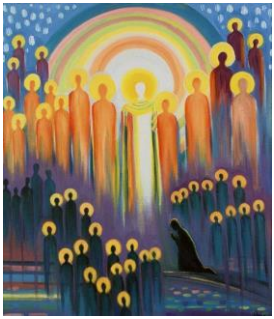
Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY



"They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence."
Revelation 7.15

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist

PRELUDE: *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *For All the Saints v.1,2,4,8* *CP 276*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: 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.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GLORIA:

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,**

and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME *The Rev. Martha Gordon*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN *Hortense Anglin*
1 John 3:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34: 1-10, 22 *Joe Zhou*
Refrain: Taste and see that God is good; happy are they who trust in God.

THE GOSPEL:
In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**
Cantor: "They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence."
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Gospeler: The ✝Holy Gospel of our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ ✝ according to Matthew.
All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 5: 1-12 *The Rev. Lorraine Runza*

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON *The Rev. Martha Gordon*

As you are able, please stand.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God.
All: **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We**

believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG: *Take My Life and Let it Be v. 1,2,5* *CP 435*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Judith Brunton*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have ✝ mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you with all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As you are able, please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Who Are These Like Stars Appearing v.1,2,4,5 CP 281*

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: 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.**

AGNUS DEI

All: **Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. ***All: Thanks be to God.***

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord for Communion or a blessing. As the sides-people direct, move forward to receive Holy Communion around the platform. Do signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer, we can serve Communion in your pew, just let the sides people know.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Church, we have friends worshipping online or others who may not be able to receive Communion today.
Let us pray together in solidarity to receive Christ anew in spiritual communion.

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent v.1-4* *CP 48*
Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him v.1-4 *CP 59*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints.

May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand.

Celebrant: 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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: God has given you the citizenship of heaven, with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones v.1-4 CP 320*

THE COMMISSIONING

Leader: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in B minor by Eugene Gigout*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist**: Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Joe Zhou; **Bread**: The Rev. Martha Gordon, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice**: Pres Harrison, Hortense Anglin; **Reader:** Hortense Anglin; **Prayers**: Judith Brunton; **Tech Team**: Dapo Oladeji; **Greeters**: Jenny Brunt, Ivor Pavamani; **Coffee Hosts:** Anna Ching, Maggie Cheung; **Warden on Duty:** Andrew Estabrook; **Chancel Guild**: Judy Prentice, Judith Brunton, Connalyn Willoughby, Christine Herbert; **Counters:** Doris Chiu, John Pownall

TODAY

All Saints' Day

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. The light of day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us—such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do; for the sake of your son, Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of the heavens, I cannot count the stars you have strewn across the sky, nor can I measure the grace you have poured out upon me. Thank you for the gifts of this day, for they show me your generosity. Thank you for its challenges, for in them I find your wisdom and strength. Bless all those I have met today, and forgive me for the ways I have caused harm. Keep me in your care this night; and if I do not awaken in the morning, receive me into the glorious company of all the saints. In Jesus' name. Amen. *(from Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol.2)*

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

Nov 3 4:30 pm Fall Youth & Intergenerational Drama programs

Nov 5 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study - **CANCELLED**

Nov 7 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Nov 8 10:00 am 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Remembrance Day Service with Rev. Ajith Varghese Celebrating and Rev. Martha Gordon Preaching.

And beyond…

Nov 10 11:00 am Funeral for Keith Corbett
4:30 pm Drama programs

Nov 13 11:00 am Celebration of Life for Ruth Nichols

Nov 15 Parish Profile Review – right after the 10 am service, please sign up in the Narthex TODAY!

Nov 21 **St. Philip's Annual Christmas Luncheon** ~ back at the Royal Stouffville Golf Club on Saturday Nov 21 starting at 12:00 Noon ~ tickets on sale October 25 to November 15

A Note from the Finance Committee

Operating Results January to September 2026

$'000s

	Q3 YTD Budget	Q3 YTD Actual	Difference
Operating Income	266	286	20
Operating Expense	325	298	(27)
Net	**(59)**	**(12)**	**47**

NB: Excludes investment income

Operating revenue of $286k for the first nine months is $20k above budget, mainly due to a $30k one-time donation by a very generous parishioner. Without this, it would have been $10k below budget.

Operating expense of $298k is $27k below budget, mainly because of staffing vacancies and deferred expenditures.

The net operating deficit for Jan to Sept 2026 is $12k

Fortunately, income from our invested reserves assists in offsetting the operating deficit.

Fourth Quarter Outlook

The budgeted General Offering for the fourth quarter is $90k, a significant 57% increase over the average for the prior 3 quarters.

We request that as you look at your year end donations you prayerful consider increasing your church contributions between now and December 31 to allow us to break even this year.

Respectfully submitted by your Finance Committee