



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

Carol Service

Sunday Service – Advent III

December 15th, 2024. 11 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

*Please stand, as you are able, with the choir for all *Hymns,
and remain seated for all Carols*

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Christmas is Here" Dale Wood

Choral Introit "A Boy Was Born" Benjamin Britten

Call to Worship

Welcome

*Hymn **159 vs. 1-4** "O come all ye faithful"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle ("Joy" insert)

A NEW KING

Isaiah **11:1-9** Reader: Heather Pirie

Carol "The Lord at First Did Adam Make" *Traditional*

*Hymn **134** "Lord, you were rich"

MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE

Luke **1:46-56** Reader: Trish Haycock

Carol "Magnificat" Randall Thompson

Soloist: Beth McJannet

"Silent Night"

*Hymn **154**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke **2:1-7** Reader: Branden Moffatt

Carol "The Angels and the Shepherds" *Bohemian Traditional*

arr. by C. H. Trevor

"I Saw a Maiden" *Old Basque* – arr. Edgar Pettman

*Hymn **147** "Angels we have heard on high"

THE SHEPHERDS RESPOND

Luke **2:8-20** Reader: Heather Pirie

Carol "The Shepherds" Alfred V. Fedak

*Hymn **138** "While shepherds watched"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer, sung **831 Book of Praise**

Announcements

The Offering

Carol "When Christ Was Born" arr. Walter Ehret

*Hymn **153** "Joy to the world"

The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **139** "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Wilbur 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

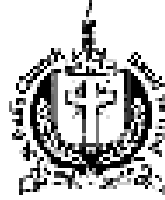
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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. Dr. Victoria Eldridge
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Lydia Ekodeu
Today's Ushers:	Annette Sydney, North Aisle Judith Flaherty, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our guest Minister Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge –
Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge will be joining us this week, December 22nd, and December 29th while Mark is away. Welcome Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge!

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, December 15th

11:00am: Carols Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Monday, December 16th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, December 17th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Finance & Property Meeting

Wednesday, December 18th

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, December 19th

5pm-8pm: Alamal Learning Centre (Upper classrooms & Chapel)

Friday, December 20th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, December 21st

10am: Choir Rehearsal
