

November 21, 2021
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for Him

Give thanks to the Lord call on His name;
make His deeds known to all the people!

**For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!**

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works,
and glory in His holy name!

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

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faithful to a thousand generations**

The Grace
Collect for purity

Song - He Has Made Me Glad & This is the Day

Collect of the Day:

Heavenly Father, You are our strong fortress, our tower, our refuge. It pleases You to involve us in the work of Your kingdom. May we be quick to respond to the call to build. May we build humbly and willingly at our appointed place. May our voices be joined with those of the saints of all ages who have boldly proclaimed. "Let us rise up and build."

Amen.

Readings from God's word

God invites us to hear His word

First Reading: Nehemiah 12:27-30; 40-43; 13:6-22

Gospel: Matthew 24:1-8, 30-35

Sermon: Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman

Musical meditation after sermon: Take My Life

The Apostles' Creed

God invites us to profess our faith in Him

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins and renew our relationship with Him

The Peace

God calls us to renewed relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ

Offertory

God invites us to give of our treasure and to lift our voices in thanksgiving to Him. We thank you for your donations to support the ministries of SPOTH.

Celebration of the Eucharist

God invites us to join Him at the table of the Lord

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Blessing and Dismissal

God sends us out into the world to serve Him with joy and gladness, under His hand of blessing

Spiritual communion for at-home worshippers:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Even though I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

Communion songs – Faithful One & Who Is There Like You?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent 2021

**NOV. 24TH ON ZOOM,
7:30-9:00 PM**

KICK-START A PRAYERFUL
ADVENT WITH AUTHOR & SPEAKER
DR. GARY HANSEN

FRI. EVE PRAYERS ON ZOOM

9-9:20 PM, DECEMBER 3, 10 & 17

TUES TEACHING W/ REV. STEPH

7:30-8:30 PM, NOV. 30, DEC 7, 14 & 21

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

SUN DEC 12 (LIVE & LIVESTREAM)

S.O.S. CHURCH FOR FAMILIES

EVERY SAT, 11-11:20 AM ON ZOOM

Planning a Prayerful Advent with Dr. Gary Hansen: Wednesday November 24, 7:30-9:00 pm over zoom

Many Christians are sure that prayer is a key to spiritual vitality and growth. Nearly as many Christians feel unconfident about their own life of prayer. The good news is the infinitely creative God has prompted Christians of many traditions to develop many different ways to connect with God in prayer -- and one of them may be just right for you. Join us as we look at ways to pray that may feel unfamiliar, but which have deepened the discipleship of countless Christians over the centuries.

In-person worshippers: arriving early to service as the weather grows cold. As the weather turns cold, we encourage you to arrive earlier to avoid line-ups outside in the cold.

Meeting notice for 7:45 am worshippers: As part of our parish reopening, we are building towards opening a second service in January 2022. We're exploring the possibility of doing a test-run with the 7:45 am, but need a clearer sense of "committed worshippers" as well as willing volunteers in order to reboot the service. Please join Rev. Stephanie for a meeting over zoom on Sunday, November 28th at 7 pm. The zoom link will be posted on the church website. Please let fellow members know about the meeting.

Lessons and Carols Service: Mark your calendars! Sunday, December 12th at 10 am.

Christmas Hampers:

Funds designated for the "Christmas Hamper" program are to go through the Food Bank.

Please click on the following link for further information: www.stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca

Friday Compline Prayers during Advent: 9-9:20 pm: Join us for a 15-20 minute time for quiet reflection, prayers and song over zoom. Rekindle your hearts for Christ, and renew relationships with fellow parishioners.

Advent Study with Rev. Stephanie, Tuesday evenings over zoom, 7:30-8:30 pm: Using Dr. Hansen's book, Stephanie will be taking us on a tour of some ancient Christian prayer practices. Mark a holy Advent, and learn something new!

Flower Donations for next year - if anyone would like to donate altar flowers, to please phone Janice Roberts at 905-839-9212.