



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

13th 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.

We are celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries today.

Processional: **Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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: James 1:12-18

Reader: Gideon Exeter

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: Susan Scott

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: **God So Loved**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Isuru Weerasekera

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Blessed Be Your Name

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*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. He Will Come And Save You
2. Remembrance
3. Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)

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: **Yes He Can**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** CP 528
(verses 1,2,3)

Offertory hymn **How Firm a Foundation** CP 527

Recessional hymn **Jesus, Lover of My Soul** CP 533
(verses 1,2,4)

Readers:

1st Reader: Noeline Rasanayagam

2nd Reader: Roopan Navaratnam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Fall Newsletter is now ready!

Printed copies are available for pickup in the narthex. Please be sure to take one home and stay up to date with all that's happening in our parish community this season.

"Our Father..." We pray these familiar words almost every Sunday, but how often do we stop to consider what they really mean?

This summer, join us as we take a fresh look at the prayer Jesus taught His disciples. Together, we'll explore each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, discovering how it shapes not only what we pray, but how we live every day. Whether you've prayed these words for years or are hearing them for the first time, you'll find encouragement, practical wisdom, and a deeper invitation to follow Jesus.

Come and discover how the Lord's Prayer can become more than words: it can become a way of life.

Lemonade on the Plaza

Now Serving Sundays Throughout the Summer

♥☐🙏 Thank you to Vicky and Karen Regular for serving this Sunday!

A big thank you as well to everyone who has signed up to serve throughout the summer. Your willingness to help has made these times of fellowship possible.

There is just **one final opportunity to serve this summer: September 13.** If you are available and would like to help, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

Continuing Our Support of Gate 3:16

Gate 3:16 is a Christian Outreach Centre in Oshawa serving men and women experiencing difficult times. Thank you to everyone who continues to support through donations of clothing and other needed items.

Please note that Gate 3:16 accepts adult clothing in sizes S, M, L and XL only. They are unable to accept children's clothing or clothing outside of these sizes.

Donations should be **clean, lightly used**, and placed in **lightweight bags that are not overflowing**. Please label bags **Gate 3:16** and leave them in the **coat closet in the narthex**. If you have any questions, please contact **Eva Boessler** or **Lorna Smith**.

Preparing for Alpha Through Prayer:

Who is God placing on your heart?

Throughout the month of August, we invite you to pray each day for one or two people God may be leading you to invite to Alpha this fall. Each day, pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for (name). Please open their heart to your love. Give me courage and the right opportunity to invite them to Alpha. May they come to know you and your peace. Amen.

Planning to attend Alpha this fall? Sign up in the narthex! We look forward to sharing more in the weeks ahead.

Summer Sunday School 2026: Cave Quest – Following Jesus, the Light of the World

Join us every Sunday in August for exciting games, lively songs, engaging Bible stories, prayer, and lots of fun with friends.

Children of all ages are invited to join us as we explore Bible stories through music, games, crafts, and more while discovering how Jesus is the Light of the World. No registration required, just come and bring a friend!

Save the Date: Frauds and Scams Presentation

Thursday, September 24

We are pleased to share that the Frauds and Scams presentation has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 24.

This informative and practical session will offer helpful tips on protecting yourself and your loved ones from common frauds and scams. More details will be shared closer to the date. We look forward to welcoming you!

Confirmation Class for Youth (May 2027 Confirmation)

Youth who are planning to be confirmed in **May 2027** are invited to join a 10-week confirmation preparation class beginning this October. The class will use material from the Alpha Youth Series to explore life, faith, and purpose through engaging videos and guided conversations.

Sessions will be held twice a month on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Board Room, with exact dates determined by participants' availability.

If you or your teens are interested, please contact **Pastor Mabel** at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com for more information.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Helena Heesen and Dave Hamilton in thanksgiving for our St. Paul's family.

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.**