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

Sunday Service – First Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion

November 29th, 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 "Comfort Ye My People" Georg Böhm

*****Call to Worship

*****Hymn **118** "Hark the glad sound"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Trish Haycock

*****Responsive Psalm **81,** v. **1-10,** ref. **I**

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

Mark **13: 24-37** (page **62,** NT)

*****Hymn **366** v. **1-3, 5** "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts"

Anthem "O Heavenly Beauty" John Younger

Sermon "O That You Would Tear Open the Heavens"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" Robert J. Powell

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **507,** v. **1 & 2** "Break now the bread of life"

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 **507,** v. **3** "Break now the bread of life"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Sleepers, Wake!" 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

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
Today's Ushers:	Judith Flaherty, Trish Haycock

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements this week!

MISSION MOMENT

Dona Antoine was worried when her baby Doriana started to show serious symptoms like swelling, diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Her health worsened quickly. Initially, Dona tried a traditional healer. When that failed, she took Doriana to various clinics, but nothing helped. Feeling desperate, Dona followed a community health worker's advice and took Doriana to a hospital operated by PWS&D's partner in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, where she was admitted to the malnutrition program. She received six days of intensive therapeutic feeding, a transition to home care, and has now fully recovered. This project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is saving the lives of many children in Haiti every year.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 29th
11:00am: Sunday Service
12:00pm: Coffee Hour
4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic
Monday, November 30th
9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN
7:30pm: Scottish Country Dancing in St. Andrew's Hall
Tuesday, December 1st
9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN
Wednesday, December 2nd
9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –
Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the fall thanks to Ida. Donated books from your own personal collections are welcomed and appreciated, please leave books near the book table. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!