

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 5, 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

Worship

One: Put your confidence in God.

All: Those who have God as their helper will rejoice.

One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

All: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: So, put your trust in God's goodness.

All: Let God's reign endure forever! Let us worship God.

****Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness 324**

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness;
great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, first and last, our beginning and our end, beside you there is nothing or no one greater. You gave breath to all living things. By your Spirit, you are among us still, breathing new life, turning anger into reconciliation, division into unity, grief into consolation. Through your grace, you open up new directions and new possibilities for the world you love. So, we offer you our lives and our labours in worship and in service, joining in creation's song of praise and adoration: Holy, holy, holy are you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we know you judge the world with an eye for the poor and outcast. We confess we fail to live with the same eye for those on the margins. We have been silent when we should have spoken up, and uncaring in the face of injustice. We have not shown the same generosity to others that you have shown us. Forgive us for putting ourselves first, and help us to serve you with the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.

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. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

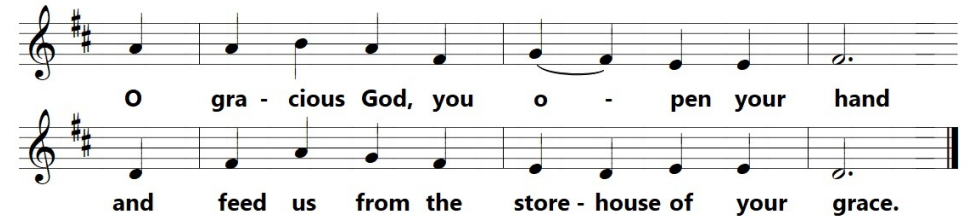
Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4–7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Psalm 146 (*Refrain 1*)



Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

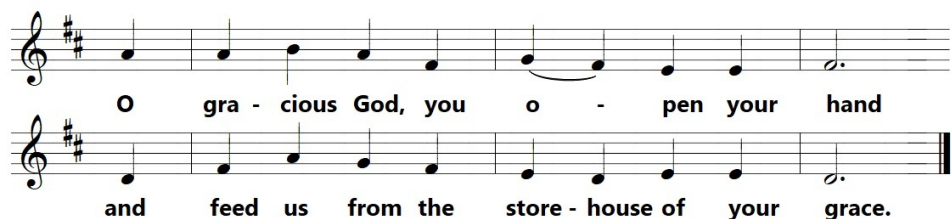
The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!



Second Reading: Mark 7:24–37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue

was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: When the poor ones**

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- 1. When the poor ones who have nothing
share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,**

Refrain

**then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

- 2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,**
Refrain
- 3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,**
Refrain
- 4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbour,**
Refrain

Sermon Coming Near to the Table

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Open my eyes**

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1. **Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands a wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my ears: illumine me, Spirit divine!**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart: illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

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 for a world where everyone**

730

1. **O for a world here everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**
2. **O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**
3. **We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.**
4. **The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**
5. **O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.**

Benediction

Postlude

Events



Monday, September 6 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Wednesday, September 8 ~ 10:30 a.m.
The **St Giles Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference.
All St Giles Women are invited to join in.

September 19 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Anniversary Sunday — We will welcome the Rev Dr Roland De Vries, Principal of the Presbyterian College. The Presbyterian Women are planning to host the reception. Ideally, the reception will be held outdoors if weather permits. There will be light refreshments on the North lawn.



Friday, September 24 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The **Bible Study** group is taking a break and will resume on September 24.

Sunday, October 3 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Communion Service corresponding to the World Communion Sunday.

Sunday, October 3 ~ 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Virtual Walk in support of the **Centretown Emergency Food Centre** www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon/. For more information, please get in touch with Stan Currie.

Sunday, November 7 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday

Mission Moment ~ Hearing God's Call

Joshua Su, a lay missionary at the Taiwanese Robert Campbell Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Quebec, saw a need on Montreal's south shore for Christian community and worship among Mandarin-speaking people. With the support of the congregation and Cyclical PCC, Joshua was able to start a network of small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, discussion and prayer. One of the goals of this new and growing worshipping community is to equip leaders to work alongside Joshua as they start new intergenerational discipleship groups. Following in the Apostle Paul's footsteps, leaders within this ministry are hearing God's call to share the gospel in the world.

