



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

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

Children and youth go straight to the Parish Hall for Sunday School upon arrival at the church. For children who prefer to stay with their parents, activity packs are available from our ushers.

Processional: **Waymaker**

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, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Exodus 14:19-31

Reader: Maria Jemmott

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: Tricia Bacchus

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Our God Will Go Before Us**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Margaret Wells

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: God of Grace and God of Glory CP 577

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **Glory, Glory, Glory to the Lamb**
2. **God Will Make a Way**
3. **The Steadfast Love of the Lord**
4. **Our God Reigns**

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: **For the Healing of the Nations CP 576**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **God of Grace and God of Glory CP 577**

Offertory hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy CP 606**

Recessional hymn **My Faith Looks Up to Thee CP 551**

Readers:

1st Reader: *Kehinde Ladipo*

2nd Reader: *Pauline Thomas*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Office Closure: The church office will close at **1:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15**. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, September 16.

Help for a Family in Crisis Due to Domestic Violence

A family in our community has fled their home with almost nothing and is currently staying in a shelter. We are seeking donations to help provide the following:

For a boy:

Clothing size: **9/10 or Youth Medium** | Shoes: **Youth 2**
Tops, pants, sweaters and fall/winter jackets are needed. Socks and underwear have already been purchased.

For a girl:

Clothing size: **14/16 or Youth Large** | Shoes: **Youth 4**
Tops, pants, sweaters and fall/winter jackets are needed.

School Items Needed:

2 backpacks, 2 lunch bags and 2 thermoses

Please **sign up in the narthex for school items** to help avoid duplicate donations.

Donations may be dropped off at the church, and Canon Stephanie will deliver them to the family. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Lemonade on the Plaza

♥☐👤 **Thank you to Brenda and Ron Hallett and Brenda McCawley for serving this Sunday!**

Don't forget to join us next Sunday for our final Lemonade on the Plaza of the summer! Stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship as we bring the summer season to a close.

Sunday School Teachers' Training – Today, After the 10am service until 2pm | Light lunch provided

A friendly reminder that our Sunday School Teachers' Training is today! All current teachers, classroom helpers, and anyone interested in children's ministry are welcome to join us as we prepare for the new Sunday School year.

Frauds and Scams Presentation

September 24 | 10:15am | Upstairs Board Room

Women at St. Paul's will host a presentation by **EAPO (Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario)** on frauds and scams. This informative session will offer practical guidance to help protect yourself and your loved ones. **This event is open to all seniors, both men and women are warmly**

welcome. Cookies and juice will be provided, and a \$2 donation is warmly appreciated.

To **RSVP**, please email **women@stpaulsonthehill.com** or call the church office at **905-839-7909**.

Ministry Fair – Sep 27, during and after the 10 AM service

Called to serve, gifted to build! Come and discover how you can use your gifts, get involved, and be part of our church community in this new season!

Canon Stephanie will preach on this theme and give a brief introduction to the different ministries at our church during the service. After the service, everyone is invited to join us in the Parish Hall for our annual BBQ and meet our ministry leaders to explore the many ways you can participate, connect, belong, and serve in the year ahead.

It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, connection, and discovering new ways to be part of the life of our church. Face painting and games will also be available for the kids!

Please mark your calendar—we hope to see you there!

Blessing of Animals Service

Sunday, October 4th | 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Would you like to help us organize a Blessing of the Animals service? We hope to offer a welcoming, joyful service where we can invite our wider community to bring their pets and join us in celebrating God's love for all creation.

We're looking for a few interested volunteers to join our planning team. No special experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to help! **Interested?** Email

Canon Stephanie at stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Alpha Is Coming This Fall

Saturdays, October 17 – November 28

9:00–12:00pm | Parish Hall | Breakfast included

Alpha is for anyone curious about the Christian faith. Come meet new people, explore some of life's big questions, and join in open conversation. No judgment, no pressure.

Know someone who might be curious? Invite them to Alpha! Registration is required. A minimum of **12 participants** is needed. Register in the narthex or email officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ngaju Nwabundo in memory of her beloved mother—*farewell, great mother of mine.*

If you would like to **celebrate a special occasion or remember a dear loved one** by sponsoring the flowers at the altar, please contact Barb Thompson at 289-923-0045 or barbthompson@rogers.com. **The cost is \$75.**