



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

21st 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: **Holy Ground**

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*)

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 5:13-16

Reader: Dave Hamilton

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Reader: Samaya Chinniah

Sermon: Rev. Ajith Varghese

Musical Meditation

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Dan Reynolds

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to a renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Healer of Our Every Ill

CP 612

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Lutheran Rite

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. Lord, Have Mercy
2. Still
3. Alpha and Omega

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: **Shout to the Lord**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

CP 397

Offertory hymn **God, Whose Almighty Word**

CP 560

Recessional hymn **Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (verses 1,4,5)**

CP 398

Readers:

1st Reader: Pauline Thomas

2nd Reader: Marcia Bailey

MC: Pastor Mabel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readers & Intercessors Luncheon Today

After the 10 am Service | Parish Hall

A friendly reminder to those who registered, that our Readers & Intercessors Luncheon takes place today, following the 10 am service in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Class Begins Today!

11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Upstairs Board Room

A reminder that our Youth Confirmation Class begins today, following the 10 am service. We look forward to seeing you!

The Do's and Don'ts of Hospital Visitation Saturday, October 24 | 2:00–4:00 pm | St. Paul's

Join **Rev. Ajith Varghese** for practical training on hospital visitation for deacons, clergy, and lay pastoral visitors in the Oshawa Deanery. Rev. Ajith brings more than 23 years of experience in clinical pastoral care, psychotherapy, and spiritual care.

Registration is required. In-person participation is recommended wherever possible, with a livestream option available for those unable to attend.

To register, sign up in the narthex, or contact **Tiara at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com** and indicate whether you will attend **in person or online**.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday October 25 at the 10 am service

Special Guest Speaker: **Herbie Kuhn**



Join us at 10 am as we welcome Herbie Kuhn, the voice of the Toronto Raptors and chaplain to the Toronto Argonauts!

Herbie will share inspiring stories of life, sports, and faith in a way everyone can enjoy, whether they have a Christian background or not. A wonderful opportunity to invite someone to experience our church community!

Pick up an invitation bookmark from the narthex and share it with someone you'd love to bring along. **Coffee and snacks will be served after the service.**

Youth Group – Pumpkin Carving & Games

Sunday, October 25 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Youth in **grades 7–12** are invited to join us **in the upstairs Board Room** for pumpkin carving, games, lunch, and fellowship! Teens can choose between pumpkin carving or games. **Please RSVP to Pastor**

Mabel with your activity choice so we can prepare supplies and food.

All Saints' Day Remembrance

On **All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1**, we will remember with thanksgiving those we love who have died in the past year. If you would like the name of a loved one who has died recently included in our Prayers of the People, please contact the church office at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com **by October 29**.

Celebrate Rev. Doug Smith's New Ministry!

Saturday, October 31 | 2:00 pm

St. Luke's Anglican Church

904 Coxwell Avenue, East York

Rev. Doug warmly invites you to join him in celebrating his induction as priest of St. Luke's Anglican Church, East York! Come share in this special occasion as Doug begins this new chapter in ministry.

Parking: Parking at the church is limited, but ample parking is available across the road at East York Collegiate Institute, 650 Cosburn Avenue. Access to the school parking lot is from Cosburn Avenue.

Be Part of Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant!

Our Sunday School children are preparing a Christmas pageant for our service on **Sunday, December 13**, bringing the story of Jesus' birth to life through music and storytelling. We would love you to be part of it!

Whether you enjoy music, making costumes and props, or supporting children during rehearsals and on the day, there is a place for you. No previous experience is needed—just a willingness to lend a hand!

If you would like to join us, please speak with Pastor Mabel. Thank you for supporting our children as they share the joy of Christmas with our church family!

Afternoon Prayer & Praise

Sunday, November 8 | 4:00 pm | In the Sanctuary

We're trying something a little different: a relaxed time of worship in song, a brief reflection on Scripture, and lots of time for prayer. Come for a little refreshment, renewal, and space to reconnect with God, or simply come and see what it's all about. Mark your calendars!

For more information, reach out to Phil Jocz at philjocz@gmail.com. More details coming soon.

Gate 3:16 Clothing Donations – A Temporary Pause

Thank you to everyone who has been generously donating clothing to support our ministry at Gate 3:16.

Your generosity has been a wonderful blessing to our community! Due to renovations, Gate 3:16 is temporarily unable to receive clothing donations. **Please hold off on bringing clothing donations for the time being. We will let you know when donations can resume.**

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ngaju Bwabundo in loving memory of her mother: *“So loving and kind. Thank you, and journey well, Mama.”*