



# St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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## Welcome and Announcements

Children & Youth leave for Sunday School during Opening Hymn.

We are celebrating Birthdays & Anniversary today.

Processional: **There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place**

## 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, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 37:1-12, 41-42

Reader: David Karram

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

Reader: Isuru Weerasekera

**Sermon:** Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Trust and Obey**

## 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: Lift Every Voice & Sing

*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*)

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **Father, We Love You (Glorify Your Name)**
2. **Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my Heart**
3. **His Eyes is on the Sparrow (Choir & Cong.)**

## 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: **O When the Saints**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## 8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **To God be the Glory (printed)**

Offertory hymn **Precious Lord take my Hand CP 509**

Recessional hymn **Trust and Obey (printed)**

## Readers:

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Herb Boland

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Denise Boland

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **The Parish Lenten Retreat is next Saturday, March 1st!**

**Cost is only \$15**, including the cost of supplies and snacks. Please see the flyers in the narthex. Come and be refreshed spiritually, and explore wonderfully creative styles of prayer.

There are 3 different breakout workshops to choose from. When you sign up, please hand in the tear-away form with your choice of workshops.

**The deadline for registration is tomorrow, February 24th, to allow Dr. Wanda time to prepare all her handouts and creative materials.**

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## **Lenten Book Study Series – Six Weeks**

- **Tuesday evenings on Zoom:** March 4 to April 8, 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
- **Wednesday afternoons in-person at the church:** March 5 to April 9, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**What:** Join us in studying Rowan Williams' (former Archbishop of Canterbury) book, *Being Disciples – Essentials of the Christian Life*. All are invited!

**RSVP:** Amaka at the church office on 905.839.7909 or [amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com). This six-week series will be led by Canon Stephanie, Canon Judy, Rev. Doug, and Pastor Mabel. Don't miss this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith this Lent!

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## **Parish Letter and Tax Receipts Available**

Parish Letter & Tax receipts are ready for pick-up. Kindly collect yours from the narthex to help us save on mailing costs as postal rates have increased. Thank you for your support!

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## **Today's Vestry Meeting**

Today, immediately after the service, we invite all members staying for the Vestry Meeting to join us for a light lunch before the meeting begins. This is an important time for us to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead.

For those participating in vestry voting, please review and affirm the following declaration:

*"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year, that I am of the full*

*age of sixteen (16) years, and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year."*

We look forward to your participation and appreciate your commitment to our parish community.

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

Once again, our Food Bank has been very busy serving those in our community facing food insecurity—and your support is vital to their mission. When you go shopping, please consider dropping off food donations at your local area grocery stores to help fill their shelves. **The most needed items include:** Dry Beans, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Peanut Butter, Cookies, Canned Lentils & Juice.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

Join us for the Food Bank's Open House **on Saturday, April 5, 2025**. This is a great opportunity to see how the Food Bank operates and to meet some of the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible. Thank you for your support! For more details, please visit: [stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca](http://stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca).

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## **AWARE 2025 Women's Retreat**

Join us **May 2–4, 2025**, for a weekend of spiritual refreshment & growth at **Elim Lodge** on beautiful Pigeon Lake! This year's theme is **"30 Years of Shining His Light,"** featuring speaker **Robynn Bliss**, a certified Spiritual Director with a powerful story of faith and renewal.

**The retreat includes:** Inspiring workshops, Small group discussions, Worshipful music, Fellowship & fun. Two nights' accommodation, five meals, and brunch

**Cost: \$380.00 (Early Bird: \$360.00 if paid by February 28, 2025).** Bursaries are available – apply by **March 15**.

For more info visit [www.awarepeterborough.com](http://www.awarepeterborough.com).

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## **Rebuilding a Social Committee:**

We are enjoying our times of fellowship with one another. We are looking to create a list of people who are willing to be reached out to, to support social gatherings when they happen. This does NOT mean you will have to help every time, simply that you are willing to be pitch in when and as you are able.

Please send your contact information to Pastor Mabel at [mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com)

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## **Altar Flowers**

If you are interested in providing flowers for the altar,  
please contact Amaka Ozoemene on 905-838-7909.