

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SUNDAY SERVICE: Lent V

March 26, 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.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Jesus, I will ponder now" Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 208 "In the cross of Christ I glory"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 40:1-11 ref I Reader: Judith Flaherty

Jeremiah **26**: **12-16** (page **948**, **OT**)

Matthew 27: 15-26 (page 40, NT)

*Hymn 375 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Anthem Robert Lau

"Ave Verum Corpus" (Hail True Body, Born of the Virgin Mary)

Sermon "My Name Is Pilate" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **497** "Word of God, across the ages"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo Soloist: Caren Donahue

"O Lord, Whose Mercies Number Less"G.F. Handel

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **340** "At the name of Jesus"

Benediction & Choral Response 206 Book of Praise

Postlude "The Royal Banners Forward Go" W. Held

Please join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the service!

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A note from Marny Riddell about our Refugee Family – "Our refugee family is arriving on Thursday April 6th. Their apartment is ready for them and those who worked at preparing it for the family say that it looks very homey and comfortable with a fresh coat of paint and new appliances in the kitchen. Much of the furniture was bought new for them and the smaller items for the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom, donated by the involved churches, have been delivered and neatly stored. The final plans for meeting them at the airport with any needed items such as car seats for the children, warmer jackets, snacks and enough vehicles to accommodate the family and their baggage have been made. We are looking forward to meeting them and helping them settle in. I am sure they will appreciate all that you have done to prepare for their arrival. Do keep them in your prayers as they become used to a new country and culture."

Easter Fundraiser 2023 labels - If you'd like to give toward the Easter fundraiser, there are labels in the pews that you may add to your envelope to ensure proper fund designation.

Important notice from the Presbyterian Church in Canada - The PCC is aware of scam, masked as the PWS&D, making phone calls, pressuring church members to provide their banking information to "donate to PWS&D." PWS&D (and the PCC) do not solicit funds over the phone. The only instance someone from the PCC will call a donor is if card information used for monthly donations needs to be updates or information mailed to the church needs to be clarified. Be careful and do not fall prey to people using PWS&D's (or the PCC's) names in fraudulent attempts to solicit funds. If you are ever in doubt, hang up and call the national office at 1-800-619-7301. If this happens to you, please also report it to the national office."

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 26th

11:00am: Sunday Service: Lent V

12:00pm: Coffee hour

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

Monday, March 27th

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, March 28th

7:00pm: Session meeting on Zoom

Thursday, March 30th

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 31st

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT

In Haiti, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is supporting farmers and their families. As a farmer, 62-year-old Emmanuel Joseph has experienced changes to his land for decades. When Emmanuel joined a farmer's collective supported by PWS&D in 2013, he began learning conservation agriculture practices like composting and crop rotation. Now, Emmanuel's garden produces more and better food year-round, and his wife is able to bring produce to the market to sell. Projects focusing on food security benefit farmers and their loved ones by providing education and resources to help achieve better food security and address the impacts of climate change—both now and in the future.