



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

## NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY SERVICE

January 1, 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.*

### WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude: "French Noels"                      Lebégue, Chauvet, Franck

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 808                      "Come in, come in, New Year"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness                      Gloria Patri

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

\*Responsive Psalm 148, ref I                      Reader: Walter Plater

Isaiah 63:7-9                                      (page 898, OT)

Matthew 2:13-23                                      (page 4, NT)

\*Hymn 145                                      "In the bleak mid-winter"

Anthem                                      "A Gallery Carol" Oxford Book of Carols

Sermon                                      "The God of New Beginnings"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

\*Hymn 811                                      "Standing at the portal"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer                                      831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory                                      "Quem Pastores"                      Helmut Walcha

\*The Doxology                                      830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

\*Hymn 742                                      "Lead on, O King eternal"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude                                      "Noel #VI"                                      Dacquin

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## 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.

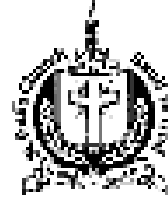
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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

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## 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:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office will be closed for the Holidays** – The St. Paul's office will be closed through January 4<sup>th</sup>, while Natanya visits her family in Virginia. If you have an emergency and need to speak with someone during this time, please contact Mark Lewis: revmarklewis@gmail.com. Any non-urgent phone messages or emails will be responded to during temporary office hours on January 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark your calendars for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – We will be having a special time during the Sunday morning service to ordain Ida Dejong as an Elder and member of session, as well as to welcome Richard Simpson as a new member of St. Paul's. A reception for Ida will follow the service in St. Andrew's Hall.

**2023 Giving Envelopes are ready for pick-up** – If your envelope number is between 1 & 50, please pick up your labeled boxed set from the front pew by the piano today. If you do not find your name and would like to obtain an envelope number and set, please email [info@stpaulshamilton.ca](mailto:info@stpaulshamilton.ca). You can expect a response in early January. Thanks!

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00am: New Year's Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in St. Andrew's Hall

### Tuesday- Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul's office closed

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

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## MISSION MOMENTS from the PCC

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith. Together, we continue Christ's ministry by engaging in vibrant and faithful ministries in our communities, our country and around the world. Together, we



call for justice and act with compassion. We support ministries with Indigenous people, both in and outside Canada. We send mission staff to accompany international partners. We support ministries that provide aid for refugees, people involved in the sex trade and all who are vulnerable to exploitation. We start and build new faith communities and encourage and support congregations renewing their ministries. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are Presbyterians Sharing!

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# Happy New Year!