



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

**Sunday Service – Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 "Now Brightly Beams the Moring Star" Joh. Pachelbel

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 65 "All the people that on the earth do dwell"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

**WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Reader: Trish Haycock

\*Responsive Psalm 36 ref. I

Isaiah 62:1-5 (page 897, OT)

John 2:1-11 (page 112, NT)

\*Hymn 384 "O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us"

Anthem "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Keith Bissell

Sermon "Transformation Comes with Abundance"

Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION**

\*Hymn 181 "All praise to you, O Lord"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Nöel Angevin" César Franck

\*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

**WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD**

\*Hymn 687 "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Toccata Brevis" Ovid Young

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## 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.

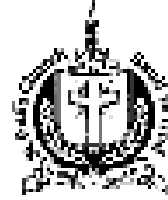
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



An automated external defibrillator is available in the hallway outside the main office.

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## 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

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **St. Paul's 2024 Community Care Program –**

2024 was an amazing year for St. Paul's Community Care Program!

This year your generosity provided 548 bus tickets and over \$805 in cash. You also gave winter clothing items, providing some of our most vulnerable community members a sense of relief from the cold.

Your willingness to support those around you helped in so many ways, including, but not limited to:

- Accessing medical care, shelter support, and other supports
- Interviewing, accepting, and retaining jobs
- Help in crisis situations
- Accessing food and warm drinks
- Replenishing lost and stolen clothing
- Accessing other supports across Hamilton
- Participating in the wider community and building social connections
- Accessing new opportunities and new starts
- Experiencing the love of God

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me" – Matthew 25:35-36

### **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.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am: Sunday Service

12:00pm: Coffee Hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic

### **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:30pm: Scottish Dance

### **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

7:00pm: Finance & Property Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

### **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall

### **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am: Choir Rehearsal

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### **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.