



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

Sunday Service – Epiphany
January 5th, 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 "Noël Preludes" Gordon Young

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 811 "Standing at the portal"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Branden Moffat

*Responsive Psalm 72:1-11 ref. I

Isaiah 60:1-6 (page 894, OT)

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 4, NT)

*Hymn 173 "We three kings"

Anthem "A Gallery Carol" Oxford Book of Carols

Sermon "The Greatest Day in the Lives of the Wisemen"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 142 "I wonder as I wander"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Divinum Mysterium" W. Held

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 151 "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Noël #VIII" Louis Claude Daquin

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

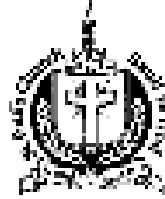
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Murray McDowall, North Aisle Trish Haycock, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Offering Envelopes –

If your offering envelope number from 2024 is #40 or below, or if you have been contacted by the church office, please pick up your labeled box of offering envelopes for 2025 in the front pew of the sanctuary. Please ensure that you collect the box with your name on it, as some numbers have been reassigned.

Looking for Volunteers – St. Paul's Social Media –

Lydia (the Office Administrator) is looking for volunteers to assist with an upcoming series on the St. Paul's social media. Volunteers will be asked to submit a picture of themselves and 2-5 sentences about why they follow Jesus and/or what following Jesus means to them. Pictures and sentences will be posted to the St. Paul's instagram and facebook pages (@st.pauls.hamilton and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hamilton). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lydia at the office, at info@stpaulshamilton.ca or at 905-522-2792.

A Note from the Mission & Outreach Committee –

Urban Core/CTS: if you would like to continue to donate non-perishable snack items and toiletries, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 5th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

Monday, January 6th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, January 7th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, January 8th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, January 9th

5:00pm: Alamal Learning Centre in Upper classrooms & Chapel

Friday, January 3rd

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, January 11th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal
