



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday December 14th, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

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

Lighting of the Candle

People: Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." O Lord, we pray that as we meditate on all that you have spoken to us in the scriptures, that a deep and divine joy will spring forth in our hearts, and that this divine joy will be shared with everyone we meet. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song: Joy, Joy, Joy

Joy, joy, joy -

We praise You, Christ, with joy!

Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure,

Highest calling, deepest pleasure!

Joy, joy, joy -

We praise You, Christ, with joy!

Call to Worship

Bundom: 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)*

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Children's Christmas Presentation -

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Reader: Jonathan Suresh

Sermon: Samaya Chinniah

Musical Meditation: **Here I am to Worship**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Nyla Ashley

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer and anointing are available during communion.

Welsh Rite

The Lord's Prayer *(Said)*

Priest: 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. **Away in a Manger**
2. **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**
3. **Jesus Loves Me**

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Recessional: When the King Shall Come Again CP 109

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **O Come Little Children CP 127**

Offertory hymn **What child is this? CP 137**

Recessional hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing CP 138**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: *Kehinde Ladipo*

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Reader: *Jacob Ladipo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Services

Advent 4 & Lessons and Carols: Dec. 21 (8am and 10am)
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 4:00pm (Family Service) 8pm & 10:15pm (Traditional Candlelight Holy Communion)
Christmas Day (Dec. 25): 10:00am only
Last Sunday of December (Dec. 28): 10:00am only
Epiphany (Jan. 4): 8 & 10am (Service of Family Blessing)

Bazaar Wrap Up

With all the Silent Auction items picked up, we are happy to share that this year's Bazaar raised **\$4,463**, very close to last year's total. Once expenses are covered, the net proceeds will be divided: 1/3 to the Food Bank, 1/3 to Gate 3:16 and 1/3 to various related Church ministries.

Along with Canon Stephanie, thank you to Kim as co-chair, and to Jean Mott and her team for the crafts and specialized candy. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our entire community for donating auction items, Christmas items, baking, soups, chilis, plants, sandwiches, the African accessories, and most of all for your time on the day of the event. Certainly, Jean, Kim and I can coordinate; however, it would not happen without the community's generous provisions.

Thank you & Blessings,
Clare Masson

Spoth Kids & Youth Families: A friendly reminder to grab your next Advent Family PowerPak in the narthex!

Donations for 2025

For those wishing to receive a 2025 tax receipt, please ensure donations are submitted by Jan. 1st, with cheques postdated to Dec. 31st. If dropping off outside regular office hours, please use the mailbox located in the Kingston Road parking lot. No Cash! Thank you!

Holiday Office Hours

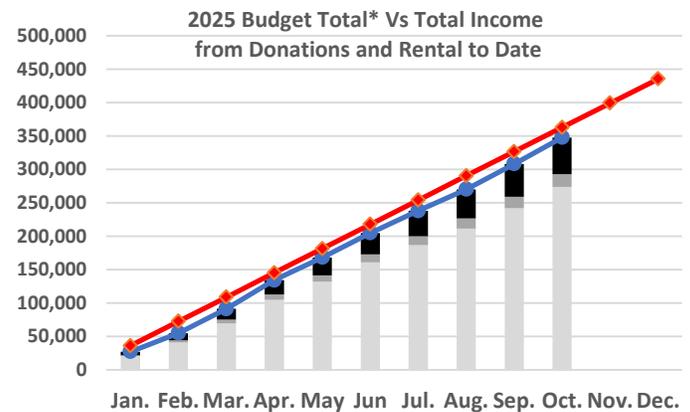
The church office will close at **2pm on Dec. 24** and remain closed on **Dec. 25-26**. It will reopen **Dec. 29-31**, from **9-12pm** and **1-4pm**. It will be **closed on Jan. 1**, and open from **9-12pm on Jan. 2**.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Maureen, Charles, Erin, and Marcus Noble, in loving memory of our beloved Charles. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Parish Offerings Report for January to October 2025

SPOTH Offerings Report for January to October, 2025 (Representing 83% Mark for the year)			
1. Weekly Givings Offerings	Jan to Oct Actual	2025 Budget	% of Budget
General Envelopes (Sunday offerings, PAR, E-transfer)	252,126	295,002	85%
Christmas	60	7,000	1%
Open Offerings	5,984	24,903	24%
Easter	6,110	4,948	123%
Thanksgiving	5,220	5,000	104%
Other (Mainly 100th anniversary tickets)	4,055	2,000	203%
AV and Parking Lot Projects	260	-	
Total for Weekly Givings	273,815	338,853	81%
2. Other Designated Offerings *			
Building	9,737	10,869	90%
Christian ED (Youth, Sunday School, Courses)	8,092	15,424	52%
Fundraising	8	-	0%
Fundraising-Bazaar	-	5,000	0%
Outreach	875	350	250%
Total for Other Designated offering	18,712	31,643	59%
3. Revenue from Rental			
Tower Rental	19,008	22,810	83%
SPOTH Daycare Rental	36,250	42,175	86%
Total for Rental Income	55,258	64,985	85%
TOTAL (Weekly + Designated + Rental)	347,785	435,481	80%
Diocese MAF Grant (February 2025)	76,000	76,000	
Diocese FaithWorks (March 2025)	1,003	-	
Investment Interests	6,457	20,000	32%
Overall TOTAL Income	431,245	531,481	81%



*Budget Total depicted excludes Grants, Investment Income, and Special Funds donations

The Wardens of St Paul's-on-the-Hill thank you for your generous donations. Easter offerings exceeded the budget by 23% and Thanksgiving by 4%. By October ending, we received about 81% of our budgeted income (from donations and rents) that was presented at Vestry. This is about 3% below the expected target for the 10 months of the year.

As a result of the Diocese credits for MAF grant, Faithworks and interest earned on investments, our overall total income at the end of October was about 2% below the target of 83% of budget for the 10th month of the year.