



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

SUNDAY SERVICE: Easter III

April 23, 2023. 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 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defence" J.G. Walther

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **259** "This joyful Eastertide"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **116: 1-11** ref I Reader: Branden Moffat

Exodus **33: 12-14** (page **98, OT**)

Luke **24: 13-35** (page **109, NT**)

*Hymn **338** "Let all things now living"

Anthem "The Strife is O'er" H.G. Ley

Sermon "Do Not Doubt That Jesus Is Walking By Your Side"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **357** "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer **831** *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Largo" A. Vivaldi

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

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **263** "They set out on their homeward road"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Trumpet Tune in D" A. Vivaldi

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

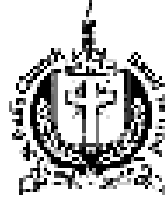
The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive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

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:	Archie McQueen, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hamilton Urban Core & St. Paul's Spring Clean-up day –

Please save the morning of Wednesday, May 24th to join us with your work gloves on the church grounds for a clean-up, flower planting social event, organized by Hamilton Urban Core. More details to come.

St. Paul's Parking Lot maps – If you drive to St. Paul's during the week and are confused about where you can/can't park, drop by the bulletin board today and grab a map of the lot to take home. Hopefully it clears things up for you!

Food and toiletry donations for the HUC CHC -

The following items would still be of great help to the Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre. Please leave your items in the boxes on the stage in St. Andrew's Hall. Thanks!

1. Donations of toiletries, such as soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products
2. Donations of non-perishable food items
3. Snack items such as muffins, granola bars, etc. that can be eaten by clients when they are at the site.

A Celebration Luncheon for South Gate Presbyterian Church -

After nearly 74 years, The South Gate Presbyterian Church will close and amalgamate with Trinity Presbyterian Church. Their last service will be Sunday June 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. and they're planning a celebration luncheon at Marquis Gardens, 1365 Sandhill Drive from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday June 24, 2023 in the Opal Ballroom. You're welcome to attend and share your memories of The South Gate Church.

RSVP via email – jfoxsouthgate@gmail.com or calling the church at 905-385-7774 by June 9th.

The luncheon will cost \$20/person.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 23rd

11:00am: Sunday Service: Easter III

12:00pm: Coffee hour

5:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in St. Andrew's Hall

Monday, April 24th

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, April 25th

7:00pm: Session Meeting

Thursday, April 27th

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28th

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT from the PCC



In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service &

Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture. "My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.