

OSTS Lecture, Fall 2025, 1st Term
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Course B ***Exploring Paul the Apostle in Scripture and Ourselves***

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Descriptor

Paul the Apostle went from being a virulent persecutor of Christians to being persecuted for being a Christian himself. His far-reaching ministry continues to help us understand Jesus's teachings. Guided by the book of Acts, we'll follow Paul's amazing journey and explore how his life may be reflected in ours.

Outline

Week 1: God's plan for Saul – how Saul's life and vision changed. Exploring how faith can change our lives.

Week 2: Apostle Paul's early years – how Paul began his ministry and the challenges he faced. Exploring how we respond to God's calls.

Week 3: Paul in the middle of religious conflict – how Paul and other apostles found a way to resolve the conflict in a way that reflected Jesus Christ. Exploring how we respond to different understandings of Jesus.

Week 4: Paul's time in Ephesus and later missionary journeys. Exploring how churches can support the communities around them.

Week 5: Paul's journey and time in Rome. Exploring how we can know peace even in difficult times.

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Biography

Reverend Paul Whynacht is currently the Minister at Manotick United Church in Ottawa. He is relatively new to ministry and spent most of his life serving in the Canadian Armed Forces and government. Excited that God has led him to ordained service, he is now a patron of the Ottawa Multifaith Housing Initiative and is a volunteer faith and palliative care worker at Perley Health.