



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

18th 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: **Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

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 of the Day (together)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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: **Nehemiah 3:1–12**

Reader: Janet Herrera

Gospel: **Matthew 5:13–16**

Reader: Gideon Exeter

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **This I Believe (The Creed)**

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 a renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Welsh Rite

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

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. There Was Jesus
2. O Come To The Altar
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: **My Redeemer Lives**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Be Thou My Vision** CP 505
(verses 1,2,3)

Offertory hymn **You are the Salt of the Earth O People** CP 502

Recessional hymn **Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love** CP 504
(verses 1,2,4)

Readers:

1st Reader: Fred Gibson

2nd Reader: Roy Smiley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Fair & BBQ – Today, after the 10am service

Join us in the Parish Hall for our annual BBQ and meet our ministry leaders to explore many ways you can serve!

Women at St. Paul's: Mugs, Muffins and More Saturday, October 3 | 9:30am | Parish Hall

Join us for fellowship and conversation with **Dr. Yennie Rodriguez**, a cardiologist specializing in women's cardiac health, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Tea, coffee and muffins will be provided. *Please bring your own mug.* Invite a friend, neighbour or family member! A \$5 donation is appreciated.

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

Blessing of Animals Service

Sunday, October 4th | 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Outdoors at St. Paul's (Rain or shine!)

Join us for a short and joyful service celebrating all God's creatures. The service will be approximately 10 minutes, followed by a special blessing for every pet. **Each pet will receive a Certificate of Blessing!** Bring your pet and join us as we give thanks for the animals who bring us joy!

ALPHA | Saturdays, October 17 – November 28

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

Meet new people, explore life's big questions, and join in open conversation. No judgment, no pressure. Alpha is for anyone curious about the Christian faith, or for Christians wanting a refresher. For adults seeking baptism or confirmation, this counts as preparation.

Know someone who might be curious? Invite them to Alpha! Invitation cards are available in the narthex.

Planning to attend Alpha? Registration is required. A minimum of **12 participants** is needed. Register in the narthex or sign up on our website, stpaulsonthehill.com.

St. Paul's Food Bank – Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help support the Food Bank this Thanksgiving! In August, there were 913 client visits. If you bring your donations to the church by **Thursday, October 8**, they will be blessed and then given to the Food Bank. Drop off: **Mon–Fri, 9am–12pm and 1–4pm**, or **Sunday morning**. Please place items in the available bins. Visit the Food Bank website for a list of needed items. *No perishable items.*

Questions? Contact **Brenda McCawley** at **905-831-2176**.

Gently Used Walker and Cane Available

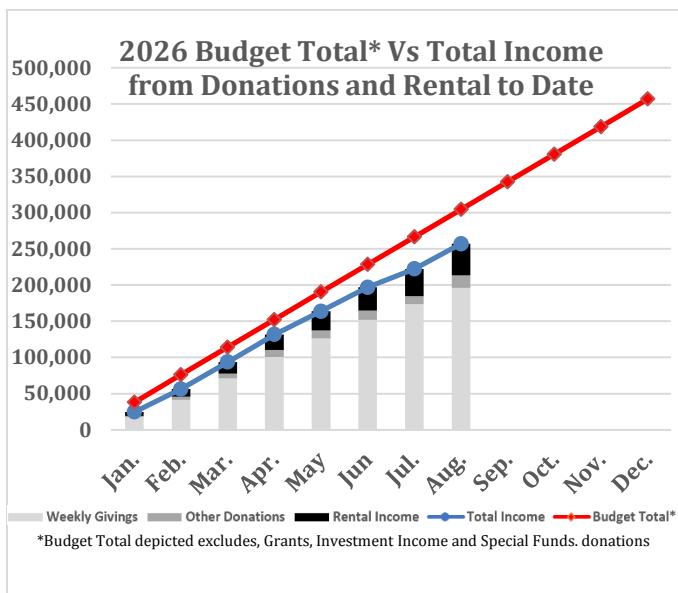
A gently used walker and cane are available to anyone in our church community who may need them. If you're interested, contact officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

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.*

Parish Offerings Report for January to August 2026

SPOTH Offerings Report for January to August, 2026 (Representing 67% Mark for the year)			
1. Weekly Givings Offerings	January to August Actual	2026 Budget	% of Budget
General Envelopes (Sunday offerings, PAR, E-transfer)	182,189	336,544	54%
Christmas	680	8,550	8%
Open Offerings	4,227	9,072	47%
Easter	9,133	6,110	149%
Thanksgiving	-	5,220	0%
Other	-	-	-
Total for Weekly Givings	196,229	365,496	54%
2. Other Designated Offerings *			
Building	7,630	11,863	64%
Christian ED (Youth, Sunday School, Courses)	5,903	9,811	60%
Fundraising	17	-	-
Outreach	2,244	2,290	98%
Total for Other Designated offerings	15,794	23,964	66%
3. Revenue from Rental			
Cell Tower Rental	15,206	22,810	67%
SPOTH Daycare Rental	29,720	44,580	67%
Total for Rental Income	44,926	67,390	67%
TOTAL (Weekly + Designated + Rental)	256,949	456,850	56%
Diocese MAF Grant	64,744	64,744	100%
Diocese Faith Works	915	-	-
Investment Interests	811	23,000	4%
Overall TOTAL Income	323,419	544,594	59%



The Wardens thank you for your generous support. Easter offerings exceeded budget by 49%. However, General Envelope donations remain below target, reaching 54% of the annual budget by the end of August, compared with the 67% target. Overall income was 8% below target. We continue to manage expenses carefully and work toward ending the year with a positive net income.

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