



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

12th 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: **O Worship the King** CP 380

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 God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: Genesis 45:1-15

Reader: Bundom Chijindu

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Reader: Janet Herrera

Sermon: Bishop Patrick Yu

Musical Meditation: **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**
CP 614

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 renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Healer of our Every Ill CP 612
(verses 1,3,4)

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. Change My Heart O God
2. Purify My Heart
3. Be Unto Your Name

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: **We Are One in the Spirit**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet** CP 474
(verses 1,3,4)

Offertory hymn **Forgive Our Sins As We forgive** CP 614

Recessional hymn **Eternal God, Lord of All Space and Time** CP 472

Readers:

1st Reader: Roy Smiley

2nd Reader: Fred Gibson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Our Father..." We pray these familiar words almost every Sunday, but how often do we stop to consider what they really mean?

This summer, join us as we take a fresh look at the prayer Jesus taught His disciples. Together, we'll explore each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, discovering how it shapes not only what we pray, but how we live every day. Whether you've prayed these words for years or are hearing them for the first time, you'll find encouragement, practical wisdom, and a deeper invitation to follow Jesus.

Come and discover how the Lord's Prayer can become more than words: it can become a way of life.

Preparing for Alpha Through Prayer: Who is God placing on your heart?

Throughout the month of August, we invite you to pray each day for one or two people God may be leading you to invite to Alpha this fall. Each day, pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for (name). Please open their heart to your love. Give me courage and the right opportunity to invite them to Alpha. May they come to know you and your peace. Amen.

Planning to attend Alpha this fall? Sign up in the narthex! We look forward to sharing more in the weeks ahead.

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

Children of all ages are invited to join us as we explore Bible stories through music, games, crafts, and more while discovering how Jesus is the Light of the World. No registration required, just come and bring a friend!

Lemonade on the Plaza

Now Serving Sundays Throughout the Summer

♥☐🙏 Thank you to Michele James and Gloria Went for serving this Sunday!

Only two Sundays left to serve this summer: **August 30 and September 13**. These times of fellowship are made possible by the generosity of those who step forward to serve. If you would like to help provide this wonderful time of fellowship, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

New Hearing Assistance Pilot Program

Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, St. Paul's has installed **Auracast**, a new hearing assistance system that can send the sound from our microphones directly to compatible hearing aids and earbuds, helping many people hear worship more clearly.

We are beginning with a **small pilot group** using newer hearing aids (generally purchased in **2024 or later**) that are most likely to be compatible. As this technology continues to develop, we hope to expand the program to support additional hearing aids in future phases of the program.

If you are interested in participating, please **sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. Include your **name, contact information, hearing aid brand, model (if known), and the year your hearing aids were purchased**. We will contact eligible participants.

Save the Date: Frauds and Scams Presentation Thursday, September 24

We are pleased to share that the Frauds and Scams presentation has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 24.

This informative and practical session will offer helpful tips on protecting yourself and your loved ones from common frauds and scams. More details will be shared closer to the date. We look forward to welcoming you!

Confirmation Class for Youth (May 2027 Confirmation)

Youth who are planning to be confirmed in **May 2027** are invited to join a 10-week confirmation preparation class beginning this October. The class will use material from the Alpha Youth Series to explore life, faith, and purpose through engaging videos and guided conversations.

Sessions will be held twice a month on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Board Room, with exact dates determined by participants' availability.

If you or your teens are interested, please contact **Pastor Mabel** at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com for more information.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Ngaju Nwabundo as a farewell to her beloved mother and to God be all the glory.

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.**
