



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

SUNDAY SERVICE
Advent I & Communion Sunday
December 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 Coffee Hour, immediately following the service, in St. Andrew's Hall.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Comfort Ye My People" G. Böhm

*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 80: 1-7 ref. I Reader: Joel Swenor

Isaiah 64: 1-9 (page 899, OT)

Mark 12: 41-44 (page 61, NT)

Lighting the 1st candle on the Advent wreath

Advent Reading I - "Hope" insert in bulletin Joel Swenor

*Hymn 641 "One more step along the world I go"

Anthem "My Soul Exalts Your Name, O Lord" R. B. Farlee

Sermon: "All the Wonderful Ways You Have Grown"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo: "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer"
Soloist: Gabriel Miles, Music & Lyrics: César Franck

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 528 vs. 1-2 "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

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 528 vs. 3-4 "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Wake, Awake" A. W. Leupold

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

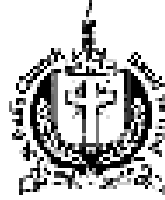
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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:	Walter Plater, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 30th Anniversary, Syd! - Please join us at coffee hour today and have a slice of cake in celebration of Ruparain Sydney's 30 years of faithful service (to the date!) at St. Paul's. Syd, we're so thankful for you and your ongoing work here at the church. We honour you today.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Alamal children! - We were able to give each child a pair of warm mitts and a hat along with a blessing from St. Paul's. Keep these children and their families in your prayers as they heal and settle in Canada.

Take home an Advent Devotional today! - There are two different Advent Devotional booklets available today: "God is in the Manger, Reflections at Advent on Bonhoeffer's Meditations," and "Sing a New Song, An Advent Devotional." Ask an usher or see the stacks on the front pew by the piano. Feel free to take one of each if you'd like!

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 in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Jack and Mary (nee Plater) Woods, by the Plater family.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, December 3, 2023

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour, celebrating Syd's 30th year

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, December 4, 2023

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

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*

7:00pm: Session Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*

Thursday, December 7, 2023

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre (Upper classrooms & Chapel)

Friday, December 8th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT from the PCC

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need.