

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion



Welcome and Announcements

Children and youth head directly to the Parish Hall upon arrival.

Land Acknowledgement

Processional: 10,000 Reasons

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.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism

All: One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day (*together*)

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Reader: Lorna Smith

After the reading, the reader says:

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Reader: Ngaju Nwabundo

Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also, with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After the reading, the reader says:

The Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION
OF THE CANDIDATES**

The candidates are presented as follows:

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

Priest: Let us now pray for those who are to receive the sacrament of new life.

The Intercessions:

Led by Margaret Wells

Leader: Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Margaret Wells will offer additional prayers.)

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Sunday School children join us to witness the baptism.

Hymn: No Longer Slaves

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall

into sin, repent, and turn to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

The candidates are baptized. After the baptism the priest says the following:

Priest: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **AMEN.**

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

All: And also, with you!

Offertory: Reckless Love

Celebration of the Eucharist

God invites us to join Him at the table of the Lord.

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

Welsh Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic prayer....

The Lord's Prayer (*Said*)

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. Faithful One

2. Lord I Need You

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

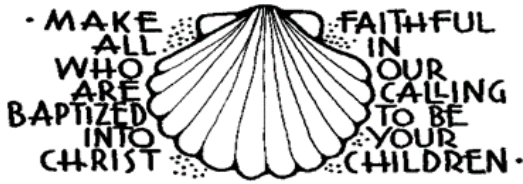
God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Recessional: Holy Forever

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We rejoice today with Mojoyinola and Mojolaoluwa Ayodeji who are receiving the sacrament of baptism.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SoulCorde Music at Mugs, Muffins & More

Thank you to everyone who supported SoulCorde Music at Mugs, Muffins & More last Saturday. Through your generosity, we were not only able to cover the speaker's honorarium but also present \$400 in support of SoulCorde's music ministry.

Paula and Pat have expressed their heartfelt thanks for your kindness and support. We are grateful for the opportunity to have welcomed them and to experienced their inspiring music and ministry.

Lemonade on the Plaza

Now Serving Sundays Throughout the Summer

🌟👤 Thank you to Helen and Joy Pring for serving last Sunday, and to Steve and Clare Masson for serving this Sunday!

We're still looking for volunteers to host next week and throughout July and August. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you're interested in helping. Thank you for your support!**

St. Paul's Food Bank: Open House & BBQ 🍔 🔥

Saturday, June 27 | 11am to 3pm

📍 **1535 Pickering Parkway**

You are warmly invited to attend the 3rd Annual Community Food Bank Open House & BBQ!

Come and see the wonderful work being done through our Community Food Bank ministry, meet our dedicated volunteers and staff, and learn more about how donations and community support are making a difference in the fight against food insecurity.

Guests are invited to enjoy a free BBQ, generously donated by FreshCo!

If you would like to bring a donation, please visit the food bank website for a list of most-needed items.

We hope you will consider stopping by for this meaningful community event!

Celebrating our Grade 12 Graduates 🎓

Next Sunday, June 28, during the 10:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate our Grade 12 graduates and pray for them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

We have identified two graduates. If you have a young person graduating from Grade 12 this year, please contact Pastor Mabel at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com as soon as possible so that we can include them in the celebration. We also invite you to encourage our graduates by writing a message, sharing a Scripture verse, or offering a prayer. **Message cards are available in the narthex.**

Thank you for helping us bless and encourage them!

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

Join us this summer for **Cave Quest**, an exciting adventure where children will explore Bible stories, enjoy music, games, crafts, and discover how Jesus is the Light of the World.

Held every Sunday in July and August (except Aug. 2 & 9), children of all ages are welcome. No registration required, just come and bring a friend! We invite families to learn, play, and grow together as we follow Jesus.

Volunteers Needed! Teens (Grade 7+) and adults are welcome to serve. Volunteer forms are available in the narthex or speak with Pastor Mabel at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Diocese Youth Retreat – “Made New”

Registration is now open for the Diocese of Toronto Youth Retreat, September 18–20 at MEDEBA Campsite. Open to youth in Grades 6–

12, this retreat offers a chance to step away from busy life, recharge, and grow in faith.

Early registration (by August 1) is \$110; after August 1, \$130. Our church will cover transportation and may assist families in need. Contact Pastor Mabel for details.

Food Bank Need: Reusable Grocery Bags

Our Food Bank is in need of reusable grocery bags to help package and distribute food to those we serve. If you have any clean, gently used reusable grocery bags at home, please consider donating them to the Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Coordinator for the Church Bazaar

We're looking for someone to coordinate this year's Bazaar. The role involves promoting the event, coordinating with groups, organizing volunteers, food, and crafts, as well as overseeing the event day. Clare Masson, who previously coordinated the Bazaar, is happy to meet with you to share more information. Please contact Canon Stephanie if you are interested.

ALPHA Fall 2026

We are exploring running ALPHA this fall and are looking for volunteers to help with hosting, kitchen support, or advertising. If you're interested, please sign up in the narthex or contact Canon Stephanie at stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given as a Thanksgiving to God for our granddaughter Annaca on her birthday, given by the Perera family.

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