



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

Sunday Service – Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15th, 2026. 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 "A Lamb Bears all its Guilt Away" J. G. Walther

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 321 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Heather Pirie

*Responsive Psalm 121, ref. II

Genesis 12: 1-4 (page 12, OT)

John 9: 1-25 (page 124, NT)

*Hymn 670 "Amazing grace"

Anthem "Prayer of Penitence" Gerard Bales

Soloist: Gabriel Miles

Sermon "I Am the Man Born Blind" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 500 "Open my eyes, that I may see"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer" César Franck

Soloist: Beth McJannett

*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 461 "Be thou my vision"

Benediction

Choral Response for Lent 206 *Book of Praise*

Postlude "Passion Chorale" G. P. Telemann

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
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Gordon Swenor (Interim)
Today's Ushers:	Judith Flaherty Heather Pirie

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Meeting –

St. Paul's 2026 Annual General Meeting is today, March 15th, following this service. If you did not pick up an annual report last week there are more hard copies available for pickup in the front pew of the sanctuary.

There will be food & refreshments available as the meeting begins. Free-will offerings to offset the cost of supplies are greatly appreciated.

Easter Lilies –

If you would like to have a lily placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5, in memory of loved ones, please use the donation envelope available for pick-up on the piano. The envelopes will be available until March 29. You can place them on the offering plate or return them directly to the office.

You will be able to take your lily home following the service on April 5.

St. Paul's Prayer Group –

There is a group wanting to pray for you or someone you feel needs our prayers. To request a prayer please speak to Judith Flaherty, your elder, or reach out to the office through phone or email. You may also place your prayer request in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 15th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Annual General Meeting

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, March 16th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

Tuesday, March 17th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, March 18th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, March 20th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue through 2026 thanks to Ida. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!