



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

SUNDAY SERVICE

Palm Sunday & Communion

March 24, 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, immediately following the service, in St. Andrew's Hall.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honour" Flor Peeters

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **217** "Ride on, ride on in majesty"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **118: 1-13** ref. III Reader: Gordon Swenor

John **12: 1-11** (page **129, NT**)

John **12: 12-19** (page **129, NT**)

*Hymn **588** "A prophet-woman broke a jar"

Anthem "Hosanna to the Son of David" Arthur Hutchings

Sermon: Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

"The Disciples Who Did Not Run Away- Mary of Bethany"

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Ave Verum" Robert Lau

*The Doxology **830 Book of Praise**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **524 vs. 1-2** "We come as guests invited"

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 **524 vs. 3** "We come as guests invited"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Motet "Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus" H. Schütz

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

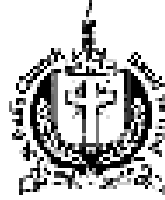
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies – We invite you to use the enclosed envelope if you would like to honour your loved ones with a lily on Easter. The last day to submit your order is Today, March 24th.

From the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross committee- Join a prayerful group on Good Friday, March 29th, reflecting on Jesus's walk to the Cross. The walk will begin at New Vision United Church at noon and end at St. Paul's at 2pm. A simple soup and bread will be served to participants at St. Paul's. Each Station will be in the core downtown area. There will be a prayer, scripture reading, and music at each station. Anyone wishing more information, and/or to help making lentil soup on the 28th, or help on the afternoon of Good Friday, contact Ida.

Caledonia Presbyterian Song & Music Night- Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm: 117 Argyle St. N., Caledonia. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully received to support church missions.

Mission Committee Cookie Drive- The Ecumenical Chaplaincy McMaster Exam Hospitality Drop-In is April 10-24. Cookies can be brought to the April meeting of Presbytery. If you are donating homemade cookies, please do not use lard or nuts. Thanks for your support!

Ecumenical Refugee Committee – We are seeking a volunteer to represent St. Paul's in the Ecumenical Refugee Committee. Please contact Jer or Mark if you are interested.

Easter Choral Celebration Concert at MacNab Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 7th at 3:30pm. The RCCO has organized a massed choir with chorus director Brent Fifield and four

Hamilton organists playing well known anthems and hymns. All are invited!

Walk for St. Matthew's House- Join us and help build a community of hope where people thrive! This is an immersive experience with a walking tour of Hamilton's North End, in support of the work of SMH in our community. Saturday, May 4th, at the WAHC (51 Stuart St., Hamilton).

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 24

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Session meeting

Wednesday, March 27

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Thursday, March 28

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, March 29

11:00am: Good Friday Service

2:00pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Lunch

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall