

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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: Come, people of God,
worship the One who listens to our prayers.

All: We will worship the One who hears us.

One: Come, people of God,
worship the One who watches over us.

All: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.

One: Come, people of God,
worship the One who offered his life for us.

**All: We will offer thanks and praise
to the One who gives us life.**

****Hymn: I sing the almighty power of God 333**

**1. I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.**

**2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the skies!**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from the throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.**

Prayer of Adoration

Living God, artist of the changing skies, builder of the steadfast earth. Lively Christ, born to walk life's journey with us. Spirit of life, always moving in us and among us. Your presence surrounds us here and everywhere we go. Your purpose holds the world in its place. Your imagination engages us each step of the way. In our time of worship, show us how we can serve you, and open our imaginations to the future you create, for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of time and eternity, we confess that we have long memories, especially for things that hurt us, for moments we resent or regret. Week by week we seek

your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully. Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power.

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

From now on, Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; and everything has become new. Through Christ God has reconciled us and given us a ministry of reconciliation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start, this day and every day!

Scripture

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens —
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.



Psalm 16 (Refrain 3)



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and call on the name of the Lord

I love the Lord, who has heard
my voice and my supplications.
**Because God inclined an ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, God saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.**

**I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**



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Second Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd

with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Take up your cross**

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- 1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**
- 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.**
- 3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.**
- 4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ’s strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
’twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o’er the grave.**

5. **Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Sermon Getting Behind Jesus Again

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Live in charity** *(English, Latin, English)* 501

**Live in charity and steadfast love;
live in charity: God will dwell with you.**

**Ubi Caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est**

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: Follow me, the Master said** 645

1. **"Follow me," the Master said:
we will follow Jesus.
By his word and spirit lead,
we will follow Jesus.**

**Still for us he lives to plead,
at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need; we will follow Jesus.**

2. **Should the world and sin oppose,
we will follow Jesus.**

**He is greater than our force;
we will follow Jesus.**

**On his promise we depend;
he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end;
we will follow Jesus.**

3. **Though the way may dark appear,
we will follow Jesus.**

**He will make our pathway clear;
we will follow Jesus.**

**In our daily round of care,
as we plead with God in prayer,
with the cross which we must bear,
we will follow Jesus.**

4. **Ever keep that end in view;
we will follow Jesus.**

**All his promises are true;
we will follow Jesus.**

**When this earthly course is run,
and the Master says, "Well done!"
Life eternal we have won;
we will follow Jesus.**

Benediction

Postlude

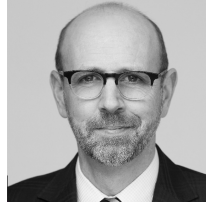
Events



Monday, September 13 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

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 will be preparing to hold a simple reflection/reception after the service..



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 ~ An Education for Robina

(written before the withdrawal from Afghanistan)

Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed, and Robina is the only member of her family attending school. In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children do not attend school. Often, families with many children cannot afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are especially disadvantaged because of a shared cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in ten adult women are literate. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is passionate about ensuring a world in which all children can access quality education. Working with local partners, PWS&D helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education.

