



# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

*A spiritual hub for  
creativity, discovery and growth*



## Thanksgiving Sunday October 13, 2024

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We gather on traditional lands of the Algonquin, or "Anishinaabe" people, and other First Nations. Grateful for their stewardship of the lands, forests, fields, streams, lakes and rivers around us, we seek to walk in right and respectful relationship with all of Canada's First Peoples in our neighbourhoods and across Turtle Island.

**"Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"**

As an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada, we strive to be a place of belonging for God's beloved of all ages, races, genders, gender identities, sexual orientations, family configurations, abilities, physical and mental health situations, and social or financial circumstances.

St. Paul's United Church, Perth  
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**Thanksgiving Sunday**

✠ *invites us to rise in body or spirit*

### God Calls Us Together

#### Lighting the Christ, Affirm and Prayer Candles

One: We light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's Spirit alights us all:

All: **this day, this moment, and every moment.**

One: We light the Affirm candle to remind us to be a place of belonging and acceptance,

All: **to learn and grow together in love that protects and celebrates and uplifts.**

One: The Prayer candle reminds us to hold one another in prayer:

All: **to raise prayers of thanks and concern for one another, and any in need.**

Gathering Song: "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing:  
there is room for all sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."  
There is room for all,  
there is room for all.**

All Our Relations: "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

*phonetically: AW GWAY NYAH DAY DAY WAY NAY REN*

All God's Children (Affirming Statement)

Life of the Community

Prelude: God That Madest Earth and Heaven - Trad. Welsh, arr. by Krug

Greeting

One: May God who dwells beyond, and among, and within us,

All: **inspire us as we gather in worship.**

✠ Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU 516

#### A Thanksgiving Litany

One: For the beauty and wonder of creation,

All: **we thank you, God.**

One: For all that is gracious in the lives of all your people revealing the image of Christ,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For food and shelter, for families and friends,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For minds to think and hearts to love,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For strength to work, for delight in play, for the energy to live, and time to seek your way,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For those who seek to live justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with you,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For those whose lives reflect truth and reconciliation,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: For all the saints who have reflected the light of Christ,

**All: we thank you, God.**

One: These and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken,

**All: we offer to you through Jesus, your perfect gift. Amen.**

Junior Choir "In Thanks We Gather Here" *Bowman/Kingsbury*

Children & Youth Time, and The Prayer of Jesus (VU 959 – Sung)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil,**

**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

*Sunday School proceeds to the Gathering Room*

## **We Listen for God's Word**

From the Epistles: Philippians 4: 4-9 *Barb Guthrie*

Sermon: "Harvests of the Spirit"

Rev. McLean

✠ Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU 227

## **We Respond to God**

Community Prayers

Choir Anthem: "O Be Joyful in the Lord" *Rutter*

Offertory Hymn

*TUNE: STUTTGART VU 540*

**Grant us God the grace of giving  
with a spirit large and free  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

Offertory Prayer (*all*)

**Gracious God our Creator, whose loving hand has given  
us all that we have: Grant us grace that we may honour  
you with what we give, by envelope, through PAR, in  
prayer and acts of kindness and every other way. Help us  
reflect your kindness to us. This we pray through Jesus  
our Saviour. Amen.**

## **God Sends Us Out**

✠ Hymn: "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" VU 520

✠ Blessing

✠ Sung Blessing: "When You Go From this Place"

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**When you go from this place be true.**

**May the blessing of life find you.**

**May the winds of the Spirit guide you,**

**'cross the ocean of all your days.**

**May the seeds of your love - your life**

**a-dorn the Way.**

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Postlude: We Plow the Fields (WIR PFLÜGEN) - Krouse

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