



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

Sunday Service – Lent III
March 23rd, 2025. 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 in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service today.*

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Sarabande for Lent" Arthur Milner

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 84 "I joyed when to the house of God"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Mimi Fox

*Responsive Psalm 63:1-8 ref. II

Isaiah 55:1-8 (page 886, OT)

Luke 13:1-9 (page 92, NT)

*Hymn 209 "O Love that wilt not let me go"

Anthem "Call to Remembrance" Richard Farrant

Sermon "Sometimes Ordinary People Overcome Terrible Adversity" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 675 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo "O Divine Redeemer" CH Gounod
Soloist: Beth McJannett

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 497 "Word of God, across the ages"

Benediction

Response 206

"Jesus Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom"

Postlude "Christ, Who Died Us To Redeem" J. G. Walther

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

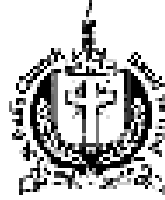
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

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| Interim Moderator: | Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis |
| Clerk of Session: | Jer Dubash |
| Director of Music: | Blair Havers |
| Chimer: | Branden Moffat |
| Custodian: | Ruparain Sydney |
| Office Administrator: | Lydia Ekodeu |
| Today's Ushers: | Judith Flaherty, North Aisle Trish Haycock, South Aisle |

ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back Alley Gallery –

Thank you to everyone who attended the historic buildings art event at the Back Alley Gallery! For those who were unable to attend, Mary has extended an invitation to view the artwork depicting these beautiful historical buildings until April 27th. To arrange a time to visit, please contact Mary Flynn at mary@backalleygallery.ca.

Request for Volunteers –

Helping Hands Street Mission is looking for volunteers to help them move. A variety of types of support is needed, including packing and unpacking boxes, moving furniture and equipment, and cleaning and organizing the new space. Volunteers are needed from March 17th to March 28th. If you are interested, please contact Lisette Sayes at 905-512-8623 or lisette@hsmhamilton.com.

Request for School Supplies –

The Al Amal Learning Centre is in need of school supplies for their programs. Donations will be collected in St. Andrew's Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Ida. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 23rd

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, March 24th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, March 25th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 26th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, March 28th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 29th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal
