

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is the Rev. Paul Wu. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God.

There are large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and a properly-appointed washroom.

Notes on Our Worship

The symbol ** means please stand if you are able

Forward in Faith — Our Vision

St Giles Presbyterian Church seeks to be a welcoming, fully-alive faith community, which shares Christ's vision for the world and responds in a Christ-like manner to the present-day challenges of our society and world in partnership with all who seek to make Christ's vision for the world a present reality.

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Organist: Brenda Beckingham

Choir practice: Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. September through June

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

All: Worship the Lord with gladness

One: Come into his presence with singing

All: Know that the Lord is God

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

All: Enter his courts with praise

One: Give thanks to him, bless his name

All: For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever

Prayer of Adoration

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous and loving God, we confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we enjoy more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we become indifferent to despair and grumble about small things. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives to shine with the generosity, peace and hope you offer us in Christ Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come, to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.**
2. **All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**
3. **For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away,
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7–18 (NRSV)

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Responsive Psalm 65 Refrain 1



- 1 Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
- 2 O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
- 3 **When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,**
you forgive our transgressions.
- 4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- 6 By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
- 7 **You silence the roaring of the seas,**
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning
and the evening shout for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**



The Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19 (NRSV)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

****Hymn: For the fruits of all creation**

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1. **For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
2. **In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, thanks be to God.**
3. **For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Sermon A Thanksgiving Faith

Prayers

****Hymn: Lord, whose love**

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1. **Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.**

2. **Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**
3. **As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.**
4. **Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

Offering (Invitation)

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

****Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower**

1. **In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise,
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**
2. **There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**
3. **In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Benediction

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* by Johann Crüger,
arr. Wilbur Held

***Please remain after the service
for a Congregational Meeting***

**Our thanks to the Rev. Paul Wu,
organist Brenda Beckingham,
and soloist Sharon Haidenger.**

Hymn 674

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Pandemic Prayer

God of silence and stillness, we trust you are
with us in this time of noise and chaos.
We pray for an end to this pandemic.

Whisper your words of comfort,
encouragement and hope to all
who need them in these days of fear.

Draw close to those who are sick
and all those who risk illness, caring for them,
protecting and uplifting them.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

**Mission Moment
Equipping Families to Fight Food Insecurity**

In South Sudan, years of civil conflict have left much of the population without access to the food they need to live healthy lives. Rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 are only increasing this deficit. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide 1,150 families with food assistance that will meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, families will receive farming inputs and fishing equipment so that, when the season is right for growing and fishing, they will have access to alternative sources of nutrition.

