

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 20, 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

Leader: We come together to worship the one God and Father of us all.

People: Let us put aside our differences and be united in our love of the Creator.

Leader: We come together to seek healing and reconciliation.

People: Let us deal with past hurts and go forward together in the comfort and strength of our Holy Spirit.

Leader: We come together to honour and affirm our faith as children of the One God who created us.

All: Let us praise God for all his mercies. Let us worship God.

****Hymn: Praise, I will praise 420**

1. Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise I will praise you, Lord, will all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Hallelujah!
2. Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, will all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Hallelujah!
3. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

**Serve, I will serve you, Lord, will all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal and Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for all your blessings this day. We remember your Son Jesus, who gave us the ultimate gift of love, who gave everything of himself so that we may have his mercy and his forgiveness. We remember the Holy Spirit, who comes to be with us now, as a gift from your Son Jesus Christ, so that we may always have your strength and guidance and know that you are always with us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

"Creator we confess that, with the encouragement and assistance of the Government of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada agreed to take Aboriginal children out of their homes and place them in our Residential Schools. In these schools the children were deprived of their traditional languages and ways of life. The effect of this for Aboriginal people was the loss of cultural identity and the loss of a secure sense of themselves. For the Church's insensitivity we ask forgiveness." [section 5, *The Confession*]

"As a part of the policy of the Government of Canada to assimilate Aboriginal peoples into the Euro-Canadian culture we, with other churches, encouraged the government to ban important spiritual practices through which Aboriginal people experienced the presence of Creator God. For the Church's complicity in this policy we ask your forgiveness." [section 2, *The Confession*]

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

Through confession to God, the mistakes of the past have been forgiven. We are free now to seek new ways to answer the call of God to walk together in faith one with the other. With profound assurance in God's ability to forgive, we are free to try, and to try again. Thanks be to God!

Scripture

First Reading: 1 Samuel 18: 5–16

David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. And the women sang to one another as they made merry,

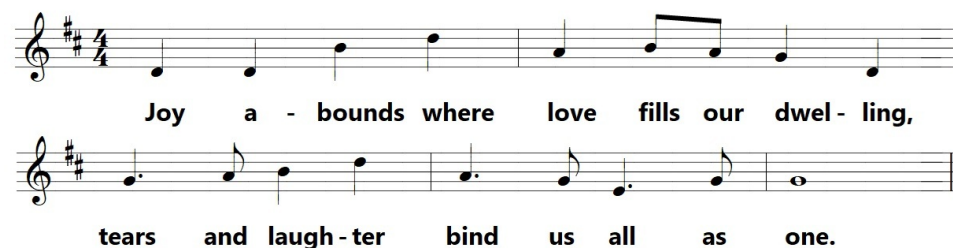
"Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his ten thousands."

Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?" So Saul eyed David from that day on.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

Psalm 133 (*Refrain I*)



How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore. Refrain**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Many and Great**

(Dakota hymn, Common Praise, Anglican Church of Canada, #407)

1. **Many and great, O God, are your works,
maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**
2. **Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life in you.**

Sermon Living Together in Unity

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Lord, whose love**

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1. **Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.**
2. **Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**
3. **As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.**

4. **Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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: For the healing of the nations 736**

1. **For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in
action help us rise and pledge our word.**
2. **Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,**

**all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

3. **All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned,
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

4. **You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.**

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 or 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 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, June 25 ~ 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. Please read Psalm 130 and Chapter 12 "Hope" 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: National Indigenous Peoples Day



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges the responsibility that our church, governments and all

Canadians have to continue working for healing and justice with Indigenous people. Presbyterians Sharing supports nine ministries that operate in and with Indigenous communities in Canada. These ministries meet physical and spiritual needs by providing meals, counselling, temporary housing and employment assistance. They also strive to heal hearts through art and music therapy, worship services that incorporate Indigenous beliefs, and more.