

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is the Rev. John Fair. 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.

### **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

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#### Co-Interim Moderators:

The Rev. James T. Hurd (613-225-6648 x 111) The Rev. Dr Cedric Pettigrew

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Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organist: Brenda Beckingham

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

# NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Prelude

Call to Worship

**Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God**

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1. **A mighty fortress is our God,  
a refuge never failing,  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe yet seeks to work us woe  
with craft and power great and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth has not an equal.**
2. **Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not a Saviour on our side,  
the One of God's own choosing.  
Who is this Saviour, who? Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabbaoth by name, from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.**
3. **And though this world, with evil filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
the truth to triumph through us:  
the powers of death and hell our God will surely quell:  
their rage we can endure, for look! their doom is sure;  
one little word will fell them.**
4. **That Word above all earthly powers —  
no thanks to them! — abiding,  
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,  
through Christ in us residing,**

**whose summons rings above all goods, all earthly love.  
Earth's powers waste away; God's word endures always,  
whose reign will last forever.**

Prayer — The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

Scripture Readings

John 3:1–8

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

- 1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**
- 2. I ask no dream, no profit ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel messenger, no opening skies,  
but take the dimness of my soul away.**
- 3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:  
oh let me seek thee and oh let me find.**
- 4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to face the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**
- 5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,  
my heart an altar and thy love the flame.**

Sermon Two R's of Presbyterianism

Prayer

- 1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;  
revive your church with life and power.  
O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**
- 2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore, for this we plead.**
- 3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.**
- 4. O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,  
so we may speak your word aright;  
kindle the flame of love among us;  
equip your church to spread the light.**

Announcements

Offering

**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 Dedication

*All hymns are in the public domain.*

1. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
your mighty arm made bare;  
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,  
and make your people hear.**
2. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
disturb this sleep of death;  
ignite the smouldering embers now  
by your almighty breath.**
3. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
create soul-thirst for you,  
and hunger for the bread of life,  
our spirits to renew.**
4. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
exalt your precious name  
and by the Holy Spirit come  
and set our love aflame.**
5. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
give power unto your word;  
grant that your living gospel may  
in living faith be heard.**
6. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
give pentecostal showers;  
the glory shall be all your own;  
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

## **Our Events**

**Friday, November 6 ~ 10 a.m.**

**Bible Study:** Please prepare Chapters 28–30 of Isaiah.

**Sunday, November 8 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Remembrance Sunday:** Next Sunday we will welcome back Lcol (Ret'd) Rev. William MacLellan to conduct the service. We will be joined, as usual, by members of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Their musicians will be participating in the Act of Remembrance and they will be reading the lessons.

### **Mission Moment — Coaching During COVID-19**

Ministry leaders had to adapt quickly to the changes brought about by COVID-19. In this new context, leaders need thoughtful, wise and prayerful approaches to ministry. In order to help PCC leaders think through and develop next steps, the PCC, with the support of funds raised through Presbyterians Sharing, offered free, one-time coaching sessions to ministry leaders. Many ministries from across the country benefitted from this support and were able to engage in innovative ministry during a difficult time.

