St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026
Last 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: **Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; 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 58:9-12
Reader: Gideon Exeter

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Reader: Isuru Weerasekera

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: **Compassion Hymn**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Allyson Eamer

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to a renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Jesu, Jesu CP 504

God invites us to share our treasures.

Offertory & Dedication of Sacred Vessels

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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. **Table of Grace**
2. **The Potter's Hand**
3. **Shine On Us**

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: **You Are Salt for the Earth CP 502**

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 **You Who Dwell in the Shelter CP 531 (verses 1,2,3)**

Offertory hymn **Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love CP 504**

Recessional hymn **You Are Salt for the Earth CP 502 (verses 1,2,3)**

Readers:

1st Reader: Kehinde Ladipo

2nd Reader: Marcia Bailey
MC: Pastor Mabel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Newsletters Are Ready!

Please pick up your copy in the narthex today to help us save on postage costs. Stay up to date on upcoming events, important dates, and Christmas service times.

Journey to Bethlehem: Advent Family Experience
TODAY! After the 10 am service | Parish Hall

A reminder to all Sunday School families that our special Advent gathering is happening today! Join us in the parish hall after service for activities, conversations, and prayer as we prepare for Christmas. Lunch will be provided, and each family will receive an **Advent & Christmas Family Pack** with activities to enjoy at home!

Fall Preaching Series: Jesus Sees

Seeing People as Jesus Sees Them

Today, we conclude our fall preaching series, Jesus Sees, with **Jesus Sees the Overlooked**. Together, we'll explore how Jesus responds to those who are often overlooked and how we can follow His example.

Women at St. Paul's Christmas Potluck Breakfast
Saturday, November 28 | 9:30 am | Parish Hall

Join us for a festive morning of food, fellowship, Christmas music, and an inspiring testimony! Guest speakers Pat and Jennifer Tyrwhitt will share their experiences ministering to men at the Salvation Army shelter, including Jennifer's gift of music.

Please bring a dish to share, along with your own mug, plate, and cutlery.

Donations of men's pajama bottoms (sizes medium and large) will be gratefully received.

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

Youth Sports Day! November 29 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Milestone Christian Centre (610 Monarch Ave, Ajax)

Get ready for an afternoon of sports, teamwork, and fun!

All teens are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful time together!

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mabel.

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

To sign up, please register in the narthex or email officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Youth Group ♥ Food Bank Volunteering
Friday, December 4 | 6:30–8:15 pm
St. Paul's Food Bank (1535 Pickering Pkwy)

Put faith into action by sharing Christ's love through serving those in need. Optional winter item donations are welcome! **Please RSVP to Pastor Mabel.**

Farewell Reception for Father Paul and Betty Scuse – Kitchen Coordinator Needed

Father Paul and Betty Scuse will be joining us at St. Paul's for their final visit on January 3, 2027, following their move to Peterborough last summer. We would like to give them a warm send-off and celebrate their ministry and time with us.

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a reception following the service. This would involve organizing potluck contributions and recruiting a few kitchen helpers.

We realize Christmas is busy; without a volunteer to coordinate the reception, we will simply have cake and refreshments following the service. If you are willing to take on this role, please contact Tiara McCleary in the church office at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Clothing Donations – A Temporary Pause

Due to ongoing renovations, Gate 3:16 is unable to accept donations until further notice. Please refrain from dropping off clothing or other items at the church. For alternative donation arrangements, contact Eva Boessler at evamaria1109@yahoo.ca or Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net.

Nursery Room – Baby Items Needed

With new babies joining our nursery, we are looking for two baby carriers (Snuglis) and one baby bouncer. If you have any of these items in good, clean condition to donate, please contact Pastor Mabel. Thank you!

Donation of Communion Decanters

Two crystal glass decanters have been donated to the church for use during Communion services.

These donations were made by **Ossie and Carole Fowler**, in thanksgiving and gratitude for God's blessings, and **Anne Skeete**, in loving memory of her sisters, Wendy Cave and Gillian Donald.

We extend our sincere thanks for these thoughtful gifts.

Altar Flowers

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.**