



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Children leave for Sunday School during Opening Hymn.

Lighting of the 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: **Hope, Hope, Hope**

Hope, hope, hope -

The light of Christ is hope.

In all our darkness Christ is shining,

Leading upward, faith refining.

Hope, hope, hope -

The light of Christ is hope.

Processional: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** CP 89

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, 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.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: Bandom Chinjindu

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Reader: Samaya Chinniah

Sermon: Rev. Doug

Musical Meditation: **My Soul Will Wait**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: David Karram

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding CP 108

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)

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. **Cornerstone (My Hope is Built)**
2. **Wait for the Lord (Taize)**
3. **Shine on Us**
4. **I Love You, Lord**

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 Walk in Hope**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams CP 541**

Offertory hymn **Out of the Depths CP 542**

Recessional hymn **Singing Songs of Expectation CP 536**

Readers:

1st Reader: Noeline Rasanayagam

2nd Reader: Roopan Navaratnam

ANNOUNCEMENT

Women @ St. Paul's Christmas Breakfast

Come, be inspired and encouraged by our special guest speaker, Karen Stiller, Author and Editor of Faith Today Magazine. Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Place: St. Paul's Parish Hall, Cost: \$7. Please bring your own plate and mug.

RSVP by email at women@stpaulsonthehill.com or call the church office at 905-839-7909. Come and bring a friend—you'll be glad you did!

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

The Christmas season is upon us, and now is the time when most food banks receive their greatest support. For information on the many ways you can support OUR food bank, visit the website at www.stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca and click the donate tab. Please don't designate your donation for a particular purpose (e.g. "Christmas Hampers) because that limits how it can be used. And remember to include your full name and address. Receipts will be issued where applicable. Thank you for your support.

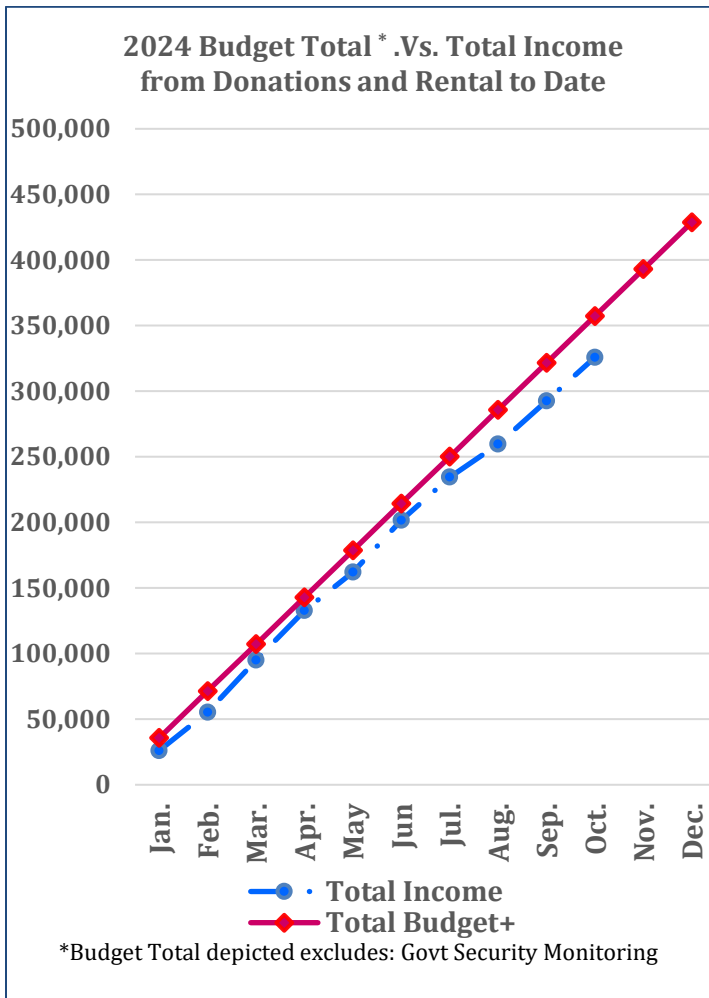
Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries **every 4th Sunday of each month**. If you would like your birthday or anniversary to be announced, please reach out to Amaka at the church office at amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Be sure to contact her by the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday.

