



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

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday Service

February 4, 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 in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service today.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Pastorale" Phillip Hayes

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 304 "We praise you, Creator"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 147 : 1-11, ref I Reader: Debbie Bruce

Isaiah 40: 21-31 (page 862, OT)

Mark 1: 29-39 (page 44, NT)

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 (page 217, NT)

*Hymn 374 "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"

Anthem "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Sermon "Healing the Sick"

Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 747 "There is a balm in Gilead"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Largo" William Boyce

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 676 "Jesus, lover of my soul"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Voluntary in G" John Worgan

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

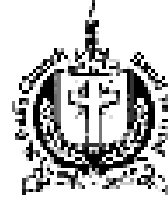
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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
Guest Minister:	Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge
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 Trish Haycock, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Donation Receipts available TODAY - Please pick up your 2023 donation records/ receipts from the front pew today. All remaining envelopes will be mailed on Tuesday, February 6th.

Welcome to our Guest Minister – The Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge will be speaking and leading our services again today. We're blessed to have her with us. Thanks, Vicky!

Mark is away until February 7th and he'll return for service on February 11th. Please call Natanya at the office or any elder if you require pastoral care during that time. Mark has left them the names of several local clergy who are ready to help.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Report - St. Paul's Annual Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, March 10, 2024. All reports for the Annual Report should be submitted to Natanya in person or by email **no later than THIS Thursday, February 8th**. Thank you for your timely submissions!

A Memorial Service for Barbara Smith will be held on February 18th, 2pm Atlantic time at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax. Streaming details to follow.

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 4

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, February 7

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, February 8

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

Friday, February 9

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT

For decades, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully dedicated itself to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our valued partners, PWS&D is actively contributing to positive transformation within our global community. From responding to emergencies to helping families and communities access nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care and quality education, PWS&D is helping people thrive. As people of faith, we respond to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, work towards equality, the restoration of human dignity, peace, and care for God's creation. Together, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.