



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

Sunday Service – Anniversary Sunday

November 17th, 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 "Festal Flourish" Gordon Jacob

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 482 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Mimi Fox

*Responsive Psalm 150 ref. I

Romans 12:1-18 (page 204, NT)

*Hymn 585 "Christ, you call us all to service"

Anthem "Make our church one Joyful Choir"

Johnathan Crutchfield

Sermon "Unlock the Door of Your Heart"

Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 204 "Thou didst leave thy throne"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Anthem "Come, I Pray Thee" W. H. Anderson

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 410 "Joyful, joyful we adore you"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Festival Voluntary" Flor Peeters

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

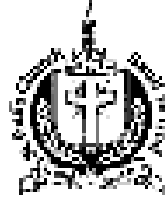
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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
Guest Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Annette Sydney, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversary Sunday Lunch Today! –

Please join us in St. Andrew's Hall following the service for our anniversary lunch. Join us as we celebrate 191 years as a congregation!

Update from the Mission & Outreach Committee –

As you have heard, the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, comprised of a number of local churches, has begun the process of sponsoring a family in Eritrea. Here is an update on the family: Sandu and her 3 children (a 12-year-old daughter and 2 younger sons), have left the dire and dangerous situation in Eritrea and are now in Israel. Sandu is a teacher, and her husband passed away in 2023. The children are attending school and learning English. Their primary language is Arabic.

All the required documentation has been filed. The Eritrean community has provided enough financial support for the family's first year. An application has been done for a 2-bedroom townhouse with Kiwanis housing.

The next step will be to wait until we find out if their application for refugee status is approved. The final step (if approved) will be to arrange a flight out of war-torn Israel. Please keep this family in your prayers, as they wait for a life of freedom, peace, and acceptance in Canada.

KNA Annual Crafting Party – Saturday, November 23 –

The Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association will be hosting their Annual Crafting Party this Saturday, November 23rd from 10am to 12noon. This event is free, open to all ages, and located in the lower level of Blessings Christian Church at the corner of Locke and Stanley. Light refreshments will be served, and donations for the Locke St. Community Fridge are appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 17th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

2:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic Workshop

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, November 18th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, November 19th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Finance & Property Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, November 21st

5:00pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Upper classrooms & Chapel

Friday, November 22nd

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, November 23rd

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal

Other Notes from the Mission & Outreach Committee –

1) Last winter, a bin of cold weather clothing was kept in the church office for those coming to the door who were in need of these items. The need continues to be great for our unhoused neighbours. Please consider donating any "gently used" winter items you may no longer need. Recently requested items include men's shoes or boots.

2) Urban Core/CTS: if you would like to continue to donate non-perishable snack items and toiletries, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.