



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

Sunday Service – Lent I/Annual Meeting
March 9th, 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 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" G. P. Telemann

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 54 "My song forever shall record"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Debbie Bruce

*Responsive Psalm 91 ref. I

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (page 224, OT)

Luke 4:1-13 (page 74, NT)

*Hymn 431 "Jesus, where'er thy people meet"

Anthem "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"

Sermon "Sometimes Ordinary People Accept the Challenge"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 690 "Fight the good fight"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Voluntary in F" John Bennett

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 633 "Who would true valour see"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Choral in F" Joh. Brahms

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

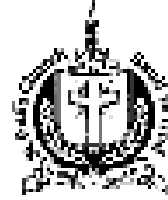
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

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:	Murray McDowall, North Aisle Annette Sydney, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Meeting Today –

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place today, directly following the service in St. Andrew's Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please forward your reports to the office as soon as possible.

The Annual Report is available be picked up in the front pew of the Sanctuary.

Charitable Donation Receipts –

2024 Charitable Donation receipts are available for pickup in the front of the sanctuary in personalized envelopes, alphabetized by last name. Please note that these receipts reflect givings from January 1 - December 31, 2024. If you have any questions about your slip, please contact Lydia in the church office.

Due to the Canada Post strike, there has been some charitable donation legislation introduced, but not passed into Federal law, because Parliament isn't currently sitting. It states that charitable donations that are made between January 1 and February 28, 2025 can be claimed on either your 2024 or 2025 personal income tax return. The current advice that we have received suggests that we should prepare charitable donation slips for this period. We will keep you updated as we receive information related to this topic.

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 9th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, March 10th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, March 11th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, March 12th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, March 14th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 15th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal
