



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

SUNDAY SERVICE: Pentecost XXV

November 19, 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.*

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 "Variation on "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"" J.G. Walther

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 11 "The Lord's my shepherd"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 123, ref I

Judges 4: 1-7 (page 273, OT)

Matthew 25: 14-30 (page 36, NT)

*Hymn 663 "God, whose giving knows no ending"

Anthem "God is Light" Paul Bouman

Sermon "Do You Believe in the Future?"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 670 "Amazing Grace"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Ayre In F" G. P. Telemann

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 680 "Christ, of all my hopes the ground"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Final Variation on "Jesu, Priceless Treasure""
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

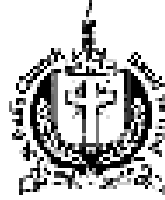
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

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:	Judith Flaherty, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Everyone Who Made our 190th Anniversary Such a Great Celebration! Thank you to Blair Havers and the Choir for providing such uplifting and inspirational music. Thank you to Debbie Bruce for planning the great pot-luck lunch, and keeping us all organized. Thank you to Judith, Jer, Annette, Trish, Syd, and others for help with the set-up and clean-up for the pot-luck lunch. Thank you to Trish and Mark Haycock for providing tea, coffee and the anniversary cake. Great work on the cake, Mark! Thank you to Ida deJong for providing a wonderful historical display. We all had fun trying to put names to the faces! Thank you to all the people who brought amazing dishes for the pot-luck lunch. It was a wonderful feast! Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a great Sunday and a joyful celebration of our 190th Anniversary.

Hats & Mitts for Newcomer children - We are delighted to have so many children come through our doors for the Alamal Learning Centre every Thursday afternoon. These children are new to Canada and many are adjusting to a cold climate for the first time in their lives. We, as a St. Paul's family, would love to bless each child at Alamal with a set of mitts and a hat this winter. Please bring all donations to the box on the St. Andrew's stage marked: "Hats and Mitts for kids." ***Update: We've received 22 wonderful sets for the kids! Thank you! We still need 28 more sets to be able to give to every child. Monetary donations are great as well.*** See Ida or call Natanya with any questions.

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. The HUC CHC clients are so grateful.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 19th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour in St. Andrew's Hall

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, November 20th

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

Tuesday, November 21st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Finance & Property Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall

Wednesday, November 22nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, November 23rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre (Upper classrooms & Chapel)

Friday, November 24th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT from the PCC



The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation .