



## ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

### Sunday Service – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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                    "Two Quiet Preludes"                    Keith Bissell

\*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

Reader:

Heather Pirie

\*Responsive Psalm 112, ref. II

(page 890, OT)

Isaiah 58: 1-12

(page 7, NT)

Matthew 5: 13-20

"God's law is perfect"

\*Hymn 9

R.S. Eaton

Anthem    "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Sermon    "Rediscovering True Value"

Silent Reflection

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

\*Hymn 324

"Great is thy faithfulness"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory                    "Voluntary in B<sup>b</sup>"

J. Battishill

\*The Doxology

830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

#### WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

\*Hymn 495

"The heavens declare your glory, Lord"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude                    "Allegro Maestoso" (Sonata #2) F. Mendelssohn

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## 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.

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## 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:	Heather Pirie Judith Flaherty

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual General Meeting & Annual Report

It's the time of year to begin planning for the Annual Report & General Meeting!

This year's Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> following our regular service. If you have a report to be included in the Annual Report please submit it to the office as soon as possible, the final deadline to do so is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you!

### 2026 Offering Envelopes –

The boxes of 2026 offering envelopes are no longer on the front pew by the piano in the sanctuary; they have been moved into the office.

If your envelope # is below 40 and haven't picked up your box of offering envelopes or if you do not have an envelope # below 40 but are interested in receiving a box of 2026 offering envelopes please reach out to Gordon in the office.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

4:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

### Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

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

### Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

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### Refugee Committee Update –

Thanks to your help St. Paul's was able to provide all of the listed donations items that were requested by Sandu and her family. Sandu and her family arrived to Canada on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Ida deJong with any questions you may have regarding Sandu's family and their arrival.

### Books for Bus Tickets Fundraiser –

Our Books for Bus Tickets fundraiser will continue into the new-year. Please visit the book table in St. Andrew's Hall to view the entire collection. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario

### Worship Theme for February 2026

#### The Joyful Victory of All That is Good and Holy

#### Sermons of Joy, Hope and Goodness in a Season of Darkness

**February 1** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

#### Sermon – Lifting the Curse That Hangs Over Our Heads

Sometimes life's problems seem overwhelming, and sometimes the world looks bleak, with no hope. But God is with us, and the victory ultimately belongs to the God who values the equality and dignity of all people.

Psalm 15:1-5 (refrain 1), Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12

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#### Sermon – Rediscovering True Value

What happens when you have invested all your time and effort in something that you now find to have no value? Don't worry, God is ready at any moment to give you a life that is precious beyond worldly wealth.

Psalm 112:1-10 (refrain 2), Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

**February 15** – Holy Communion / Transfiguration Sunday

#### Sermon – Remembering What Real Power Looks Like

We live in a world where physical violence and power seem to have the upper hand. But they will not have the ultimate victory. The ultimate victory belongs to the God revealed in the person of Jesus. Psalm 2:1-12 (refrain 1), Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

**February 22** – Lent 1

#### Sermon – Getting Ready to Fly

Lent is a season of repentance and sadness. If we truly are connected to Jesus through this season, it will be difficult. But we know that the suffering of Lent leads to a world of unending joy and hope.

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