



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

Sunday Service – Easter Sunday

April 20th, 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 "Christ Is Arisen" J. S. Bach, J. C. Fischer

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 243 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Debbie Bruce

*Responsive Psalm 118:14-24 ref. I

Mark 16:1-7 (page 67, NT)

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (page 223, NT)

*Hymn 253 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

Anthem "Easter Rejoicing" Jonathan Willcocks

Sermon "He Is Not Here" Rev. Mark Gaskin

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 245 "You choirs of new Jerusalem"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Anthem "Alleluia, Praise the Risen King"
Lloyd Larson

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 258 "Thine be the glory"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" W. Held

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

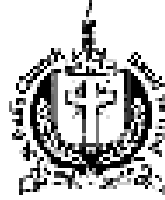
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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 Minister:	Rev. Mark Gaskin
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Heather Pirie, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Fundraiser –

This year's Easter Fundraiser will be for Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D). PWS&D responds quickly and effectively to the most dire needs of the world, focusing on areas such as agriculture, irrigation, education, and medical care. We invite you to use the yellow PWS&D envelope provided to make a special Easter donation to PWS&D. If you are donating by cheque, please make it payable to St. Paul's and bring it to the church on or before Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025). Thank you, and God bless you.

Mark Lewis Away –

Rev. Mark is in Amsterdam and London to celebrate Easter and the first birthday of his granddaughter Sybil with his family. Mark will return to St. Paul's on Sunday, May 11th.

Hot Cross Buns Today –

Hot Cross Buns and Coffee will be served in St. Andrew's Hall following the service today. Join us!

No Session Meeting This Month –

There will be no Session meeting this month. The next meeting will take place in-person on May 27th.

Request for Prayer –

Teresa Maracle is requesting prayer for her left knee which she recently fractured.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunday

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, April 21st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, April 22nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, April 23rd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, April 25th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saying Goodbye to Alamal Learning Centre –

This week we say goodbye to Alamal Learning Centre, who have been running their children's program here at St. Paul's for the past couple of years. All the best to their director, Mayada, to the teachers, to the students, and to their families. It has been a pleasure hosting you!

Special Meeting on Sunday, May 11th –

The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, is called to meet in a special meeting on Sunday, May 11, for the sole purpose of approving an updated Trust Deed. A Trust Deed is the document which establishes the legal basis for the existence of a congregation. The Trust Deed for St. Paul's has not been updated since 1833. This meeting would only take a few minutes.