



St. Paul's Church  
National Historic Site  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

**Sunday, December 19, 2021 11:00 a.m.**

## **Advent 4 - Carol Service**

\*Please stand as you are able

*We ask that you please refrain from singing and enjoy the music of our quartet.*

### **WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD**

Prelude Hymns **167 & 143**

\*Call to Worship

Carol "The Lord at first did Adam make"  
Traditional Oxford Book of Carols

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

### **A PROMISE FROM LONG AGO**

Reader: Heather Pirie

Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7 The Light Shines in the Darkness

Lighting the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent candle (refer to insert)

Carol "Torches" John Joubert

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

### **THE PROMISE COMES TRUE IN BETHLEHEM**

Reader: Branden Moffat

Luke 2 : 1 - 7 The promise in a manger

Carols "Sleep, sweet babe" Kenneth Meek

"I saw a maiden" arr. by Edgar Pettman

### **THE PROMISE SPREADS TO A FEW PEOPLE**

Reader: Debbie Bruce

Luke 2 : 8 - 20

Angels and Shepherds

Hymn **138** "While shepherds watched"

### **GOD DOES NOT DEMAND A SACRIFICE**

Reader: Trish Haycock

Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10 God Does not Require Sacrifices

Carol "Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary"

Italian Carol arr. by Chas Wood

Hymn **141** "Good Christians, all rejoice"

Carol "Coventry Carol" arr. by Martin Shaw

Hymn **144** "Twas in the moon of wintertime"

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken only

Announcements

The Offering

A message about the Offering

Offertory Carol "When Christ was born" Walter Ehret

Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

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

Hymn **159** (verses 1-4) "Oh come, all ye faithful"

Benediction

Amen

Postlude "Sussex Carol" Dale Wood



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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.

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## St. Paul's is an Inclusive and 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.

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

*Please turn off all cell phones and personal  
electronic devices during the service. Thank you.*

### **St. Paul's Vision Statement**

**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.**

<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	David Church
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Blair Havers
<b>Custodian:</b>	Ruparain Sydney
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	Christina Babcock Tara Urekar

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

We are glad you have come to worship God with us today, and hope you will experience the presence of Christ among us.

<b>USHERS:</b>	North Aisle: Heather Pirie South Aisle: Murray McDowall
<b>GREETER:</b>	Trish Haycock

We are deeply thankful to be back together in worship, but we want everyone to be safe. Please wear your mask at all times.

Please maintain a physical distance of 2 metres between yourself and any person who is not a part of your family group.

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## 2022 ENVELOPES

Your 2022 numbered envelopes are available for pickup as you leave the service today.

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## FILMING AT ST. PAUL'S

Guillmero Del Toro will be filming his latest Netflix production, "Cabinet of Curiosities", the week of January 10 2022. Set up will be on Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11. Filming will be on Wednesday, January 12. Take down and wrap up will be on Thursday, January 13.

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## FINANCE AND PROPERTY MEETING

There will be no finance and property meeting for December.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve Service will be pre-recorded this year. There will be no in-person service. Please tune in to our YouTube channel to view the service.

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## DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, December 21	9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday, December 22	9 am to 4 pm
Thursday, December 23	9 am to 4 pm
Friday, December 24	Closed
Monday, December 27	Closed
Tuesday, December 28	9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday, December 29	9 am to 4 pm
Thursday, December 30	Closed
Friday, December 31	9 am to 4 pm

Regular office hours of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

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## MISSION MOMENTS

### Sharing Hope)

We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together: building strong congregations, serving vulnerable people, seeking justice, walking with Indigenous people, and sharing God's love and hope around the world. We share hope when a new faith community meets for the first time. We share hope when a child in Romania escapes poverty through education. We share hope when an Indigenous woman in Taiwan reads the Bible in her own language for the first time. We share hope when a boarding home resident confides in a trusted visitor. All of this is possible because of generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!.

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## This Week at St. Paul's

### Sunday, December 19

Hamilton Beat Harmonic in St. Andrew's Hall from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

### Monday, December 20

Rental in Centennial Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

### Tuesday, December 21

Rental in Centennial Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

