



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

19th 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: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty CP 384**

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*)

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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Reader: Tricia Bacchus

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Reader: Bundom Chijindu

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: **May the Mind of Christ My Saviour**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Allyson Eamer

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to a renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: The Power of Your Love

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Huron 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. Wonderful, Merciful Saviour
2. Refiner's Fire
3. Shine on Us

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: **In Christ There Is No East or West CP 484**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Let All Things Now Living CP 403**

Offertory hymn **Seek Ye First CP 458**

Recessional hymn **How Firm a Foundation CP 527**
(verses 1,3,5)

Readers:

1st Reader: Herb Boland

2nd Reader: Denise Boland

MC: Pastor Mabel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of Animals Service – Today from 1-2 pm

Bring your pet for a short service and a special blessing. Each pet will receive a **Certificate of Blessing!**

Thank You for a Wonderful Ministry Fair! ♥☐

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make our Ministry Fair such a joyful and welcoming event! Thank you to our ministry leaders, table hosts, volunteers, youth, staff, and everyone who helped with the BBQ, activities, setup, and behind the scenes.

We were thrilled to see **42 people sign up** to learn more about or get involved in our ministries. Thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and talents!

Gate 3:16 Clothing Donations – A Temporary Pause

Gate 3:16 has recently moved and is currently undergoing renovations. **Due to limited storage space, they are temporarily unable to accept donations.** They hope renovations will be completed sometime in the summer and will let you know when collections can resume. In the meantime, as the winter season approaches, they are still accepting the following items:

- **Men's winter jackets, sizes S to XL**
- **Men's winter boots, sizes 9 to 11**

No other items are needed at this time.

Thank you for your generosity and understanding. Please contact Eva Boessler at evamaria1109@yahoo.ca or Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net with any questions.

2026 Recipients of the Arcelia Hunte Memorial International Bursary

We are pleased to announce the 3 organizations selected as recipients of the **St. Paul's on-the-Hill Arcelia Hunte Memorial International Bursary** in May/June 2026:

- Association of Latin Missions to the Americas – Cuba Missions
- Barbados Canada Foundation
- Wycliffe College, Canada – Bursaries for Women

Thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to this fund, which was established in 2009 and renamed in 2013. Over the years, **19 bursaries** have been awarded to organizations and individuals in support of humanitarian causes in various parts of the world. Congratulations to this year's recipients, and thank you for helping this ministry continue to be a blessing to others.

Marilyn Sinclair & Marg Jocz – Past Committee Members

St. Paul's Food Bank – Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help support the Food Bank this Thanksgiving! If you bring your donations to the church by **Thursday, October 8**, they will be blessed and then given to the Food Bank. Drop off: **Mon–Fri, 9am–12pm and 1–4pm**, or **Sunday morning**.

Please place items in the available bins. Visit the Food Bank website for a list of needed items. *No perishable items.* **Questions? Contact Brenda McCawley at 905-831-2176.**

ALPHA | Saturdays, October 17 – November 28 9:00–12:00pm | Parish Hall | Breakfast included

Meet new people, explore life's big questions, and join in open conversation. No judgment, no pressure. Alpha is for anyone curious about the Christian faith, or for Christians wanting a refresher. For adults seeking baptism or confirmation, this counts as preparation.

Know someone who might be curious? Invite them to Alpha! Invitation cards are available in the narthex.

Planning to attend Alpha? Registration is required. A minimum of **12 participants** is needed. Register in the narthex or sign up on our website, stpaulsonthehill.com.

Readers & Intercessors Luncheon Sunday, October 18th | After the 10am service | Parish Hall

Join us for a special luncheon as we say thank you, share some practical training, and talk about how we can continue to make our worship welcoming and meaningful.

Curious about trying something new? This luncheon is also open to anyone who is **exploring a new ministry** and would like to learn what's involved in reading Scripture or leading the prayers.

To register, please contact Tiara in the church office at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

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

contact *Tiara* at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com and indicate whether you will attend in person or online.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ngaju Nwabundo in memory of her beloved mother—*farewell, great mother of mine.*