



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

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: **Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness** CP 385

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, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace

we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: Psalm 121

Reader: Ngaju Nwabundo

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Reader: Tricia Bacchus

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

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: O Spirit of the Living God CP 40

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **The Potter's Hand**
2. **Purify My Heart**
3. **Spirit of the Living God** CP 647

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.

Choral Blessing May the Road Rise to Meet You

Recessional: **A Mighty Fortress is our God**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness** CP 385

Offertory hymn **O Spirit of the Living God** CP 40

Recessional hymn **Amazing Grace** CP 352

Readers:

1st Reader: Pauline Thomas

2nd Reader: Jacob Ladipo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Spring Newsletter is now ready!

Printed copies are available for pickup in the narthex. Please be sure to take one home and stay up to date with all that's happening in our parish community this season.

New Year's Relationship Reboot: Marriage Enrichment

Sundays | 8:00pm to 10:00pm | Online via Zoom
February 15th to March 29th

The Alpha Marriage Course is now underway, but it's not too late to join! Five sessions remain, and we warmly welcome couples to take part in the rest of the series.

This is a relaxed, date-night-style experience you can enjoy from home, designed to help couples reconnect through good conversation, practical tools, and intentional time together.

Hosted by Canon Judy and Rev. Andrew, and Steve and Clare Masson, the online course features video content from marriage experts Nicky and Sila Lee, with guided private discussions for couples (not group exercises).

Email Clare Masson at clarem@stpaulsonthehill.com to register.

Help Us Fill the Eggs! 🥚 – Easter Egg Hunt Donations

Our parish Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon, and we would love your help to make it a fun and memorable day for our children and families!

To prepare for the day, we hope to fill about **300–350 Easter eggs**, and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are collecting small surprises to place inside the eggs:

- Small toys or trinkets that fit inside a plastic Easter egg (stickers, erasers, small figurines, stamps, temporary tattoos, etc.)

- Treats that are **nut-free** and **individually wrapped**

Please make sure all food items are safe for children with allergies.

You can place your donations in the marked collection box at the church entrance by **March 22**.

Thank you for helping us extend a warm welcome and share the joy of Easter with every child who joins us. Your generosity helps make the day bright and memorable for all!

Finding God in the Wilderness: A Lenten Teaching Series | Tuesdays in Lent

In-person at the church (1:00pm – 2:15pm)
Online via Zoom (7:30pm-8:45pm)

March 3: From the Wilderness to the Garden and Back Again: Did you know that the flow of salvation history in the Bible can be seen through the thematic lens of the wilderness? This session offers an overview of the theme.

March 10: Exile Encounters with God in the Wilderness
God can transform the wilderness into a place of refuge, where people encounter Him and receive both a new identity and divine provision.

March 17: Singing in the Wilderness
Israel's prophets use the images of wilderness and garden to describe both the bleak consequences of rejecting God and God's ability to bring restoration.

March 24: Jesus' Wilderness Tests (or Traps)
When Jesus faces wilderness tests, He demonstrates trust in the Father's provision and care.

March 31: Faithfulness in the Wilderness Leads to Rest
True rest is available for those who learn to trust God enough to follow His instruction and embrace His way of life.

To register, sign up in the Narthex or email our parish administrator at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jim Ayton, a dear husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, given by Diana, Monique, Karen, and family.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of my father, William Burt, from Barbara and Rick Burt and family.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Paul Jeffrey Mutiisa, from the Mutiisa family.