

November 2nd, 2025 – 10:30 am
All Saints Sunday
21st Sunday after Pentecost



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

"We gather among saints and seekers, blessed to remember, and called to become."

Prelude: *God's Eye Is on the Sparrow* by Civilla D. Martin/Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Edward Broughton

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Gordon MacNeill

As we assemble in this holy place, we recognize that for thousands of years this territory has been a sacred gathering place for many peoples of Turtle Island. We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of several Indigenous Nations and wish to pay special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit. The original nations continue to cry out for justice.

As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

We light the Christ Candle to remind us that love's flame never dies. *(Candle is lit)*

We light the Community Candle for all who shine with compassion in our midst.

We light for those whose names are now written in God's heart.

In this light, may memory become a blessing, and hope become courage. *(Candle is lit)*

Words of Welcome

Gathering Words:

Sing to God a new song,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Praise with tambourine and dance, with melody and breath,

For the faithful find joy in God's delight.

We come as saints and seekers, remembering those whose lives shaped ours,

We come to praise the Holy One, whose glory lives in every generation.

Opening Hymn: VU 706 *Give Thanks for Life*

- 1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Silent Confession

Words of Life & Passing of the Peace:

Hear this Good News:

May the words of life: ancient, living, and true,

Awaken our faith, stir courage, and deepen love.

May the Spirit say to the Church on this All Saints Sunday.

Christ's peace is among us and within us.

Christ is our peace.

The peace of Christ: past, present, and future, be with you.

And also with you. (*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbour*)

Anthem: *Justorum animae* by William Byrd (Section leads, Claire Jun)

WE GROW IN FAITH

"We grow in grace, hearing the stories of faith that form our living hope."

Introduction to the Scripture

Scripture: Psalm 149 (Inclusive Bible)

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Response: VU 958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ephesians 1:11-23 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *"The Communion of Saints: Blessed and Becoming!"*

Silent Reflection

WE REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

We celebrate Christ's feast of love and remember the saints who share it with us in eternal communion.

The Cloud of Witnesses

Janet Mairs and Paula Nieuwstraten

In every generation, the faithful have carried the light of love forward. Today, we name those from our Trinity-St. Paul's family whose light has joined the great cloud of witnesses. In their memory, we remember God's promise: love never ends, and life is not lost but transformed. As we name them, we will light a candle in their honour. The organ will softly plays, "Shall We Gather at the River" during the tribute.

Carolyn Lemon

Marion Pope

Paul Stott

Ella Taylor Walsh

Ray Whitehead

Moment of Silence

Holy Communion:

- ❖ Introduction & Thanksgiving,
- ❖ Institution & Re-enactment,
- ❖ Distribution and Eating, and

Hymn: MV 192 *We Come Now to Your Table God*

**We come now to your table Lord,
you are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
let ev'ry soul be fed:
and now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread. (2X)**

- ❖ Prayer after Communion:

**Eternal Spirit,
you have fed us with memory and hope.
May the bread of Christ strengthen us for justice,
and the cup of blessing unite us in compassion.
In gratitude and faith, we are becoming your living saints. Amen.**

Offering and Thanksgiving

God of all generations, from saints remembered to saints yet to be,

You call us to give as you have given to us.

We offer our gifts as signs of our belonging in your eternal grace.

Bless these offerings, that they may build your realm of love and justice in this place and beyond.

(The offering is collected in the sanctuary. For those online, you are welcome to donate to the work of TSP with the QR code below.)



Offertory Hymn: TLUS 22 *Build a Longer Table*

- 1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
Feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

Doxology: MV 182 *Grateful* (Refrain)

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

Prayers of the People

Martin Pinckney

Loving God, hear our prayer.
And in your love, answer.

Sung Response: MV 67 *Kyrie Eleison*

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**
Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Encircling Prayers... *We hold in our prayers:*

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church

All grieving Ray Whitehead, especially his daughters, Cynthia, Beth, Sara, and their families
Bradley Clements and Emma Kelly
Betty Butterworth
Greg Callaghan

Shining Waters Regional Council

Deutsche Evangeliumskirche United Church, Toronto
Forest Hill United Church, Toronto
Onnuri Korean United Church, Toronto

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- East Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario Outaouais – Éric Hébert-Daly
- Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters, Bermuda-Nova Scotia, First Dawn Eastern Edge – Faith March-MacCuish

Ecumenical Prayer

The churches in Canada and the United States of America
The pastors and congregations of Christ Disciples Church, India

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

"We go forth as witnesses of the communion of love, carrying light into the world."

