



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

Sunday Service – Advent I / Communion Sunday

December 1st, 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 "Deck Thyself" Donald Busarow

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 122 "Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 25:1-11 ref. I Reader: Heather Pirie

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (page 960, OT)

Luke 21:25-36 (page 104, NT)

*Hymn 120 "Lo! Christ comes with clouds"

Anthem "Splendour is Coming" Walter Pelz

Sermon "The Pathway of Jesus is Light" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo "Be Thou Nigh" Eben Bailey

Soloist: Gabriel Miles

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 543 v. 1-3 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith: the Apostle's Creed 539 Book of Praise

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 564 Book of Praise

(With intercessions added, sung response, & sung Lord's Prayer)

The Breaking of Bread and the Holy Communion

(The inner circle contains juice cups. The outer ring has wine.)

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 543 v. 4-7 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen" 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

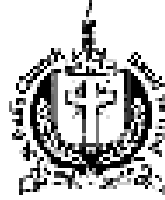
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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

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:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Jer –

Congratulations to the St. Paul's Clerk of Session, Jer Dubash, for recently completing the course to become a Sacrament Elder. Jer has completed all the work necessary and just needs to be commissioned by the Presbytery of Hamilton. When Jer has been commissioned, she will be qualified to lead worship and administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion when an ordained Minister is not available. The position of Sacrament Elder was created in recent years because of the large number of congregations that do not have a minister due to a lack of clergy.

Thank you to Bob, Teena, and Chris –

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our winter clothing bin and closet – and a special thank you to Bob, Teena, and Chris for the bags and boxes they brought in! These items will make a major difference in the lives of our neighbours lacking adequate income and/or housing this season. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact the church office.

A Note from the Mission & Outreach Committee –

Urban Core/CTS: if you would like to continue to donate non-perishable snack items and toiletries, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.

Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra to Perform Handel's Messiah –

On Friday, December 13th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 15th at 3pm the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Bach Elgar Choir come together for Handel's monumental work *Messiah* at St. Catherine of Sienna Church on the mountain. Tickets can be purchased at HPO.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, December 1st

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

2:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic Workshop

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, December 2nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, December 3rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, December 4th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, October 5th

5:00pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Upper classrooms & Chapel

Friday, October 6th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, October 7th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal

Looking for Volunteers – St. Paul's Social Media –

Lydia (the Office Administrator) is looking for volunteers to assist with an upcoming series on the St. Paul's social media. Volunteers will be asked to submit a picture of themselves and 2-5 sentences about why they follow Jesus and/or what following Jesus means to them. Pictures and sentences will be posted to the St. Paul's instagram and facebook pages (@st.pauls.hamilton and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hamilton). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lydia at the office, at info@stpaulshamilton.ca or at 905-522-2792.