

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Trinity Sunday  
May 30, 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.

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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Holy are you, Father and Creator of all things;

**All: We bring you our praise for your gift of life.**

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

**All: We bring you our thanks for your gift of new life.**

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

**All: We come to bear witness to your truth and worship  
your holy name, Ever Three and Ever One.**

**\*\*Hymn: God, reveal your presence**

**414**

**1. God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you,  
and with awe appear before you.**

**Holy is your temple: all within keep silence,  
humbly bow with deepest reverence.**

**You alone now we own as our God and Saviour:  
praise your name forever!**

**2. In God's holy presence: hear the harps resounding:  
see the crowds the throne surrounding;**

**"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending.**

**Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises  
that your church now raises.**

**3. Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit;  
all my trust is in your merit.**

**Like the holy angels on your glory gazing,  
we adore, hosannas raising.**

**Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial,  
as the hosts celestial.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of Mystery and Mercy, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we meet you in wonder as the Blessed Trinity. You are the Ancient of Days, eternal and unchanging; yet you are the Source of each new day, renewing all things. In Christ, you encounter us in whatever each day brings with a heart that beats in love for us. Through the Spirit, you breathe life into what is growing older, energizing us to serve you in good times and hard times. In the mystery of the Trinity, you are always with us and so we bring you our worship and praise to join in your dance of life and love, Holy One and Holy Three, now and ever more.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord.**

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

Remember these words from St Paul:

From now on we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

## Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

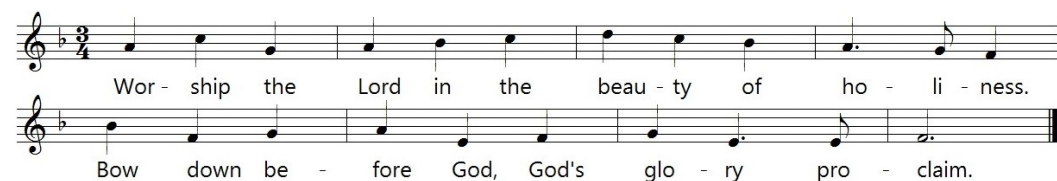
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

## Psalm 29 (Refrain 1)



Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in the temple of the Lord all cry, “Glory!”**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.**

O Lord, give strength to your people!

**O Lord, bless your people with peace!** *Refrain*

Second Reading: John 3:1-10

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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea** 682

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee I find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6. Just as I am of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Sermon Just as I am

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Take time to be holy** 638

- 1. Take time to be holy; speak oft with thy Lord.  
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**
- 2. Take time to be holy; the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**
- 3. Take time to be holy; let him by thy guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**
- 4. Take time to be holy; be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

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: O Lord my God! / How great thou art 332**

**1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed,**

*Refrain* **then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art!; how great thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain***

**3, And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin, *Refrain***

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Refrain***

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



### **Message from the Cameron Highlanders**

On three occasions, in the past year St Giles members have sent care packages containing baked goods to Camerons soldiers serving abroad. Most recently we sent a package to Mali.

Below is the comment from the Section Commander there (abroad) to the question: "What can we send that would make life a bit easier?"

"I can't think of anything that can make things easier, some baked goods for the guys would be very appreciated, it would raise the morale for sure."

The Regiment asked that we pass on to all the bakers an acknowledgement that their contribution and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by our folks that are away. Your baking is more important and more appreciated than anything else that we send.

## 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 31 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.



**Wednesday, June 2 ~ 10 a.m.**

**The Presbyterian Women** will be meeting by teleconference.

**Thursday, June 3 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

**Session Meeting** tentatively over Zoom.

**Friday, June 4 ~ 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 127 and Chapter 9 "Work" 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

**Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre** is pleased to announce that we have partnered with RainBarrel.ca to host a **RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISER!** Each rain barrel includes a leaf and mosquito filter basket, an overflow adaptor, a spigot and an

overflow hose. Rain barrels prices start at \$35 each and must be pre-ordered online. Pre-ordered rain barrels will be available for pick up on Wednesday, June 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on 917 Woodroffe, Ave, Ottawa. Our goal is to raise money to help support the continued programming and maintenance at our beautiful camp. Please order at [www.rainbarrel.ca/gracefieldchristian](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/gracefieldchristian)

### Mission Moment:

#### Supporting Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

Four years ago, the Myanmar military began a campaign of violent attacks against the Rohingya. Widespread killing, torture, robbery and assault forced over 700,000 Rohingya from their homes into neighbouring Bangladesh. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) responded and continues to do so. We are providing lifesaving food assistance and temporary shelter, and ensuring that psychosocial support is available to those who need it. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the crowded refugee camps, PWS&D is helping ensure families have access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. Families are also receiving food vouchers to help meet nutritional needs and boost the local economy.

