



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

SUNDAY SERVICE

Holy Communion & the First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022. 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 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" G. Böhm, P. Manz

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **113** "Comfort, comfort, you my people"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **122** ref I Reader: Judith Flaherty

Isaiah **2:1-5** (page **810**, OT)

Matthew **24:36-44** (page **35**, NT)

Lighting the 1st candle on the Advent wreath

Advent Reading I - "Hope" insert in bulletin Judith Flaherty

*Hymn **124** "People in darkness"

Anthem "Comfort All Ye My People" G. Faurè

Sermon "We are ready." Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **528** "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Come, O Long- Expected Jesus" R.J. Powell

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

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed **539** *Book of Praise*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **564** *Book of Praise*

(with intercessions added), includes the sung response
"Holy...", concludes with "Lord's Prayer," sung.

The Breaking of Bread and the Communion

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **549** "For the bread which you have broken"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Once He Came in Blessing" T.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

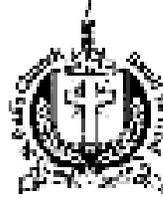
The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive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

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:	Arlene Swenor, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour - Join us for coffee and cookies immediately following the service in St. Andrew's Hall. The Hospitality & Greeting Committee is looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up, and cookie donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Trish Haycock at 905-648-3728.

A note from Mark - On Tuesday this week, Donna, Ruth and I will be flying to London to meet with Samuel, Anna, and Roland in order to celebrate an early family Christmas. I will be back on December 10. The preacher next week will be the Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge. While I am away, four local Presbyterian Clergy will be on standby for any arising pastoral need. If you need help, please call Natanya in the church office. All the Elders also have the names and contact information for the clergy on standby.

Advent Devotionals – "Journey to Christmas," an Advent devotional, is available for you to take home and use throughout this Advent season. Enjoy!

Update on Markee Developments Inc. - Two weeks ago, Heather Pirie and Mark Lewis, along with representatives of Markee Developments Inc. met with 2 companies, Colliers International and The Antec Appraisal Group, both of which are certified by the Accredited Appraiser Canadian Institute (AACI). We were all in agreement that the Antec Appraisal Group was the best equipped to provide the valuation we require. They have extensive experience in appraising similar properties in the City of Hamilton, and are able to provide the appraisal in the next two weeks. Last Thursday, Heather, Mark and Markee met at St. Paul's with Kevin Antonides, Managing

Partner at Antec, for a site inspection and to begin the work of evaluating the property. The overall cost of the evaluation will be \$3,300 plus HST and will be shared between St. Paul's and Markee Developments Inc. Please pray that God will guide this process.

Cheques made payable to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church - Please note that cheques donated to the church need to be made payable exactly to: "St. Paul's Presbyterian Church." The bank is no longer accepting shortened versions of the name. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank You for Decorating the Sanctuary - In the Season of Advent the sanctuary of St. Paul's looks amazing. Thank you so much to Annette Sydney, Margaret Plater, Ruparian Sydney, Debbie Bruce, and Ida Dejong for your hard work in preparing the sanctuary for Christmas. It's so beautiful, it would make the Grinch's heart grow three sizes bigger!

Thanks for the Lunch Last Sunday - The Anniversary Lunch was great last Sunday. We are thankful to Debbie Bruce and the team that worked with her to provide such a good opportunity for fellowship and a great meal. The Rev. Susan Kerr has expressed to us that she is thankful that she was received at St. Paul's with great hospitality and care.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

St. Paul's Giving Tree - The Hamilton Urban Core is receiving item donations to provide hampers to families and individuals in downtown Hamilton this holiday season. Please consider this giving throughout the Advent Season so we can join in this valuable ministry of loving our neighbours well. You can leave these items on the St. Andrew's Hall stage, either on the tree itself as a decoration or in the large, wrapped gift boxes next to the tree.

Suggested items include: hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, lip balm, Hot Hands, slippers, toothbrushes, tooth paste, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, hand wipes, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, female products, face cream, hair brushes, combs, unwrapped children's toys, books for children and teens, gift cards for teens, Tim Horton's gift cards, grocery gift cards, Shoppers' gift cards, etc. **They will be picked up the week of December 16th.**

Presbyterian World Service and Development Gifts of Change - Please consider a PWS&D Gift of Change as you are doing your Christmas shopping this year. There may be some people on your list who truly do not need another box of Turtles, pair of socks, or novelty Christmas sweater, but they would love to know that you bought a Gift of Change in their name. There are extra Gifts of Change booklets on the piano today. There are also round cut-out ornaments that you can hang on the tree to signify your gift.

Year End Fundraiser - A "Christmas Offering" envelope is provided in your bulletin today for this offering. Please refer to insert for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 27th

11:00am: The First Sunday Service in Advent

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

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

Monday, November 28th

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

Thursday, December 1st

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 2nd

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENTS

"I was able to buy some food supplies with the money I received," she said. This PWS&D project is helping refugee families who have fled Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover. Read more of Ramia's story tomorrow on Facebook ([StPaulsHamilton](#)) or Instagram ([st.pauls.hamilton](#)).

