

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. The Algonquin peoples have lived on this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

June 13, 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: It is good to give God thanks,  
to sing praises to the Most High!

**All: We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.**

One: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

**All: and God's faithfulness by night.**

One: So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together.**

**\*\*Hymn: How firm a foundation 685**

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
2. **"Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**
5. **"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not — I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never — no, never — no, never forsake!"**

Prayer of Adoration

Living God, from you comes vitality, love and joy. Your peace is our companion, your love is our strength, your Son is our hope. In even our darkest moments, your presence brings comfort. Hidden deep in the soil of life, your Spirit nurtures tiny seeds of purpose and potential to surprise us with new life. Like the earth beginning to bloom around us, so your kingdom unfolds to

surprise us with new possibilities. We bring you our prayers and praise this day, trusting that your Spirit will bring us the gifts we need to serve you in faithfulness, renewed by your love, through Christ our Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Living, loving God, as we watch growth in our gardens and in the children around us, we confess we often resist growth and change as we grow older. We form ideas and opinions about many things — and cling to them. We think we already know what you desire from us and fear new insights and new directions. Forgive us for thinking we already know it all. Forgive us for blocking out the concerns and commitments of those who differ with us. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to signs of new life. Grant us faith like the mustard seed, so small and insignificant on its own, yet able to grow with your blessing to become a mighty sign of your lively kingdom among us.**

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ — and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace! Rejoice in God's good gift.

## Scripture

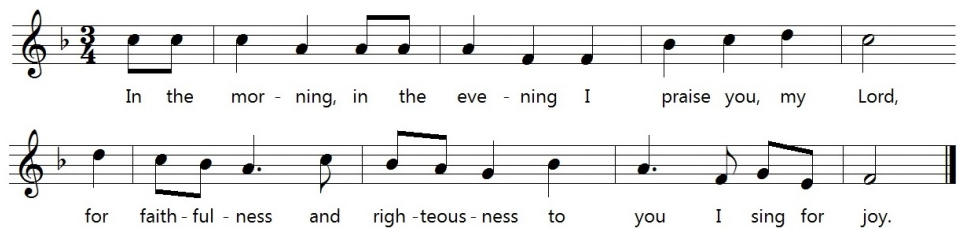
First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 (Refrain I)



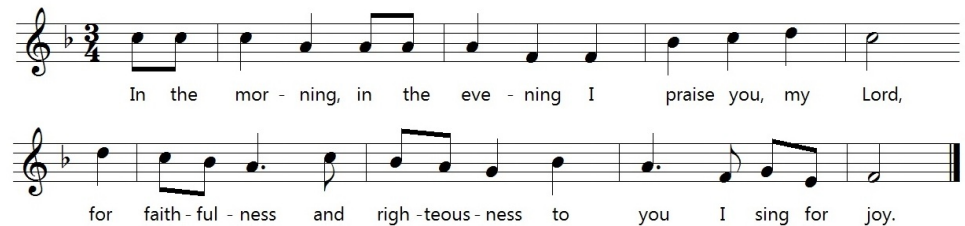
In the mor - ning, in the eve - ning I praise you, my Lord,  
for faith - ful - ness and righ - teous - ness to you I sing for joy.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
**They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
showing that the Lord is upright;  
**The Lord is my rock, in whom there  
is no unrighteousness.**



In the mor - ning, in the eve - ning I praise you, my Lord,  
for faith - ful - ness and righ - teous - ness to you I sing for joy.

Second Reading: Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Simply trusting every day 689**

- 1. Simply trusting every day,  
trusting through a stormy way,  
even when my faith is small,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

*Refrain*

**Trusting as the moments fly,  
trusting as the days go by,  
trusting him what e'er befall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

- 2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine  
into this poor heart of mine;  
while he leads I cannot fall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all. *Refrain***

- 3. Singing, if my way be clear,  
praying, if the path be drear,  
if in danger, for him call,  
trusting Jesus, that is all. *Refrain***

- 4. Trusting him while life shall last,  
trusting him till earth be past,  
till within the jasper wall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all. *Refrain***

Sermon A Mighty Shrub Indeed

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Lord, listen to your children praying x2 449**

**Lord, listen to your children praying;  
Lord. Send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love; send us power; send us grace!**

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: One more step along the world I go 641**

- 1. One more step along the world I go.  
One more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you.**

*Refrain*

**And it's from the old I travel to the new.  
Keep me travelling along with you.**

**3. As I travel through the bad and good  
keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
you'll be telling me the way, I know.   *Refrain***

**4. Give me courage when the world is rough.  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do.  
Keep me travelling along with you.   *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

## Presbyterian Women Mission Donations

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.

## Bakers Needed

We are hoping to be able to send six parcels out to the Cameron Highlanders serving in the Ukraine. We are looking for people to bake goodies to be included in the care packages and if you are not a baker you can still help with the mailing costs. We are hoping to collect \$120 (donation receipts given) as it costs about \$20 to mail each parcel to Belleville, where they will board military transport to be delivered in the Ukraine. If you can help with the baking please call Dorothy at 613-828-1864 or email [supercoolnan@bell.net](mailto:supercoolnan@bell.net) or [tartanterriers@sympatico.ca](mailto:tartanterriers@sympatico.ca). We are hoping to have the parcels ready to be sent around the end of June. Thank you for your support. Our packages are very much appreciated.

## Events

**Monday, June 14 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.



**Friday, June 18 ~ 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 14, please read Psalm 129 and Chapter 11 "Perseverance" of "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson.

**Thursday, August 26 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

**Session** will meet. The location is to be determined.

**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

### Meeting the Needs of Families in Beirut

The massive explosion that struck the city of Beirut in August 2020 left many people injured and many homes damaged. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) responded to the devastating effects by meeting the needs of vulnerable people in Lebanon. Families received essential supplies, such as food and hygiene items, to sustain them as they started to rebuild. Additionally, PWS&D assisted in restoring homes and schools and provided water and sanitation kits to families, as well as school kits to children.



#### Summer Services at 10:30 a.m.

July 4	<a href="http://www.stgilestottawa.org/worshipservices">St Giles Presbyterian</a>	<a href="http://www.stgilestottawa.org/worshipservices">www.stgilestottawa.org/worshipservices</a>
July 11	St Giles Presbyterian	
July 18	Southminster United	<a href="http://www.southminsterunitedchurch.com/worship">www.southminsterunitedchurch.com/worship</a>
July 25	Southminster United	
August 1	Fourth Avenue Baptist	<a href="http://www.fourthavebaptist.ca/what-s-happening">www.fourthavebaptist.ca/what-s-happening</a>
August 8	Fourth Avenue Baptist	
August 15	Glebe-St James	<a href="http://www.glebestjames.ca/Sundays#WorshipOnline">www.glebestjames.ca/Sundays#WorshipOnline</a>
August 22	St Giles Presbyterian	<a href="http://www.stgilestottawa.org/worshipservices">www.stgilestottawa.org/worshipservices</a>
August 29	St Giles Presbyterian	