



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

Sunday Service – Lent V
April 6th, 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 "O God, Be Merciful" J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 275 "Jesus shall reign where're the sun"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Heather Pirie

*Responsive Psalm 126 ref. I

Philippians 3:4b-14 (page 253, NT)

John 12:1-8 (page 129, NT)

*Hymn 396 "As comes the breath of spring"

Anthem "Lord, From Your Cross Look Upon Us"

Eugene Englert

Sermon "Rolling Back the Stone of Hopelessness"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 748 "Lord of all hopefulness"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo "O God, Have Mercy" F. Mendelssohn
Soloist: Caren Donahoe

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 772 "Christ for the world we sing"

Benediction

Response 206

"Jesus Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom"

Postlude "May God Bestow On Us His Grace" 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

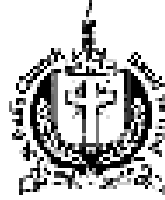
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

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:	Annette Sydney, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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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.

Coffee Hour –

The Hospitality and Greeting Committee greatly appreciates and welcomes contributions of cookies and other sweets for our weekly coffee hour, as our cupboards are beginning to look bare.

Easter Lilies –

We invite you to use the envelopes located in the front pew if you would like to honour your loved ones with a lily on Easter. The last day to submit your order is April 13th.

Extension of 2024 Charitable Donation Deadline –

Charitable Donations given between January 1st and February 28th, 2025 can be claimed on either your 2024 or 2025 personal income tax return. If you would like to claim this donation period on your 2024 taxes, please contact Lydia at the office to have a tax slip prepared for you. For more information, please consult with your personal tax advisor, and visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/newsroom/tax-tips/tax-tips-2025/clarifying-cra-approach-administering-proposed-tax-measure-extend-2024-charitable-donations-deadline.html>.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 6th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, April 7th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, April 8th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, April 9th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, April 11th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, April 12th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal

Saying Goodbye to Alamal Learning Centre –

This week we say goodbye to Alamal Learning Centre, who have been running their children's program here at St. Paul's for the past couple of years. All the best to their director, Mayada, to the teachers, to the students, and to their families. It has been a pleasure hosting you!