



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

Sunday Service – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1st, 2026. 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 "Aria in F" G.F. Handel

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 46 "We will tell each generation"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Branden Moffat

*Responsive Psalm 15, ref. I

Micah 6: 1-8 (page 1132, OT)

Matthew 5: 1-12 (page 6, NT)

*Hymn 457 "Now thank we all our God"

Anthem "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Sermon "Lifting the Curse that Hangs Over Our Heads"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 326 "Give to the winds thy fears"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Chorale" Richard Arnell

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 479 "The church's one foundation"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Grande Jeu" Pierre Du Mage

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:	Gordon Swenor (Interim)
Today's Ushers:	Trish Haycock Judith Flaherty

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Meeting & Annual Report

It's the time of year to begin planning for the Annual Report & General Meeting!

This year's Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 15th following our regular service. If you have a report to be included in the Annual Report please submit it to the office as soon as possible, the final deadline to do so is February 22nd. Thank you!

2026 Offering Envelopes –

If your envelope # is below 40 and haven't picked up your box of offering envelopes it can be picked up at the front pew in the sanctuary near the piano.

If you do not have an envelope # below 40 but are interested in receiving a box of offering envelopes please reach out to Gordon in the office.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 1st

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, February 2nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Country Dancing in St. Andrew's Hall

Tuesday, February 3rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, February 4th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, February 6th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Refugee Committee Update –

Thanks to your help St. Paul's was able to provide all of the listed donations items that were requested by Sandu and her family. Sandu and her family arrived to Canada on January 12th. Please reach out to Ida deJong with any questions you may have regarding Sandu's family and their arrival.

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the new-year. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!