St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, November 29th, 2026
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Pre-Service Music: **Mighty God**

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to those who are new or visiting today—we're glad you're here!

Children leave for Sunday School during the Opening Hymn. For children who prefer to stay with their parents, activity packs are available from our ushers.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:
Leader: We will mark our progress through Advent using the four candles of the Advent wreath. They represent the Light of Christ bringing hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we light the hope candle.

Lighting of the Candle

People: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world; let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." O Lord, we pray that your light will shine through us to all our neighbours and that new hope will be kindled in all hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song: **Hope, Hope, Hope**

Processional: **Goodness of God**

Call to Worship

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
All: And also, with you.

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day *(together)*
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Reader: Dave Hamilton

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37
Reader: Bundom Chijindu

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Praise**: He Will Come and Save You**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Dan Reynolds

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: No Longer Slaves

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer and anointing are available every Sunday in the lobby during communion.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord's Prayer *(Spoken)*
Priest: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **Faithful One**
2. **There Was Jesus**
3. **How Great Is Our God**

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Glory to God,
All: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Recessional: **All the People Said Amen**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **As Longs the Hart** **CP 541**
Offertory hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** **CP 89**
Recessional hymn **People, Look East!** **CP 91**
(verses 1,4,5)

Readers:

1st Reader: Jacob Ladipo
2nd Reader: Pauline Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent / Christmas Services 2026

Advent 1: Nov. 29 | **Advent 2**: Dec. 6 **Advent 3**: Dec. 13 | **Advent 4**: Dec. 20 (8am and 10am)
Lessons & Carols: Dec. 20 at 8:00am and 10:00am
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 4:00pm (Family Service) 8pm & 10:15pm (Traditional Candlelight Holy Communion)
Christmas Day (Dec. 25): 10:00am only
Last Sunday of December (Dec. 27): 10:00am only
Epiphany (Jan. 3): 8am and 10am (Service of Family Blessing)

Thank You – Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to the generosity of our St. Paul's community, families and friends, **we collected 164 shoeboxes** this year!

A special thank you to Ron and Brenda Hallett for delivering the shoeboxes to the Central Drop-Off Location in Oshawa. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful initiative!

Thank You – Preparing for Advent

A heartfelt thank you to Cynthia Peroff, the Altar Guild, Bill Bradbury and all those who helped prepare our sanctuary for the season of Advent. We are grateful for your time, care and dedication in making our worship space so beautiful and welcoming!

Reminder: Youth Sports Day! Today! | 1–3:00 pm Milestone Christian Centre (610 Monarch Ave, Ajax)

Don't forget to join us this afternoon for sports, teamwork and fun! All teens are welcome, and you're encouraged to bring a friend.

Advent Family PowerPak

All families with children are invited to pick up their Advent Family PowerPak in the narthex TODAY! (One pack per family.) Inside, you'll find a booklet with family devotionals and prayer prompts for Advent, connect cards with meaningful activities, craft ideas, and encouraging cards for parents and caregivers.

May this PowerPak bless your home with moments of joy, faith, and togetherness throughout the Advent season!

Advent Bible Study: Hope, Peace, Joy & Love

This Advent, take time to slow down, reflect, and prepare your heart for Christmas. Join Canon Stephanie as we explore Advent's four themes through Scripture and BibleProject resources, discovering how they shape the way we live and follow Jesus.

Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22
In Person: 1:00–2:30 pm at the church
Online: 7:30–8:45 pm on Zoom

Please register in the narthex or email officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Youth Group – December Events

Food Bank Volunteering
Friday, December 4 | 6:30–8:15 p.m.
St. Paul's Food Bank (1535 Pickering Parkway)

Put faith into action by sharing Christ's love through serving those in need. Optional winter item donations are welcome!

Youth Group Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Board Room, St. Paul's

Join us for a joyful Christmas celebration filled with fun, friendship, and festive cheer!

All youth are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Mabel.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our granddaughter, Sarayah, for her birthday, from the Perera family.