

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 6, 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: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

**All: We give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: O God, we call on you, for you will increase our strength of soul.

**All: Though we walk in the midst of troubling times, you will stretch out your hand to us.**

One: So we gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

**All: We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.**

**\*\*Hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided**

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- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written  
full clear on every page;  
our forebears knew your goodness,  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**
- 2. Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten  
to share the great King's feast,  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**

- 3. And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so; in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
and we will maintain, unflinching,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won,  
and then by earth and heaven  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**

Prayer of Adoration

God of creation and compassion, we praise you for your attention to each and every blessed creature, marvelling at the detail and the grandeur you call into being. You tend the fragile beauty and balance in the world, receiving praise from the depths of the sea to the tops of the mountains. You have seen your church grow from tiny beginnings to a worldwide community of those who follow Jesus, full of diversity in voice and vocation. Receive our praise as we witness your patience and perseverance with all you have made. Open our eyes to the purposes you have for us, for our congregation, and for our denomination. Awaken us with the insight of your Spirit and reveal to us how best to serve you in the world you love. For we offer ourselves to you in the name of Christ, our Lord.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of purpose and possibility, you give us work to do and the skills we need to accomplish your calling. Yet we prefer to follow our own ways. We resist your wisdom and fail to consider the suggestions of others. We think we know better. Forgive our stubborn nature and our unwillingness to reconsider our own views. By the power of your Holy Spirit and the grace of Christ our Lord, give us a teachable spirit to learn new ways to serve you and live as good neighbours in church and community.**

## 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

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. To all who turn away from self-interest and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## Scripture

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4–20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons

do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

**Psalm 130** (*Refrain I*)



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,**

**Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in the Lord's word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord**

**more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

**It is the Lord who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will

bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Revive your work, O Lord**

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- 1. Revive your work, O Lord:  
your mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
and make your people hear.**
- 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.**

6. **Revive your work, O Lord:  
give pentecostal showers;  
the glory shall be all your own;  
the blessing, Lord, be ours,**

Sermon Being Renewed Day by Day

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Blest be the tie that binds 481**

1. **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**
5. **This glorious hope revives our courage on the way:  
in perfect friendship we shall live in God's eternal day.**

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: We are one in the Spirit 471**

1. **We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored,**

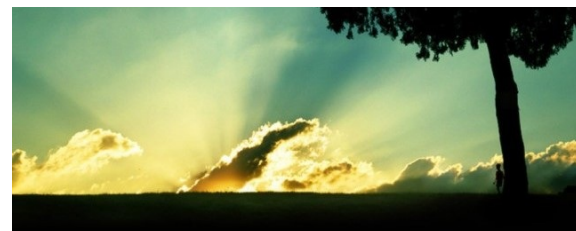
*Refrain* **and they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love,**

2. **We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land, *Refrain***
3. **We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each other's dignity  
and save each one's pride, *Refrain***
4. **All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one, *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.



### Communion

Communion is normally scheduled for June, but given the current circumstances, and hoping for the best, it will likely be scheduled in September.

## Events



**Monday, June 7 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Friday, June 11 ~ 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 June 11, please read Psalm 128 and Chapter 10 "Happiness" of "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson.

**NEW DATE: September 19 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

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



## Mission Moment: Rockland Community Church

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Rockland Community Church in Ontario-established initially with a focus on youth ministry-is transforming through family-style worship and mission that truly brings out the gifts of people of all ages. As their name suggests, "community" is at the heart of this Christian family of faith where everyone belongs. The congregation celebrates the contributions made by each



member, and everyone is committed to sharing their gifts with others, whether it's by inviting a neighbour to a home group gathering or weekly coffee house, or by organizing a Living Nativity for the wider community during Advent.