



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

## Sunday Service – First Sunday of Lent

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. 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 Lamm Gottes" J. S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 11 "The Lord's my shepherd"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Debbie Bruce

\*Responsive Psalm 32, ref. II

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3 1:7 (page 2, OT)

Matthew 4: 1-11 (page 5, NT)

\*Hymn 209 "O Love that wilt not let me go"

Anthem "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Christopher Tye

Sermon "Getting Ready to Fly" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

\*Hymn 200 "Lord Jesus, who through forty days"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" G. P. Telemann

\*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

\*Hymn 321 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Benediction

Choral Response for Lent 206 Book of Praise

Postlude "O Lamb of God" J. Pachelbel

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## 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.

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## 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:	Gordon Swenor (Interim)
Today's Ushers:	Heather Pirie Annette Sydney

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual General Meeting & Annual Report –

This year's Annual General Meeting will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> following our regular service. If you have a report to be included in the Annual Report please submit it to the office as soon as possible, the deadline to do so is today, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

### Charitable Donation Receipts –

2025 Charitable Donation receipts are available for pickup in the front of the sanctuary in personalized envelopes, alphabetized by last name. Included with the receipts are your year-end statements. Please note that these receipts reflect givings from January 1 - December 31, 2025. If you have any questions about your slip, please contact Gordon in the church office.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

### Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Country Dancing in St. Andrew's Hall

### Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Session Meeting

### Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

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### Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the new-year thanks to Ida. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!