

Order for the Public Worship of God

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Prelude – **The church's one foundation & Facing a task unfinished**

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Praise

Refiner's fire

Soon and very soon

Call to Worship

Opening Praise – **We've a story to tell to the nations**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Children's Story and Prayer

Praise – **I am the church! You are the church!**

Offering

Offertory Music – **From foreign lands and people**

Doxology – **We give You what is Yours**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – **Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 5-6, 9-10**

New Testament – **Acts 2:14-47**

Praise – **Praise the One Who breaks the darkness**

Sermon – The Value of Preaching

Prayer

Closing Praise – **Ancient words**

Benediction

This Week

SUNDAY, August 23

September Pulse Deadline

10:00 a.m. Worship and Summer Church School

MONDAY, August 24

TUESDAY, August 25

WEDNESDAY, August 26

6:30 p.m. Refreshments before Mid-Week Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Fellowship

THURSDAY, August 27

7:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal

FRIDAY, August 28

SATURDAY, August 29

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

Duty Elder

Dale Tuck

Reader

Kelly Graham

Refreshments

Tami Kamou & Claire Bwiza

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*Enabling individuals and families to discover, grow in
and share the love of God found in Jesus Christ.*



Sunday, August 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Fair

***In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
we welcome you today.***

May you experience the love of God
and warmth of His people, the Church.

You are invited for refreshments and conversation
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately
following worship.

If you are visiting, please sign our
guest book or fill in a welcome card and
place it in the offering plate.

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Announcements

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Pastor James Away

We will welcome many different guest preachers in the coming weeks while Pastor James is away on vacation from July 20th to August 28th. Anyone needing urgent pastoral assistance is encouraged to contact an elder or the church office. Pastor James will return on August 30th for his final Sunday before he takes his retirement.

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Welcome!

We welcome Rev. John Fair to lead worship this morning, and we thank Leslie Dods for her time as our musician for the summer while Dianne Smith has been on vacation.

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You Are Invited!

Following the Sunday service on August 30th, you are invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Pastor James’ retirement. A light lunch will be provided by the Fellowship team followed by speeches and music. Hope to see you there!

-Holly and Pamela

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Important Change of Date for Communion

Please note that by resolution of Session the Sacrament of the Lord's supper will take place on September 6th instead of in October. For those participating from home, please prepare your bread and juice or wine ahead of time. We also encourage those taking part at home to notify the church office so your participation may be recorded.

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2nd Thrift Sale

Fall & Winter Clothing
Saturday, September 19, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This sale will primarily feature fall and winter clothing. We still have a large inventory of clothing from our first thrift sale in June. Because of this, we are not accepting clothing donations, but rather food donations instead. Please help us spread the word in your communities, especially among new college students nearby, and keep the event in your prayers.

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The **September/October TODAY devotionals** are now available in the Gathering Place book kiosk.

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Mid-Week Fellowship

Our Summer mid-week Fellowship began on July 8th, and will continue every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place. Our theme this year is “Apologetics”. Come for cold drinks and conversation at 6:30 p.m. and stay for a video presentation and discussion.

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Summer Church School

During the summer months, after the children's story, children going into Grade 5 and below are invited to watch a 30-minute movie downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Following the movie there will be age appropriate worksheets to complete. A nursery room is available for children 2 years old. Children going into Grade 6 and above are encouraged to remain in the worship service. Summer Church School will run until September 6.

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for adults willing to sign up for one or more weeks to supervise the children in their summer church school activities.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Gathering Place.

If you have questions, you may contact Pamela Pestaluky by email (pamelapestaluky@live.ca) or 613-226-3089.

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Gift for Retiring Minister

As a small token of Pastor James contributions to life at Parkwood for nearly 25 years, optional donations toward a gift will be received today, on August 23.

Donations are voluntary. If you are able to make a donation, it is preferred that the gift be made in an envelope other than a regular offering envelope. Please mark "gift donation" on the envelope.

Donations can be made in cash, by cheque or by e-transfer. If the donation is in the form of a cheque it should be made out to Parkwood Presbyterian Church. For e-transfers, please include "gift for Pastor James" in the memo line.

It is very important to note that the gift donation cannot be counted as a charitable donation for income tax purposes because the donation is for a gift.

For those attending church, you can place the envelope on the offering plate. For those attending "on line", please mail your donation to the Parkwood office or send e-transfer to donate@parkwoodchurch.ca.