Closing Hymn: VU 705 *For All the Saints*

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Benediction

Postlude: *O God Our Help in Ages Past* by Paul Manz



See this weeks' e-newsletter for the full announcements. You can sign up to receive the announcements by scanning the QR code above, or by emailing Sarah.

Trinity-St. Paul's Season of Commitment

As we enter into our annual Season of Commitment, we invite you to consider how you might share your gifts in the year ahead — gifts of time, talents, or resources.

At Trinity St. Paul's, our giving is an expression of our shared call to faith, justice, and the arts. We share our gifts knowing that TSP values inclusion and community: We welcome people of every background, gender identity, and life story, and we celebrate the many ways each person contributes to our common life.

Whether you participate in worship, choir, social justice initiatives, hospitality events, governance or give financially to sustain our ministry, your participation strengthens our presence and witness in the neighbourhood. Together we nurture a vibrant, compassionate community where faith, art, music, outreach, and spiritual growth all find a home.

Please take time to pray and reflect on how you feel called to participate this year — every offering of love makes a difference.

October – December Dates:

- November 4: West Wing Development Information Session (on Zoom - link to follow) (7pm)
- November 6: Choral Development Program Begins (6-7pm Thursdays in November)
- November 9: Remembrance Sunday | Congregational Meeting (after service)
- November 11: Church Board Meeting | Deep Listening Session 3 (2-4pm)
- November 16: Contemplative Worship | Art, Religion, and Theology in Orvieto Presentation (after service)
- November 18: Ray Whitehead's Celebration of Life (11am, details to follow)
- November 23: Newcomers Social (after service in the Memorial Room)
- December 2: Deep Listening Session 4 (2-4pm)
- December 21: Carols by Candlelight (7pm)

Connecting with Hewitt in November

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. **In November, the reading and research week will be November 23-29.** 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 and 416 9228435 ext. 24

Notice of Congregational Meeting

Dear community, please be notified that a congregational meeting will take place in the Sanctuary after service on Sunday November 9th, 2025 to vote on the 2026 Budget and the West Wing proposal.

West Wing Zoom Session - November 4 at 7pm

If you missed last Sunday's info session or have further questions, the West Wing Working Group is hosting a Zoom info session on Wednesday November 4th at 7pm. Contact the church office for the link. Thank you for your continued engagement. Comments can be directed to comments@trinitystpauls.ca

John Olthuis' Book Launch - *On Dismantling Settler Colonialism* – November 26th, 4:30-7:30pm

Save the date for the launch and signing of John Olthuis' new book, *On Dismantling Settler Colonialism*. RSVP link to come. Congratulations, John!

Newcomers Social - November 23

If you're new to our community or simply looking to connect a little more deeply, join us for a casual after-church gathering in the Memorial Room on Sunday November 23rd. Whether you're simply curious, exploring faith, or ready to plug in more deeply—you're welcome to come just as you are. RSVP optional. Contact: Alex Horsky at alexandra.horsky@yahoo.com or text: 416-516-8840

Deep Listening Sessions

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. 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?

Dates/Times/Location: In-person at Trinity-St. Paul's (Minister's Office)

- Tuesday, November 11 (2-4pm)
- Tuesday, December 2 (2-4pm)

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

Choral Development Program

The Trinity-St. Paul's Choral Development Program begins on November 6th, and runs every Thursday at 6pm beginning on November 6th until November 27. To learn more email Deborah - musicdirector@trinitystpauls.ca

Talk: Art, Religion, and Theology in Orvieto

Art, Religion and Theology in Orvieto presentation Nov 16 after the service in the Memorial Room. Bring your coffee and join Barbara Lloyd in a presentation about the ART in Orvieto program she participated in this summer. This will include photos, storytelling, historical insights and artwork.



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*Trinity–St. Paul's is an inclusive community of faith of the United Church of Canada, called to be **a place of faith**, where the Gospel is lived and shared; **a place of justice**, where voices are raised for peace and equity; **a place of the arts**, where beauty, imagination, and creativity reveal God's presence.*

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