

Worship & Creative Arts

I'm interested in using my artistic and technical skills to teach, touch and transform lives through worship and the arts.

Choir

Practise is on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings before the 11 a.m. service. Choir members wear vestments, sit together at the front of the church, and sing during the service.

When: Before and during the 11 a.m. service & Thursday evenings

Where: St. Paul's

Time Commitment: 2 hours on Sundays, Thursday evening practise from 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Bridge Music Team

Practise is on Sunday mornings at 7:45 a.m. and occasionally on an evening during the week. Each week may have a different combination of musicians and instruments, keeping things fun and contemporary in leading the congregation in worship.

When: Before and during the 9:30 a.m. service

Where: St. Paul's

Time Commitment: 2.5 hours on Sundays, occasionally more time throughout the week

Photographer

Use photography to capture the life, community, and work God is doing through St. Paul's Bloor Street on Sundays and other events throughout the week. Learn tips and be a part of a team.

When: Sundays, weeknights, weekends

Where: St. Paul's

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours, 2-3 times per month (flexible)

Videographer

Project based. Shoot and edit short videos to share the life of St. Paul's as well as for promotional and training purposes.

When: Flexible

Where: St. Paul's

Time Commitment: dependent on the project

Reader

Arrive 15 minutes early. The Reader's duty is to share scripture aloud during the service. The Reader is given Sunday's readings a few days before the service, generally on Wednesdays via email. Time is needed to read through the passages and practise aloud. Arrive early, sit near the front of the church and walk up to the lectern at the appropriate time in the service to read Scripture aloud.

When: During 8:15, 9:30 & 11 a.m. services

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: prep time – 30 minutes, reading in the service – 1-3 minutes

Prayer Leader

Arrive 15 minutes early. The Prayer Leader is given Sunday's readings a few days before the service, generally on Wednesdays via email. Time is needed to read through the prayers and personalize them before Sunday. Arrive early, sit near the front of the church and walk up to the lectern at the appropriate time in the service for prayer.

When: During 9:30 and 11 a.m. services

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: prep time – 30-45 minutes, praying in the service – 5-10 minutes

Communion Adminstrant (8:15 and 9:30 a.m. services)

Arrive 15 minutes early. For 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. services, no vestments are needed. Communion Adminstrants walk up to the front of the church at the appropriate time to serve wine alongside our Clergy during the communion.

When: during 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. services

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 5-15 minutes

Communion Adminstrant (11 a.m. service)

Arrive 15 minutes early. For the 11 a.m. service, Communion Adminstrants are vested and process up to the front of the church along with the choir and clergy. They serve wine during communion, and recess to the back of the Sanctuary at the end of the service.

When: during the 11 a.m. services

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours

Chancel Guild

The Chancel Guild is a group of like-minded individuals who are honoured to serve St. Paul's with a continual goal of growing their relationships with God and each other. Two main duties involve Communion Prep and Flower Arranging:

***Communion Prep**

Communion preparation is integral to our Sunday communion services. This role involves readying the wine, wafers/pita and other supplies in preparation for worship services, as well as cleaning up afterwards.

When: Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours on Saturdays and/or 30-45 minutes on Sundays

***Flower Arranging**

Prepare and put together Tribute floral arrangements for the Sanctuary. This role helps beautify our worship space while honouring loved ones.

When: Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5-2 hours

Crucifer

Arrive 15 minutes early. The Crucifer is vested and carries the cross at the head of the procession toward the front of the church. They place the cross, then remain at the front of the church until the very end of the service. The Crucifer may assist with communion at the High Table on Communion Sundays. They then bring the cross back to the Baptism Font, again leading the recession. They ensure the cross is safely returned to staff.

When: 11 a.m. service

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours

Server

Arrive 15 minutes early. On communion Sundays, Servers are vested and help to light and extinguish candles as well as assist the Celebrant with communion at the High Table.

When: 11 a.m. service

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours

Offering Counter

Offering counters organize and count offerings from all three Sunday services. They work closely as a team, have a high attention for detail and demonstrate utmost discretion.

When: Directly after the 9:30 or 11 a.m. services

Where: St. Paul's

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours

Audio-Visual Support

Set-up and operate the equipment that brings the sights and sounds of each service to life, as part of a technical team of 3-4 people. No prior experience necessary, training is provided. Trainings are held several times a year.

When: During 9:30 & 11 a.m. services

Where: Sanctuary

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours on Sundays. 30 minutes before the service, and focus throughout the service

<https://www.stpaulsbloor.org/serve>