



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday January 11th, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Children and youth go straight to the Parish Hall for Sunday School upon arriving to the church.

Processional: **This is Holy Ground**

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 of Purity

Collect of the Day (*together*)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Acts 10:34-43

Reader: David Karram

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Reader: Dan Reynolds

Sermon: Bishop Patrick Yu

Musical Meditation: **Take My Life and Let it Be** CP 435

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Isuru Weerasekera

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: On Jordan's Bank

CP 103

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Lutheran Rite

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

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. **As the Deer**

2. **Glorify Your Name**

3. **I Come with Joy a Child of God**

CP 60

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: **Our God Will Go Before Us**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **God of Grace and God of Glory** CP 577

Offertory hymn **Will you come and follow me?** CP 430

Recessional hymn **Praise the Lord with the Sound of**

Trumpet

CP 309

Readers:

1st Reader: Roopan Navaratnam

2nd Reader: Noeline Rasanayagam

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations, Marg Jocz!

We are pleased to announce that Marg Jocz has been named to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto for her work with the Food Bank. She and other recipients were honoured during Choral Evensong on January 1st at St. James Cathedral. Congrats, Marg!

Short-Term Lodging Request

Becki Willoughby is looking for lodging in the area as she continues working until the spring. She is happy to pay and does not require food. The tentative dates for one night a week is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 4
- Monday, February 9
- Wednesday, February 18

Later on, she is looking for two nights a week:

- Monday & Tuesday, February 23 & 24
- Monday & Tuesday, March 2 & 3

Her final day at work is May 27th. For clarity and further discussion, please contact Becki at Cell: **(416) 898-2574** | Home **(519) 290-0529**.

Men's Fellowship Group

Our Tuesday Morning Men's Fellowship Group will resume this Tuesday, January 13, meeting **each Tuesday** from 10am to noon. We will begin the New Year with a study of **Luke 13**.

All are welcome to join us either online or in person in the upstairs Board Room. For the Zoom meeting details or phone-in instructions, please contact:

officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com

For questions about the group, please contact:

Ivan Hunte: 905-509-5415 | ivan.hunte@gmail.com

George Denny: 289-314-0783 | havendayle@gmail.com

David Karam: 905-683-3467 or dksurfer7@gmail.com

The Game of Thrones

Wednesday, January 21st | 7pm-9pm via Zoom

In the midst of current wars and rumours of war, Bishop Yu explores patterns in history. It turns out, we've been here before! In an engaging lecture, Bishop Yu compares the theory of the fifth century historian Thucydides with that of the biblical prophet Daniel. Bishop Yu will reflect on the historical interaction of world powers leading to war and offer us hope, as he interprets for us God's action in light of revelation. This was first given as a public lecture in All Saints' Cathedral in Hong Kong, 2024.

Please visit our website stpaulsonthehill.com to access the zoom link.

Women at St. Paul's – January Breakfast

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 9:30am | Stacked Restaurant

Women at St. Paul's will gather for a breakfast outing at **Stacked Restaurant**, located at **1822 Whites Road, Pickering**, on **Thursday, January 22 at 9:30am**. This will be a wonderful chance to connect and enjoy conversation together.

To RSVP, please email: women@stpaulsonthehill.com or by calling the church office at 905-839-7909.

New Year's Relationship Reboot: Marriage Enrichment

Looking for a meaningful New Year refresh—together? The Alpha Marriage Course is a relaxed, date-night-style experience designed to help couples reconnect, strengthen communication, and invest in their relationship. Think good conversation, practical tools, and intentional time with your partner.

The Marriage Course will run online for 7 Sunday evenings beginning in mid-February. We're running it online to allow couples with children to more easily attend. The two-hour evening get together will be hosted by two couples: Canon Judy and Rev. Andrew, and Steve and Clare Masson. The format looks like a combo of video content from engaging marriage experts Nicky and Sila Lee, with numerous private discussions between couples (not group exercises) throughout.

We do have some flexibility around timing or even date depending on the needs of the majority. Sign up (and make it a date!) and we'll communicate with you around details. Email our admin at officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com to register.

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

St. Paul's Food Bank was recognized with the following honours in the Community Votes Awards for Pickering and Ajax:

- Platinum – Community Organization (Pickering)
- Platinum – Non-Profit (Ajax)
- Gold – Non-Profit (Pickering)
- Gold – Community Organization (Ajax)

These honours belong to our amazing supporters, but most of all to our Food Bank Director, Lindsey, and all our faithful volunteers. Congrats to everyone!

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Ruby Andrews Snow, late wife of Ron and dear friend of Janet.