



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
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** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude: George Frederic Handel

Introit: I am the church! You are the church! - Richard Avery / Donald Marsh Vv. 1, 2 & 4 sung by the Senior choir

Congregational chorus:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

*Responsive Call to Worship

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

Thanks be to God who loves us abundantly

This is our gift and our sacrifice - an act of devotion to God.

Let us celebrate God's love with our voices and our lives.

singing songs of praise and thanks to God.

Hymn of Praise: O God Our Help in Ages Past **# 330 Blue**

Welcome and Announcements:

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE IN OUR LIVES

Prayers of Praise and Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Out of a desire to recognize the truth about ourselves and live in right relationship with you and one another, we confess our sin:

God of mercy, You provide us with the gift of faith but too often we lose heart quickly. You invite us to be persistent but we forget about you and conclude that you have abandoned us. You teach us truth, but we prefer teachers who tell us what we want to hear. Forgive us, O God. Write your law on our hearts so that all of us, from the least to the greatest, will know your steadfast love and goodness, which you offer for the sake of all humankind. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Children's Hymn: Be Thou My Vision **# 461 Blue**

Children's Story:

Psalms: 121 Refrain 1

The Scriptures:

Isaiah 8:9-15 (page -----)

1 Peter 2:4-10 (page -----)

Anthem: We are God's people - Bryan J. Leech / Johannes Brahms –
arr. by Fred Bock

Sermon: "Hey, These Stones Live!"

Hymn of Response: I The Lord of Sea And Sky **# 592 Blue**

Prayers of God's People concluded with The Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory: It is no secret - Stuart Hamblen

*Offertory Hymn:

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of joy. Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: There's A Call Come Ringing **# 505 Red**

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: The church's one foundation - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Welcome to St. Mark's

On this 19th Sunday after Pentecost we welcome everyone to this worship service as we give joyful praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We wish for everyone a tremendous blessing as we worship God together. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time and to our Guest Preacher, Rev. John Henderson who will share the Word from the Lord with us today.

If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

Nursery: The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Emmanuel Kwizera and Indra Birbalsingh

Duty Elder: Azhar Paul

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you require pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com.

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **Today is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost**-We share in worship as we give joyful praise to God for drawing us together in service, faith and love. Today Students and Colleges Sunday as we pray for all our students who are enrolled in Theological Colleges across Canada and elsewhere.
- **St Mark's Anniversary Service:** On October 27th, St Mark's will be celebrating its 47th Anniversary. All are invited to make a special donation of \$ 47 to the church for this special

occasion. We will also share in a time of fellowship after our Anniversary Service.

- **Bible Study:** All are invited to share in a study on the Epistle to the Ephesians on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We will meet again on Wednesday October 23rd as we study Ephesians chapter 3: 1-10. A blessing awaits you.
- Food Friends would be having a meeting Wednesday, October 23rd @ 1:30 pm.
- We note the passing of Hazel Humeniuk who made her transition into the nearer presence of God on Sunday October 13. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers.

The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Immediately following the service of worship today, all choirs (Senior and Youth) will practise in the Sanctuary in order to prepare for the Anniversary service.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or sla1302@sympatico.ca (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today were donated by Marcia Mullings.

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2019 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

Website:

Our Technology committee has updated our website. Please visit our website at: <http://stmarksmalton.ca>. Give us your feedback!

Especially in our prayers

“ Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick, or who are homebound:

“ Nashwill Gordon

“ Lee Younger



- “ Muriel Bennett
 - “ Helen Forsyth
 - “ Sandra & James Moravek
 - “ Edna Hazel
 - “ Verna Dockendorff
 - “ Sarwar Paul Hussain, (Azar Paul’s Father)
 - “ Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharran (Susan Ramneres’ nephew and 1st Cousin who are both recovering from illness)
 - “ Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery. Abhijit sends thanks to his church family for all the prayers on his behalf.
 - “ Ivy Jones who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
 - “ Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is faithfully going through chemotherapy as he battles cancer)
 - “ Cordaleen Hinds who had surgery and is recovering well so far.
 - “ Please pray for the situation in Hong Kong, that the Lord will have mercy and bring peace, as pressure is building on all sides and emotions are becoming more raw and frayed.
 - “ Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
 - “ **We pray for people in the Bahamas** who are still recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian.
 - “ Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith.
- Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:
- “ For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.
 - “ For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God’s light lead and guide them forward.

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark’s at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com

Students and Colleges Sunday

Students and Colleges Sunday is an opportunity for congregations to encourage those whom Christ is calling to the ministry.

Individuals discern Christ’s call within Christian community. This is true of the primary Christian vocation—to be in relationship with God through Christ—as it is of the secondary Christian vocation—the exercise of our God-given gifts in service to God.

Many Christians exercise their Christian vocation “in the world,” while serving as volunteers within the church’s ministries. Still others are called to exercise their Christian vocation in full-time or part-time employed service within the church’s ministries.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada assigns special responsibility to sessions and presbyteries “to make diligent and careful inquiry” whether any men and women should be directed to Christ’s claims upon them with respect to the church’s ministry, and to aid, encourage and guide them (Book of Forms, 202).

To assist the church with these responsibilities, the General Assembly in 2008 designated the third Sunday of October as Students and Colleges Sunday. A special bulletin prepared by one of the church’s theological colleges is available through the Resource Centre, as is a brochure “Am I Being Called?” Also, the colleges may be contacted directly to request a guest speaker or worship leader. We pray for Dianne Douglas who is a member of St Mark’s church family who is a student at Knox College.