



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

Sunday Service – Lent IV
March 30th, 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 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" W. Held

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 52 "How lovely is thy dwelling place"

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 32 ref. I

Joshua 5:9-12 (page 245, OT)

Luke 15:1-24 (page 95, NT)

*Hymn 433, v. 1,2,3,6 "All creatures of our God and King"

Anthem "Out of the Depths" Carl Schalk

Sermon "Sometimes Ordinary People Come Back to Jesus"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 207 "Lord Jesus, think on me"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory Solo "Be Thou With Me" J. S. Bach
Soloist: Gabriel Miles

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 472 "We are God's people"

Benediction

Response 206

"Jesus Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom"

Postlude "Elegy" Flor Peeters

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:	Judith Flaherty, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back Alley Gallery –

Thank you to everyone who attended the historic buildings art event at the Back Alley Gallery! For those who were unable to attend, Mary has extended an invitation to view the artwork depicting these beautiful historical buildings until April 27th. To arrange a time to visit, please contact Mary Flynn at mary@backalleygallery.ca.

Request for School Supplies –

The Al Amal Learning Centre is in need of school supplies for their programs. Donations will be collected in St. Andrew's Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Ida. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 30th

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, March 31st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, April 1st

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, April 2nd

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, April 3rd

5:00pm: Alamal Learning Centre

Friday, April 4th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, April 5th

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal
