



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Leader: We will mark our progress through Advent using the four candles of the Advent wreath. They represent the Light of Christ bringing hope, peace, joy and love. Today we light the hope candle.

Lighting of the Candle

People: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world; let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

O Lord, we pray that your light will shine through us to all our neighbours and that new hope will be kindled in all hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song for Wreath: Christ, Be Our Light

Processional: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus CP 88

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.

People **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day (together)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Page 836)

Reader: Dan Reynolds

Choir: Invocation for Advent

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 (Page 719)

Reader: Isuru Weerasekera

Sermon: Canon Stephanie Douglas Bowman

Hymn: **Lo, He Comes in Clouds Descending CP114**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

God invites us to offer our thanks and concerns to Him.

Intercessor: Janet Couto

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: People, Look East CP 91

God invites us to share our treasures.

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.

Eucharistic prayer 3

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. Table of Grace
2. Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring CP 97
3. Wait for the Lord Taize
4. I Love You, Lord

Prayer after communion:

Celebrant: 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: **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn 133

Offertory hymn 285

Recessional hymn 114

Readers:

1st Reader: David French

2nd Reader: Kehinde Ladipo

Announcements for the week

Advent Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm: A study on hope, peace, joy and love with Rev. Doug and Canon Stephanie.

SPOTH KIDS & TEENS: Christmas schedule

There will be no regular Sunday School or Youth Church at the 10 am service, December 24. I invite you to come to the 4 pm All Ages Christmas service, geared for families with young children. There will also not be Sunday School and Youth Church on December 31. I will see you all on January 7, 2024. Thank you, Esther

YOUTH CHURCH on December 3 and December 17

Advent, Nativity Escape Room in the Upper Room.

YOUTH EVENT BY POPULAR DEMAND

COME ONE, COME ALL! Invite your friends to this fun and festival seasonal event. Thank you!



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SPOTH YOUTH CAFE
*Gingerbread House
Contest*

DEC.17@ 5

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RSVP DEC. 10

Jesse Tree Advent Story

This Advent, I am giving out every family a Jesse Tree Booklet for a fun simple way to nurture children's faith as we remember God's faithfulness during this Advent season. If you have not received your booklet, please see your child's Sunday school teacher, or see me, Esther. If you have any questions about the booklet, please email me at estherl@stpaulsonthehill.com

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of my late father, Evander Lampkin, given by Mac Lampkin.



St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church presents:

COMFORT & CAROLS

A fundraiser for the St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Community Food Bank

Main Event:

- Light supper
- Silent Auction
- Carol Singing

DEC 10 2023

5:00-8:00 PM

882 Kingston Rd, Pickering

TICKETS \$20

To buy your tickets contact the church office at 905-839-7909
www.stpaulsonthehill.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun, Dec 24th 10am No 8am service Advent 4 - Morning of Christmas Eve
Canon Stephanie and Lay Reader Isuru lead us in Morning Prayer

Christmas Eve Services 24th Dec
4pm All Ages Service
Christmas Communion, geared for shorter attention spans and those with early bedtimes.

8 & 10.30pm Traditional Candlelit Christmas Eve
Identical services with carols and communion.

Christmas Day Service Mon, 25th Dec
10.00am A simple service of Christmas Communion.

Sun, Dec 31st 10am No 8am service First Sunday after Christmas
Join us as we prepare for the New Year, at our 10am service of Holy Communion.