



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

1st Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday Service

January 7, 2024. 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 How Beautiful the Sky" *Danish Carol* P. Manz

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **811** "Standing at the portal"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **29**, ref II Reader: Joel Swenor

Genesis **1: 1-5** (page **1**, OT)

Mark **1: 4-11** (page **43**, NT)

*Hymn **809** "All beautiful the march of days"

Anthem "Gallery Carol" Oxford Book of Carols

Sermon "Moving Forward With Courage & Faith"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **183** "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Noël Angevin" César Franck

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

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **126** "On Jordan's bank"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Let All Together Praise Our God" P. Manz

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

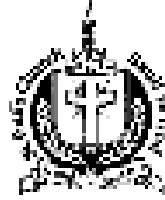
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

2024 Giving Envelopes – If you have an envelope number between 1-50, please see the front few by the piano to collect your 2024 envelope box. If you have any questions or concerns about this, or if you don't have an envelope box and would like to have one, please email/call Natanya at the office.

What Is the Church and Why Does It Exist? – Author David Fitch is hosting a question & answer session on his book "Faithful Presence," on Monday, January 22nd at 7pm, at Chedoke Presbyterian Church. To reserve your table or seat, email David Milmine: dmilmine@mail.com

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers are placed today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Wilma Irene Havers
(8/20/ 1939- 1/6/ 2020)

by the Havers and
Mandarino families.

Always in our hearts.



TWILIGHT WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

Sunday, January 7

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

10:00am: HUC/ St. Paul's Zoom meeting

Wednesday, January 10

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, January 11

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Chapel & St. Andrew's

Friday, January 12

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT

When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Responding to God's call, Lora departed for Kathmandu in early January 2024 with her spouse Mitch Rhodes and their two youngest children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.