



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

Sunday Service – Epiphany VII
 February 23rd, 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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 670 "Amazing grace"

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 37:1-9 ref. II

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (page 52, OT)

Luke 6:27-38 (page 78, NT)

*Hymn 708 "When Israel was in Egypt's land"

Anthem "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee" Edward Bairstow

Sermon "No One is Too Far Gone" Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 499 "Tell me the old, old story"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 610 "Light's abode, celestial Salem"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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

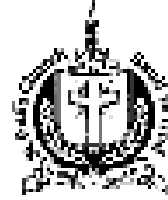
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

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:	Heather Pirie, North Aisle Judith Flaherty, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Smith –

We sadly announce the passing of Gary Smith on February 5, 2025. Gary was an elder, trustee, and Coffee Hour chief at St. Paul's prior to moving to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in 2014. Gary and his late wife, Barbara, were members of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax. Funeral arrangements have not yet been confirmed, however Heather Smith (daughter) welcomes congregation members to reach out to her in the meantime via email. Heather's email is heathersmith.msw@gmail.com. We extend our condolences to the family.

Annual General Meeting – March 9th, 2025 –

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Sunday, March 9th, directly following the service in St. Andrew's Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please forward your reports to the office as soon as possible. The Annual Report will be available to pick up on March 2nd.

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!

2025 Flowers –

Thank you to Debbie for creating the 2025 Flower Calendar, located in St. Andrew's Hall. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please let Lydia at the office know, and indicate so on the flower calendar.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 23rd

11:00am: Sunday Service
12:00pm: Coffee Hour
6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

Monday, February 24th

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*
7:30pm: Scottish Dance

Tuesday, February 25th

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*
7:00pm: Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 26th

9am-3pm: *Church office is OPEN*

Thursday, February 27th

5:00pm: Al Amal Learning Centre in Upper classrooms & Chapel

Friday, February 28th

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 1st

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal
