

# St. Paul's Presbyterian Church <a href="https://pccweb.ca/stpauls">https://pccweb.ca/stpauls</a>

Sunday, February 16th, 2025 PWS & D Sunday

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting
Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27)

**Prayer of Approach** 

Holy God, with snow around and first light of this new week upon us, we gather together here in this community as your people, to sing your praise. Your glory is ever above us, your mercy is ever with us, your everlasting arms are ever around us. You are God, and we are yours, and it is you we praise, Creator, Saviour, Sustainer. In this hour, we lay before you the emotion

and the activity, the satisfactions and the regrets, of this past week. In this hour we would feel your healing hand bind the scattered forces of our souls. Lord, we pray, have mercy upon us. We place our trust in you, O God. We pray for faith to believe that you do rule with justice and truth and are able to work your good out of this world's evil. We pray for faith to be calm and courageous in the face of the darkness that surrounds. We pray for faith to remain generous with those by our side and to entrust into your care the many at a distance. We pray for faith to receive the power of your love to melt our hardened hearts and swallow up our sin. We pray for faith to consider anew the purpose and end of our days, and commit ourselves anew to the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. O God, in you generation upon generation have trusted and were not put to shame. Now we place our

**Hymn 11** The Lord's my light

#### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

trust in you. Hear us in the name of him whom we

confess as Saviour, and in the words he taught us in

every age and at all times to repeat together ...

## **Prayer for Understanding**

God, you are the source of wisdom and understanding for us. In the midst of all that distracts us, help us listen in stillness. In the midst of competing voices, may we hear your Word for our lives and our times. By your Spirit, help us discern Jesus' call to follow him. Amen.

O.T. Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10 p. 548
Responsive Psalm 1 618
N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 p. 815
N.T. Lesson Rev. 21:1-5a, 10-14 p. 878

**Hymn 85** Great is thy faithfulness

Sermon Hope is different PWS & D

(Dr. Andrew Johnston)
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**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD** 

**Hymn 219** Thy kingdom come – on bended knee

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology 616** 

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession** 

The Apostles' Creed (616)

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE** 

**Hymn 404** My hope is built

**Benediction and Choral Amen** 

## MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, February 16

We pray for enthusiastic members of congregations across the country who spend countless hours compiling their church history so that a record of the witness of those who have come before will live on for those who will follow.

#### **Announcements:**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning.

#### PWS & D

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### **Upcoming Services**

Feb 23 – Brad Little

Mar 2 - Maryann Skinner

Mar 9 - Bob Lyle 1st Sunday in Lent

Mar 16 - Brad Little 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent