



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

SUNDAY SERVICE

September 3, 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 cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude: "Andantino from Vesper Voluntaries Op.14" E. Elgar

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 338 "Let all things now living"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 96 ref. I Reader: Gordon Swenor

1 Chronicles 16: 28-36 (page 463, OT)

Ephesians 3: 14-20 (page 247, NT)

*Hymn 797 "Shall we gather at the river"

Sermon "Being in the Presence of Trees"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn (pink insert) "Birds are singing"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" arr. R. Coleman
Dorothy Haartman, violin

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 332 "How great thou art"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude E. Elgar

"Allegretto Piacevole from Vesper Voluntaries Op. 14"

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

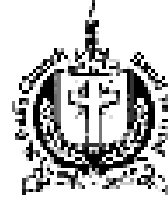
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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
Guest Organist & Violinist:	Lianne Tan & Dorothy Haartman
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

Rally Sunday- September 17, 2023- Mark your calendar! Rally Sunday will take place on September 17th. Join us as we get back into routine after enjoying the wonderful summer months. Part of the Rally Sunday tradition at St. Paul's is having our traditional pizza lunch following the service.

Alamal Learning Centre - This coming Thursday, and every Thursday evening this school year, we have the honour of welcoming young new Canadian children into our upper classrooms to learn about Canadian culture, English skills, and how to become a part of their new country in a positive way. These children have seen great hardship in their short lives. Thank you, teachers of Alamal Learning Centre, for pouring hope into the future leaders of our city. We're thankful to share our space for your beautiful work here.

Choir starts up this Thursday - Choir rehearsal begins this Thursday, September 7th at 7pm. The building will be bustling on Thursday nights this school year, so please keep in mind that the washrooms will be a shared space with Alamal Learning Centre children and their teachers. Thank you for accommodating and welcoming these little ones!

Today's Guest Musicians - Lianne Tan is our guest organist today and violinist, Dorothy Haartman from the Dundas Valley Orchestra is also blessing us with her music. Thank you, Lianne and Dorothy for sharing your musical gifts with us. It's a pleasure to have you both.

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.

Indoor Bicycle Parking - If you rode your bike to church today, you are very welcome to park it in the Library section of St. Andrew's Hall. St. Paul's will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that might happen in or on our property, but we can assure you that the Library is a good place to park your bike during the service, rather than outside.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 3rd

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Cold drinks in St. Andrew's Hall

3pm-7pm: Wedding Rental (*Syd & Natanya onsite*)

7:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 5th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, September 6th

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Thursday, September 7th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre (upper classrooms)

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Friday, September 8th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

