



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

Sunday Service – Reign of Christ Sunday **November 23rd, 2025. 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 350 "To God be the glory"

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 46, ref. I

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (page 942, OT)

Luke 1: 68-79 (page 70, NT)

*Hymn 21 "Set thou thy trust upon the Lord"

Anthem "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Ronald Kauffman

Sermon "The Reign of Christ is Assured, Even at the
Worst of Times" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 742 "Lead on, O King eternal"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day" Georg Böhm

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 274 "Crown him with many crowns"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Johann Walther

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

Guest Minister:	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:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Judith Flaherty, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter outerwear for our unsheltered neighbours –

Please consider bringing by any adult sized warm outerwear (a special need for men's coats, mitts/gloves, and boots). Many people come to our doors each week looking for warm clothes and I'd love to pass on your donations! Contact Gordon at the office with any questions.

Hamilton Urban Core's 30th Anniversary Gala

On Friday November 28th Hamilton Urban Core is hosting a gala from 6:00pm – 11:00pm in celebration of their 30th anniversary. It will be taking place at Marquis Gardens. Tickets and more information can be found online at:

hucchc.com/HUCCHC-30th-Anniversary



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 23rd

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, November 24th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

Tuesday, November 25th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 26th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, November 28th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Refugee Committee Update –

Documents have been received and added to the file. The file is ready and will now be sent to the Ministry of Interior (Israel immigration) for travel arrangements. The principal applicant, Sandu, should be contacted regarding the family's departure to Canada shortly.

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the fall. Ida has taken over from Lydia. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!

**Ways St. Paul's Congregation may participate in Mission
during Advent 2025**

1. Donate **items of warm winter clothing** for people who come to our door in need. Items may be placed in a tote located in St Andrew's Hall.
2. You will have an opportunity to purchase a mission gift for **Presbyterian World Service and Development** and place a decoration on our Christmas tree in celebration of your gift.
3. Sandu's Apartment - Several more administrative barriers have been cleared and we hope that the family from Eritrea we are helping to sponsor will arrive in Canada shortly. A list of required items is posted on the bulletin board. Donations can be placed in a tote in St. Andrew's Hall, marked **Sandu's Apartment**.
4. We have set a goal of \$50,000.00 for our **Year-End Fundraiser**. A portion of the Year-End Fundraiser will go towards offsetting our deficit, and a portion will go to Hamilton Out of the Cold.

Hamilton Out of the Cold is a not-for-profit, non-denominational program that provides meals for those in need in our community from November to March. Their mission is to provide hot nutritious meals served with dignity and compassion. To learn more about their program:

hamiltonoutofthecold.ca/all-about-us/