



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

SUNDAY SERVICE
September 10, 2023. 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 cold drinks & refreshments in St. Andrew's Hall, immediately following the service.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "God the Father, Be our stay" J. G. Walther

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 299 "Holy, holy, holy"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 23 (KJV) ref. I Reader: Joel Swenor

Hosea 11: 1-9 (page 1100, OT)

Luke 15:25-32 (page 95, NT)

*Hymn 248 "At the dawning of salvation"

Anthem "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?" Gordon Young

Sermon "Set Free from the Past" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 371 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Pastorale on "Capetown" Gerald Bales

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 682 (vs. 1,2,3,6) "Just as I am, without one plea"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Postlude in C" D. Zipoli

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

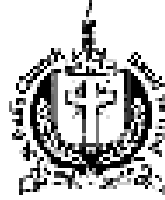
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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 Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Sunday- September 17, 2023- Not every year starts on January 1! Join us for Rally Sunday next week as we celebrate the launch of the new school year. We will be having our traditional pizza lunch in St. Andrew's Hall following the service.

Summer "Coffee Hour" - Special thanks to Jean, Tena, Bob, Chris, Heather, Judith, Debbie, and Rhona who volunteered to support the serving of cool refreshments over the summer. We will be resuming hot coffee and tea on September 17th.

Alamal Learning Centre - On Thursday evenings this school year, we have the honour of welcoming young new Canadian children into our upper classrooms to learn about Canadian culture, English skills, and how to become a part of their new country in a positive way. These children have seen great hardship in their short lives. Thank you, teachers of Alamal Learning Centre, for pouring hope into the future leaders of our city. We're thankful to share our space for your beautiful work here.

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.

Indoor Bicycle Parking - If you rode your bike to church today, you are very welcome to park it in the Library section of St. Andrew's Hall. St. Paul's will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that might happen in or on our property, but we can assure you that the Library is a good place to park your bike during the service, rather than outside.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 10th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Cold drinks & refreshments in St. Andrew's Hall

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, September 11th

7:30pm: Scottish Dance Group

Tuesday, September 12th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

10:00am: HUC CTS/HUSS & St. Paul's Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, September 14th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre (Upper classrooms 1, 2, 3)

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Friday, September 15th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall