

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Sunday Service – Epiphany IV February 2nd, 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 "Preludio" Samuel Ducommun

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **490** "God of grace and God of glory"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Joel Swenor

*Responsive Psalm 71:1-11 ref. I

Jeremiah **1:4-10** (page **905**, OT) **1** Corinthians **13:1-3** (page **221**, NT)

*Hymn 626 "Lord of all power"

Anthem "From the Rising of the Sun" F. A. Ouseley

Sermon "Wisdom Calls"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 747 "There is a balm in Gilead"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Adagio" F. J. Haydn

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **290** "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Fughetta in E. Minor" Joseph Rheinberger

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: Annette Sydney, North Aisle

Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed -

The church office will be closed this week, as Lydia will be away. Regular office hours will recommence on February 10th.

Winter Clothing Drive -

Thank you to everyone who has donated winter clothing to St. Paul's Community Care Program! Your generosity has made a major impact, both through supporting individuals who access St. Paul's directly, and through providing Hamilton Urban Core and the YWCA with much needed clothing for those who access their supports as well.

Many Thanks -

The Hospitality and Greeting Committee would like to thank everyone who has made a donation of "goodies" to our Coffee Hour over the Christmas season. Our cupboards are currently overflowing and we no longer have any more "room in the inn".

Coffee Hour -

If you would like some coffee or tea for your trip home after church, we will gladly fill your travel mug.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 2nd

11:00am: Sunday Service 12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:oopm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, February 3rd

9am-3pm: Church office is CLOSED

7:30pm: Scottish Dance Tuesday, February 4th

9am-3pm: Church office is CLOSED

Wednesday, February 5th

9am-3pm: Church office is CLOSED

Thursday, February 6th

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

Friday, February 7th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, February 8th 10:00am: Choir Rehearsal