

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is our minister 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.

A Note 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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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvellous things.

One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

All: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

One: Let us sing joyful praises,

All: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

****Hymn: Now thank we all our God**

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**1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,**

**the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure. In Jesus Christ, you have met us in the midst of life's joys and challenges and shown us what it means to love and be loved. You have entrusted us with the greatest commandment to love one another as Christ has loved us. In this time of worship, we offer you our love and loyalty, seeking to learn more of what love and loyalty mean for us in the midst of our joys and challenges. Receive our prayers and praise, and through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess we often find it difficult to love others as you commanded. Though we intend to do your will, our priorities lead us in other directions. We seek our own security before the well-being of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. We justify our own interests and fail to understand the cost they take on the earth and other people. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities and renew our commitment to live out your love even when it demands more of us than we expect.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, sisters and brothers in Christ. We love because God first loved us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing-nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable-absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Scripture


First Reading: Mark 3:31–35

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Psalm 98 Refrain 1



New songs of ce - le - bra - tion ren - der



to God who has great won - ders done.

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvellous things.

**God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

The Lord has made known the victory;
**and has revealed vindication
in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.


Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the sovereign Lord.


Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**



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Second Reading: John 15:9–17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Amigo de Cristo / Friends of the Lord 476**

Refrain **Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord;
amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.
For we've been forgiven, and we've been restored;
amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.**

- 1. Friends of the covenant renewed each morn;
baptized and loving it, we've been reborn.
Gift of the dove is ours forevermore.**

Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord: *Refrain*

- 2. Born of a family, the young and old,
we'll be on hand to see new life unfold.
We understand the need to be made whole.
Amigos de Cristo, we're friends of the Lord:**

Refrain

Sermon Commanded to Love

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Praise our Maker, peoples of one family 700**

- 1. Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!**
- 2. Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!**
- 3. Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

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 Dedication

****Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you**

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- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've know together
of Christ's love and agony.**
- 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude



Office Hours

The office hours of the minister and church administrator will remain unchanged for the duration of the stay-at-home order. Should you wish speak to either in-person, please phone ahead to make an appointment.

Prayer for Dan

Pastor Dan Chook Reid wrote to the congregation to provide an update on his health. His cancer may have returned. Please pray for Dan, Melody and the boys.

PWS&D response to COVID-19 Crisis in India

The people of India desperately need help. PWS&D is responding with its partners in India to provide supplies, education and information. Session will be discussing in its upcoming meeting on Thursday on how best St Giles can help.

Donations to Malawi

In memory of Sam Banda, St Giles has received \$2,805 in donations from individuals towards Malawi relief. The Session has resolved that St Giles will match that amount and the total will be forwarded to PWS&D.

Presbyterian Women Mission Donations

At their meeting this past week, the Presbyterian Women have decided to continue collecting Mission Donations until the end of June. The amount will then be divided between the Pauline Brown Fund and the Dementia Adult Day Program at Abbotsford House with the latter in memory of Edna Fraser.

Events

Monday, May 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, May 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The **Bible Study** group continues with the study of the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120–134). The Bible Study group will meet over teleconference. If you are interested to join us, contact the Rev. Paul Wu at 613-276-2551 for more information. For April 30, please read Psalm 124 and Chapter 6 “Help” of “A long Obedience in the Same Direction” by Eugene Peterson.

June 20 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Anniversary Sunday — We will welcome the Rev Dr Roland De Vries, Principal of the Presbyterian College.



Community Events

May 17 to May 20

Seeking Justice Together Virtual Conference is hosted by Citizens for Public Justice. It will explore how we are called to seek justice together through intersectional, interpersonal, interconnected approaches. It will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, LGBTQ+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice and refugee rights. For more info or to register, visit www.cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together.

Friday, May 21 ~ 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Make a Joyful Noise — A virtual concert in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College featuring musicians from local congregations. To register for this Zoom event, email wilsonjohns@rogers.com or georgekwari@gmail.com by May 20. Donations by freewill offering.

Mission Moment: Ministry of Hope and Care

Fernando's dream of becoming a police officer seemed out of reach when he and his brother were children living on the streets of Mische, a rural village in Romania. Twelve years later, he attends university and is closer to fulfilling his dream thanks to Samuel House, where Fernando and his brother found a welcoming home. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, Királyhágómellék District, providing nutritious food, education and after-school care to children from disadvantaged families. Presbyterians Sharing has been supporting this important ministry of hope and care since 2014.

