



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Children leave for Sunday School during Opening Hymn.

We are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries today.

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: Romans 13:11-14

Reader: Susan Scott

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: Ngaju Nwabundo

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: Christ, Be our Light

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 3

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. As We Gather at Your Table CP 61
2. Shine on Us
3. Holy, Holy, Holy is the 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 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** CP 89

Offertory hymn **Take My Life, and Let It Be** CP 435

Recessional hymn **Lift High the Cross** CP 602

Readers:

1st Reader: *Pauline Thomas*

2nd Reader: *Jacob Ladipo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent / Christmas Services 2025

Advent 1: Nov. 30 | **Advent 2:** Dec. 7 | **Advent 3:**
December 14 | **Advent 4:** December 21 (8am and 10am)

Lessons & Carols: Dec. 21 at 8:00am and 10:00am

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): 8am and 10am (Service of Family
Blessing)

✿Advent Family PowerPak

SPOTH Kids and Youth Families can pick up their Advent Family PowerPak TODAY! Inside, you'll find a booklet with family devotionals and prayer prompts for Advent, connect cards with meaningful activities, craft ideas, and encouraging cards to support parents and caregivers. May this PowerPak bless your home with moments of joy, faith, and togetherness this Advent season.

Thank You – Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Shoeboxes. We collected 124 shoeboxes. A special thank you to Ron and Brenda Hallett for driving the shoeboxes to the collection centre.

Thank You to Our SPOTH Bursary Team

This past Sunday, the 23rd, St. Paul's had the pleasure of acknowledging 14 students from our community with the SPOTH Bursary. This would not have come about without the dedication, commitment and support

of Bruce Neville, George Denny, and Sophia Levy-Presner. Thank you for your service. *Blessings, Clare Masson, Chair.*

Thank You – 100th Anniversary Committee

Today we gratefully acknowledge the work of our 100th Anniversary Committee and its chair Isuru Weerasekera. In addition to Isuru, members of the committee are: Elaine Phipps, Helen Pring, Joy Pring, Yvonne Nunes, Joanne Karram, Ivan Hunte, Mabel Leung, Randal Vasegam, Nkiruka Ochei and Sophia Levy-Presner.

Time Capsule for the 100th Anniversary:

We are preparing a time capsule for SPOTH's 125th anniversary, including messages from former clergy and 100 Favourite Verses from current members. If you have a verse to encourage future SPOTH believers (no more than five sentences), please send it to Canon Stephanie at stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Advent Study: On the Way to Bethlehem

This 4-week study runs on Tuesdays in Advent:

December 2 | December 9 | December 16 | December 23

📍 **In person:** 12:30–2:00 pm

💻 **Online:** 7:30–9:00 pm

This study by Rob Fuquay takes us on a scriptural "journey" to four destinations in the Christmas story: Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, exploring their history and the people who shape the narrative.

Join Canons Stephanie and Judy as we "tour" these sites together, exploring the spiritual insights each place offers us on the Christmas story.

We need a minimum of 8-10 participants per session, so if you're interested, please register in the narthex or email officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

🌿 Women at St. Paul's Christmas Potluck Breakfast Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 9:30am | Church Hall

Join the ladies of St. Paul's for a joyful morning of **food, fellowship, and festive fun!** Bring a **dish to share**, your own **mug, plate, and cutlery**, and a **serving utensil** if possible. Don't forget to wear your **most festive Christmas outfit!** ☕ Coffee and tea will be provided.

✿ *It's a special morning just for the ladies - a little break from the gents and little ones!*

To RSVP, please email: women@stpaulsonthehill.com or call 905-839-7909.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given in memory of my late father,
Evander Lampkin, given by Mac Lampkin.