



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

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday Service

January 28, 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 "Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee" W. F. Bach

*Call to Worship

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

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **111**, ref II Reader: Trish Haycock

Deuteronomy **18: 15-20** (page **217**, OT)

Mark **1: 21-28** (page **44**, NT)

*Hymn **431** "Jesus, where'er thy people meet"

Anthem "From the Rising of the Sun" F.A. Ouseley

Sermon "Praise Basics"

Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer **831** *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Voluntary in F" John Bennett

*The Doxology **830** *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **472** "We are God's people"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Fugue in D Minor" Louis Marchand

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

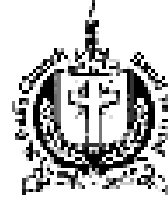
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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
Guest Minister:	Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Archie McQueen, North Aisle Judith Flaherty, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Guest Minister – Today and next Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge will be speaking and leading our services. We're blessed to have her with us again. Thanks, Vicky!

Mark is away until February 7th and he'll return for service on February 11th. Please call Natanya at the office or any elder if you require pastoral care during that time. Mark has left them the names of several local clergy who are ready to help.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Report - St. Paul's Annual Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, March 10, 2024. All reports for the Annual Report should be submitted to Natanya in person or by email **no later than Thursday, February 8th**. Thank you for your timely submissions!

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.

2024 Giving Envelopes - If you have an envelope number between 1-50, please see the front few by the piano to collect your 2024 envelope box. If you have any questions or concerns about this, or if you don't have an envelope box and would like to have one, please email/call Natanya at the office.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter/baby sister,

Cailyn Nicole Haycock, by Trish, Mark, & Matthew.

THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

Sunday, January 28

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, January 31

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, February 1

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Chapel & St. Andrew's

Friday, February 2

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT

In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provided financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.