



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

Sunday, January 9, 2022 11:00 a.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person service is suspended.*

*Services will be posted to [our YouTube channel](#).*

*We look forward to seeing you in person when permitted.*

### WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude

“Lo, the Star is Here”

Flor Peeters

\*Call to Worship

Opening Hymn 170

“What Star is this?”  
*Quartet only*

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri (Quartet only)

### THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

#### Scriptures

Psalms 23

(page\*627, O. T.)

Bible Readings

Matthew 24 : 3 - 8

(page\*34, N. T.)

Philippians 4 : 1 - 9

(page\*254, N. T.)

Anthem “Christ, whose glory fills the skies” Keith Bissell

*\*Page numbers based on New English Bible, 1971*

Sermon

“Who are You Counting On?”

Guest Minister: Rev. Susanne Rescorl

Minister: Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

### 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

“Quem Pastores”

H. Walcha

Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

Quartet only

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

Hymn 180

“How brightly beams the morning star”  
*Quartet only*

Benediction

Amen

Quartet only

Postlude

“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

Johann Pachelbel



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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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### **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.**

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| <b>Minister:</b>             | Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis |
| <b>Clerk of Session:</b>     | Jer Dubash             |
| <b>Director of Music:</b>    | Blair Havers           |
| <b>Custodian:</b>            | Ruparain Sydney        |
| <b>Office Administrator:</b> | 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by the family in memory of Wilma Irene Havers, who passed away suddenly on January 6, 2020.  
Always in our hearts.

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## **THANK YOU REV. SUSANNE RESCORL**

Thank you Rev. Susanne Rescorl for filling in for Rev. Mark Lewis today.

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## **YEAR-END FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

We have raised a total of \$27,210 towards our porch repairs. Combined with a federal grant of \$28,500, we have reached our goal of \$55,710 to go towards restoring our church to its original beauty. Thank you for your care and contributions to our church and community.

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## **COMMUNITY CARE UPDATE**

Thank you all to have contributed to our community care fund this year. In 2021 we distributed \$376 in change and 233 sets of HSR Tickets.

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## **FINANCE AND PROPERTY MEETING**

January's Finance and Property meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 18, at 7:00pm.

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## **MISSION MOMENTS**

We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

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## **This Week at St. Paul's**

Steel the Sky Aerial Arts in St. Andrew's Hall.

### **Sunday, January 9**

Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

### **Monday, January 10**

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

Set Up for CABINET OF CURIOSITIES Filming in Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, January 11**

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

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### **Wednesday, January 12**

Filming of CABINET OF CURIOSITIES in Sanctuary

### **Thursday, January 13**

Take Down of CABINET OF CURIOSITIES in Sanctuary

Quartet rehearsal at 7 pm.

### **Friday, January 14**

Rental in Centennial Hall from 5:30 to 7 pm.