sandy Miller are rotating chairs of Pastoral Care, their contact information is above.

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**TRINITY ST. PAUL'S**  
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See this weeks' e-newsletter for the full announcements. You can sign up for this online at <https://www.trinitystpauls.ca/contact-us/#mailing-list>, by scanning the QR code below or by emailing Sarah.



### October – November Dates:

- **October 4:** Celebration of Life for Carolyn Lemon (10am)
- **October 5:** Hewitt's Covenanting Service (**Time Change: 10:30 am**) & World Communion Sunday
- **October 19:** Budget Info Session & Season of Commitment Lunch (after service)
- **October 21:** *Deep Listening Session 1*
- **October 26:** TSP West Wing Development Info Session (after service)
- **November 4:** *West Wing Zoom Session* (7pm)
- **November 9:** Congregational Vote re. West Wing Development Proposal & Budget Approval (after service)

**Join us at Hewitt's Covenanting Service on Sunday October 5, 2025, at 10:30am! All are invited to join the congregation of Trinity-St. Paul's, Shining Waters Regional Council, and the wider community in the service of worship and celebration.**

Where: Trinity-St. Paul's United Church (and livestreamed at our usual worship link)

When: Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Reception to follow.

### Connecting with Hewitt

Hewitt will be in the building at Trinity-St. Paul's for three Sundays each month to lead worship and share in the life of our congregation. During those weeks, he will also be in the church office Monday through Wednesday. On Thursdays, Hewitt will be working from home and is available for online meetings or conversations. Fridays are his Sabbath day off. One week of each month will be Hewitt's reading and research week and he will be available for pastoral emergencies only. ***This month, Hewitt will take his reading & research week from September 26th -October 3rd. In October, the reading and research week will be October 13-19.*** If you would like to connect with Hewitt for pastoral care, conversation, or to discuss church life, you are welcome to reach out during his office hours, schedule an online meeting, or meet with him following Sunday worship. His email is [hholmes@trinitystpauls.ca](mailto:hholmes@trinitystpauls.ca) and 416 9228435 ext. 24

## Submit your Inclusions for the Fall 2025 TSP Times!

Submit your contributions to the Fall 2025 edition of the TSP Times! All are invited to submit a picture and 2-3 sentences that describe what you did this summer! Please send your reflections, pictures, articles, and reviews to Sarah no later than Friday, October 3rd, 2025. Please limit your submissions to 500 words (as best you can).

## Refreshments for Hewitt's Covenanting Service

Lynne Stott ([lynne@thestotts.ca](mailto:lynne@thestotts.ca)) and Linda Padfield ([tsplindapadfield@gmail.com](mailto:tsplindapadfield@gmail.com)) are looking for volunteers to prepare finger food (sandwiches, vegetables, etc) for this event. There will be cake provided. If you can help please contact us.

## Carolyn Lemon's Celebration of Life

The Celebration of Life for Carolyn Lemon will take place on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church, followed by a reception in the Narthex.

## Come, Share, and Be Heard – Deep Listening Sessions at TSP

As Trinity-St. Paul's begins a new chapter of ministry, you are warmly invited to join in a series of Deep Listening Sessions. These gatherings provide an opportunity to pause, share, and hear one another's stories as we reflect together on *life, community, and the church*.

Through prayer, attentive listening, and storytelling, we will explore questions such as:

- Where do you experience life and hope in your journey?
- How have you experienced belonging and community at TSP?
- What are your dreams and hopes for the future – self, church, community, and world?

Each voice matters. Each story reveals how God is moving among us. We are here to listen to how God is shaping your life and our community as companions.

Dates/Times: **October 21 - 4-6 pm (In person) and November TBD**

Location: Trinity-St. Paul's United Church

All are welcome, members, adherents, newcomers, and friends of TSP.

***"Listening is an act of love and a practice of faith. Together, we discover God's call."***

## Message from the West Wing Development Group

We need your input to inform a path forward on the potential redevelopment of our west wing to include modern community space for the Trinity-St. Paul's Centre and rental housing. Information sessions are planned for October 26 (after worship) and November 4 (on zoom at 7 pm). On November 9 (after worship) we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on partnering with Kindred Works to undertake a feasibility study on the viability of a church renewal and community development vision. Information will be provided in advance of these meetings. At any time, you can contact Jim Lewis or David Craig with your questions. We are the co-chairs of the West Wing Working Group and can be reached at [comments@trinitystpauls.ca](mailto:comments@trinitystpauls.ca)

## Wednesday Evening Reflection Group

The first Wednesday Evening Reflection Group gathering of the season is on **Oct 1st from 7-8 pm on Zoom**. See this week's e-newsletter for the full description and Zoom link.

## Season of Commitment Community Meals

We've had a good initial response from people willing to invite people to their homes for a meal during the last 2 weeks of October and the first 2 weeks of November. If you would like to host, please email Linda Padfield at [tsplindapadfield@gmail.com](mailto:tsplindapadfield@gmail.com) or speak to Linda before or after church this Sunday, September 28. We will start inviting people to sign up for these gatherings on October 5. (Many thank-yous to the gracious hosts who have signed up already.)

## Update from the Finance Committee

This week the Finance Committee sent out a financial update and fall budget schedule in anticipation of the information session being held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received these documents, contact Sarah.



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