Parish Offerings Report for January to October 2024

SPOTH Offerings Report for January to October, 2024 (Representing 83% Mark for the year)			
1. Weekly Givings Offerings	Jan to Oct Actual	2024 Budget	% of Budget
General Envelopes (Sunday offerings, PAR, E-transfer)	231,300	298,978	77%
Christmas	85	7,716	1%
Open Offerings	8,893	19,128	46%
Easter	4,948	2,045	242%
Thanksgiving	4,555	5,000	91%
Clergy Travel	-	150	0%
Wedding Fees	650	-	
AV and Parking Lot Projects	- 1,384	-	
Total for Weekly Givings	249,047	333,017	75%
2. Other Designated Offerings *			
Building**	8,643	12,317	70%
Christian ED (Youth, Sunday School, Courses)	14,103	12,081	117%
Fundraising	605	7,000	9%
General Outreach	300	530	57%
Total for Other Designated offerings	23,651	31,928	74%
3. Revenue from Rental			
Tower Rental	19,008	22,810	83%
SPOTH Daycare Rental	34,150	40,980	83%
Total for Rental Income	53,158	63,790	83%
Overall TOTAL (Weekly + Designated + Rental)	325,856	428,735	74%
Diocese Grants in 2024	8	-	
Investment Interest**	4,833	16,000	30%
GRAND TOTAL Income	330,697	444,735	74%



On the average total donations to date is about 74% of the year’s budget, and about 9% below the 83% target for this time of the year.

Gate 3:16 Updated Needs

Gate 3:16 is an Outreach Centre located in Oshawa for individuals experiencing difficult times. St Paul's on the Hill continues to support this organization by providing clothing etc. At this time there is a need for **backpacks, sleeping bags, winter blankets, warm sweatshirts and track pants, Men's jeans (30, 32, 34), long sleeve tops, thermal underwear (long johns etc), winter jackets, warming pants, warm gently used winter boots and thermal socks. Sizes S, M, L and XL for both men and women.** We accept clean, lightly used items. Items can be placed in a bag labelled Gate 3:16 and placed in the coat closet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Boessler at evamaria1109@yahoo.ca or Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this outreach.

St. Paul's on-the-Hill 100th Anniversary Announcement

We have some fantastic news to share! On November 9, 2025, our beloved parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary. This is a huge milestone for all of us—a century of Celebrating God's Faithfulness.

A committee has come together to plan the festivities to make this celebration truly special. The committee members are Joy and Helen Pring, Elaine Phipps, Ivan Hunte, Joanne Karam, Randal Vasagam, and Isuru Weerasekera. Our committee beautifully represents the breadth of our parishioners, with members who have worshipped with us for 54 years, those who have been worshipping with us since they were 4 years old and those who have been part of our family for just 3 years. We're excited to announce that throughout 2025, we'll be inviting former clergy to join us in celebration. Everything will lead up to a special service with the bishop on November 9, 2025, followed by a big gathering.

This anniversary isn't just a date on the calendar; it's a celebration of all of us who have made St. Paul's on-the-Hill a welcoming and loving place over the years.

Stay tuned for more updates! We can't wait to celebrate this incredible milestone with each and every one of you.

Office Holiday Closure

Please note that the church office will be closed from December 24th- January 1st. The office will reopen briefly on: January 2nd & January 3rd, from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Regular office hours will resume on January 6th. Thank you.

Donations for 2024

For those wishing to receive a tax receipt for donations made in 2024, please note that donations must be in no later than January 1st, and cheques postdated to December 31st.

If dropping donation outside regular office hours, please use the mailbox located in the Kingston Road parking lot. No Cash! Thank you for your support!

Altar Flowers

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