

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 22, 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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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.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: The Lord hears our cries for help

All: and rescues us from all our troubles.

One: The Lord draws near the broken hearted

All: and saves the crushed in spirit.

One: The Lord redeems the life of all people.

All: None who take refuge in God will be condemned.

One: To whom then shall we go to find words of eternal life?

All: So, let us worship the Lord and praise God's holy name.

****Hymn: Stand up and bless the Lord 411**

- 1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.**
- 2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify.**
- 3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,**

**to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.**

- 4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.**
- 5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mystery, we come before you in humble wonder and worship. Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining; your creation astounds us with its beauty and power. Word of hope and healing, you defy our explanations with your care. Spirit of purpose and possibility, you touch us when we least expect it and show us which way to turn. Receive our praise and prayer this day; and prepare us to receive your presence and promise in this hour of worship, Source, Word, and Spirit of Life, ever Three and ever One.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, with the community of Christ's church gathered here and elsewhere, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we cared for your world or respected our neighbours as we should. In silence, we offer our personal confessions.....

Leader: **Forgive us, we pray, and with your grace, remake us in the example of Christ, our Lord and friend.**

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

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed

Scripture

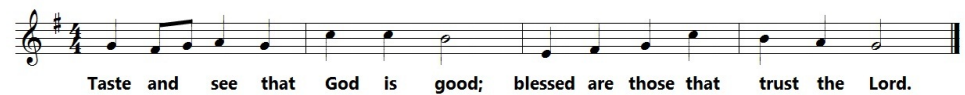
First Reading: Joshua 24:1–2, 14–18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Psalm 34:15–22 (*Refrain I*)



The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
the ears of the Lord are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

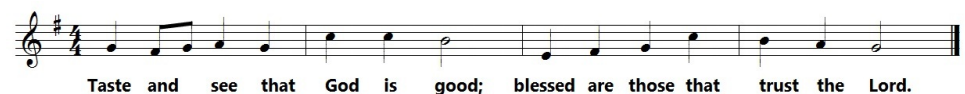
**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**The Lord keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**But redeemed are the lives of God's servants;
none will be condemned who take refuge in the Lord!**



Second Reading: John 6:51–69

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Lord, speak to me**

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- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**
- 2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**
- 3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**
- 4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**
- 5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Sermon Words of Eternal Life

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: Sing them over again to me 498**

- 1. Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let them more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.**

Refrain x 2

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

- 2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all,
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. Refrain**

- 3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever, 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

Memorials



We are saddened to announce the passing of the Rev. Dr Cedric C. Pettigrew, on July 17, 2021, at the age of 81. Cedric had served the congregation of St Giles in various capacities over the years.

Most recently, he was the co-interim moderator responsible for the search of the new minister. His

calm demeanour, hopeful disposition and always encouraging words are fondly remembered by the congregation. A private memorial service was held at Parkwood Presbyterian Church on July 29. The recording of the service could be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLxINysF0zU>



We are saddened to announce the passing of Moira Hassell, on July 18, 2021, at the age of 98. Moira had been a pillar of St Giles for many years, an active member of the choir, the bible study, and the session. Her resilient faith, her singing and even her smile is fondly remember by many in the congregation. A memorial service was held at St Giles on Saturday, July 24. A recording of the service could be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhKGNfQc-uA>

We've Got Mail

Please extend my thanks to the members of St Giles Presbyterian Women for their donation of \$1,745.00 in memory of Edna Fraser and in support of the Abbotsford Day Away Program.

More than a century ago, Abbotsford House began offering services and support to Ottawa seniors. Today, this tradition continues, albeit through modified delivery methods. Our Day Away Program is well structured for both the person with dementia and their caregiver.

Bruce Hill, Director of Charitable Giving

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Good day! My name is Cpl Solis. I am one of the Camerons deployed to Op Unifier at the moment. Just wanted to take a minute to write you and express the gratitude that the gentlemen and I have for your support. The baked goods were amazing and brought a smile to our faces.

We hope everything is well back in Canada and we wish you all good health and a prosperous year. Hopefully, by the time we

return, we'll be able to gather for a service once again

D&S Section, The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa: Cpl Spero, Cpl Cunningham, Cpl Solis, Cpl Rodger and MCpl Dunnigan

Events

Monday, August 23~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, August 27 ~ 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 134 and Chapter 16 "Blessing" of "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson.

Thursday, August 26 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Session will meet by Zoom.

September 19 ~ 10:30 a.m.

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



Loving, ever-living and compassionate God, You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement, may we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died. You comfort us in times of fear, may we comfort each other, even as we keep apart. God of life, We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness, may we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.