



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

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
& COMMUNION SERVICE**
February 19, 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.*

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Thee We Adore" H. Willan

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **187** "We have come at Christ's own bidding"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **2:1-12**, ref I Reader: Heather Pirie

Exodus **24:12-18** (page **88**, OT)

Matthew **17:1-9** (page **24**, NT)

*Hymn **712**

"Arise, your light is come"

Anthem

"Be known to us" John B. Younger

Sermon

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Honouring Phillis Wheatley:

"Why the Persons Taken into Slavery Adopted the Religion of the Slavers and Transformed it"

Special Music

Ryan Davis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "I Come, O Saviour to Thy table" Thos. Canning

*The Doxology

830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith: the Apostle's Creed **539** Book of Praise

*Hymn **543 vs. 1-3**

"Here, O my Lord, I see thee"

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 **543 vs. 4-7** "...Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread" G. Krapf

Please join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the service!

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

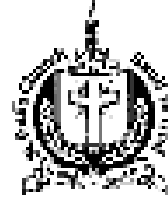
The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive to create a church where all people are included and affirmed.

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:	Arlene Swenor, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting - St. Paul's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2pm, exclusively on Zoom.**

2022 Tax Receipts available today – Please pick up your tax receipt envelope from the front pew of the Sanctuary today. Any envelopes that are left after the service will be mailed next week.

Stories of hope from Indwell Tenants - You're invited to a free screening of SAFE on Thursday, March 2 at 7 pm at The Westdale. SAFE is a documentary that features Indwell tenants and their stories with hope-filled solutions to homelessness. You'll be inspired! Reserve your seat at indwell.ca/events. Warning: there is some strong language and mature subject matter.

The Hamilton Centre of the RCCO will present Mr. Stephen Boda, organist at Timothy Eaton Memorial in Toronto, and winner of the 2015 Organ Playing Competition, in recital at Central Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 24th at 7: 30pm. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

IN MEMORY

The bouquet of forsythia at the front of the Sanctuary today is placed by the Davis family in the loving memory of Sarah Agnus Davis, her son, Ralph Stevenson Davis, and family, who were members of St. Paul's for many years.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 19th

11:00am: Transfiguration Sunday & Communion Service

12:00pm: Coffee hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in St. Andrew's Hall

Monday, February 20th : Family Day

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, February 21st

7:00pm: Finance and Property Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 24th

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

MISSION MOMENT from the PCC

Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a global food crisis where 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia—countries where hunger needs are worsening daily. This crisis has disproportionately adverse effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed.