

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 19, 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 heavens are telling the wonders of God;

All: The skies are telling all that God has done

One: Each day announce to the next day: God is amazing!

All: Each night passes on the same news

One: The do this with words, we can't hear them speaking

All: Yet the message, "God is amazing" goes out to the whole world

One: The heavens are telling the wonders of God;

All: The skies are telling all that God has done

****Hymn: O Lord my God! / How great thou art 332**

**1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed,**

Refrain **then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!; how great thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,**

**when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,**

Refrain

**3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin,** *Refrain*

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Refrain

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with purpose. Each creature declares your praise—the mountain states your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity. Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence. But what do we declare about you in our lives, O God? We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy. May our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship but in all the hours you grant us, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Friend.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of all creation, you have opened the world
around us and filled it with wonder, but we confess
our eyes are not always open to its harsher realities.
Our ears are sometimes deaf to cries of need. Our**

minds are often shut to opinions which differ from our own. We become selfish or self-centred; everyone becomes an island entirely of itself. Forgive us when we focus on what divides instead of what unites. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness. Forgive us when we miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.

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

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who truly repent and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Scripture

First Reading Philippians 2:12–18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you — and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Psalm 62 (*Refrain 2*)



For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from whom comes my salvation.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

How long will you attack a person,
will all of you batter your victim,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**Their only plan is to bring down a person of
prominence.**

**They delight in lying;
they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
from whom comes my hope.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God;
who is our refuge.



****Hymn: I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art 678**

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
 my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
 who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
 I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
 reigning omnipotent in every place;
 so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
 and all our substance and our strength receive;
 sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 and give us strength in every trying hour.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
 no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
 oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 that we may dwell in perfect unity.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
 our faith is built upon the promise free.
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
 that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Sermon Holding Fast, Holding Forth

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: How clear is our vocation, Lord**

1. How clear is our vocation, Lord,
 when once we hear your call;
 to live according to your Word,
 and daily learn, refreshed, restored
 that you are Lord of all
 and will not let us fall.
2. But if, forgetful, we should find
 your yoke is hard to bear,
 if worldly pressures fray the mind
 and love itself cannot unwind
 it's tangled skein of care:
 our inward life repair.
3. We mark your saints, how they became
 in hindrances more sure,
 whose joyful virtues put to shame
 the casual way we wear your name,
 and by our faults obscure
 your power to cleanse and cure.
4. In what you give us, Lord, to do,
 together or alone,
 and old routines or ventures new,
 may we not cease to look to you —
 the cross you hung upon —
 all you endeavoured done.

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: 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.**

**2. Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. *Refrain***

**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***

5. You are older than the world can be.

You are younger than the life in me.

Ever old and ever new,

keep me travelling along with you. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Our thanks go to piper Parker Broda of the Cameron Highlanders for his participation in our anniversary service.

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Eva Cunningham**, on September 11, 2021. She had been under the care of Extendicare Medex for a number of years, and is now finally resting in the loving care of our Lord. Eva, along with her sisters Helen and Jean, have long been contributing members of St Giles. She will be dearly missed. A grave site committal service for the family is being planned at the Pinecrest Cemetery on the 28th of September. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Events

September 20 to November 29

The Rev. Christopher Clarke, who serves as the Presbytery representative to the **Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality (OSTS)** will be teaching a 5-week course on Christian Meditation. He extends the invitation for all to consider courses offered this year through OSTS

<http://www.osts.ca/courses.htm>

Monday, September 20~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



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.

Walk for the Centre —It's a virtual walk again this year. The walkathon is sponsored by the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Go to the CCSAC website for info at

www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon .

- To donate online by credit card and/or join our team as a walker, go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/QTjCh>
 - Jean Currie is receiving cash and check donations.
- For more info, contact Stan Currie, 613-233-0538.

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.

