



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SUNDAY SERVICE

Transfiguration Sunday & Communion

February 11, 2024. 11 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

*We are so glad that you've come to worship the Lord with us today, and we hope that you will experience the presence of Christ among us. In the pew are the following tools for participation in this service. The blue "**Book of Praise**" contains our hymns, the red "**Book of Psalms**" contains the responsive psalms, and the blue "**New English Bible**" contains the scripture passages. If an item has an asterisk (*), then please stand if you are able. **Large print Hymnals** are available in the back of the Sanctuary. An usher would be happy to help you.*

All are welcome to join us for Coffee Hour, immediately following the service, in St. Andrew's Hall.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Come, Risen Lord" Paul Manz

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **187** "We have come at Christ's own bidding"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **50: 1-6** ref. I Reader: Judith Flaherty

2 Kings **2: 1-12** (page **409, OT**)

Mark **9: 2-9** (page **54, NT**)

*Hymn **186** "Swiftly pass the clouds of glory"

Anthem "Jesu, the very thought of thee" Bairstow

Sermon: Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

"How Can You Be Afraid When You Drive a Chariot of Fire?"

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness" T. Beck

*The Doxology **830** *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **548 vs. 1-2** "Let us break bread together"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith: the Apostle's Creed **539** *Book of Praise*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **564** *Book of Praise*
(*With intercessions added, sung response, & sung Lord's Prayer*)

The Breaking of Bread and the Holy Communion

(*The inner circle contains juice cups. The outer ring has wine.*)

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **548 vs. 3** "Let us break bread together"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Toccata Avanti La Messa" G. Frescobaldi

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul's is situated on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. All peoples have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Land acknowledgments are essential as we move forward on a path to reconciliation and are guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

AN INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive to create a church where all people are included and affirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: GALLERY SEATING IS CLOSED

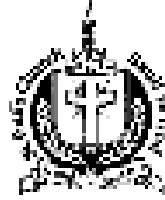
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



An automated external defibrillator is available in the hallway outside the main office.

ST. PAUL'S VISION



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a Christian community in downtown Hamilton, embodying Jesus' acceptance and love of all people and supporting the growth of God's people in faith and service.

ST. PAUL'S TEAM

Minister (Interim):	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Judith Flaherty, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

Website:	www.stpaulshamilton.ca
Email:	info@stpaulshamilton.ca
Phone:	905-522-2792
Mail:	70 James St. S. Hamilton, ON L8P 2Y8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Report Submissions – The deadline for the Annual Report Submissions was last Thursday. If you haven't already, please send your report to Natanya today. Thanks!

Directory edits – We are printing the 2024 congregational directory next week. If you have any changes to make in your contact information, please email Natanya this week so only the most up-to-date information will be printed. Thank you.

Annual Congregational Meeting - St. Paul's Annual Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The meeting will be in person, following the service. Lunch will be provided.

A Memorial Service for Barbara Smith will be held on February 18th, 2pm Atlantic time at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax. This link will take you to the St. David's YouTube channel, but a direct link to Barbara's service will be emailed to the congregation and printed in next week's bulletin.
<https://www.youtube.com/@ThePresbyterianChurchofStDavid/> featured

2024 Giving Envelopes - If you have an envelope number between 1-50, please see the front few by the piano to collect your 2024 envelope box. If you have any questions or concerns about this, or if you don't have an envelope box and would like to have one, please email/call Natanya at the office.

Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre donations- Donations of toiletries and non-perishable snacks and foods would still be of great help to the HUC CHC. Please leave these items in the boxes on the St. Andrew's stage.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 11

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, February 12

7:30pm: Scottish Dance Group in St. Andrew's Hall

Tuesday, February 13

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

10:00am: HUC CHC/St. Paul's Zoom meeting

Wednesday, February 14

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, February 15

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Chapel & St. Andrew's

Friday, February 16

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT



In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint

Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their stories and seeing first-hand how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.