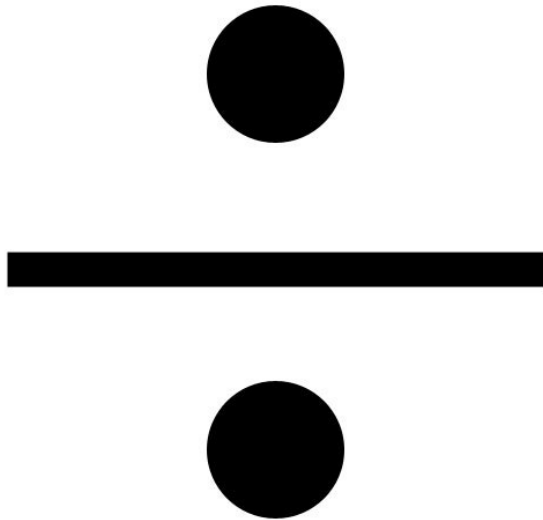


# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 26, 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

**All: the maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God our Maker is present with us at all times,

**All: loving and gracious to all.**

One: So, we come to worship God as we follow in the way of truth.

**All: We offer our prayers and praise to the One who is freedom and life.**

**\*\*Hymn: How firm a foundation 685**

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**
- 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,**

**for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

- 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**
- 5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not — I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never — no, never — no, never forsake!"**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy One, Source and Spirit of Love. You are perfect in wisdom. You are faithful in love. You are relentless in seeking reconciliation. When we feel alone, you offer community. When we face pain, you give healing. When danger surrounds us, you give us courage. When we work against each another, you urge peace. Holy One, you are the source of all goodness. We come to worship you in gratitude for all you offer through Christ in the power of the Spirit. Receive our praise this day, and renew us to serve you in the world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, your generous mercy became flesh in Jesus Christ. Yet we confess that often we hold grudges and cling to the past. We focus on what we lack and resent what others have. We turn a blind eye to what we know**

**is evil and fail to act for what we know to be good. Forgive our jealousies and resentments, and free us from any temptation to exclude others from your grace. By your generous mercy, strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus' example day by day.**

#### 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 Number 11:16–30

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so

that you will not bear it all by yourself. And say to the people: Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wailed in the hearing of the Lord, saying, 'If only we had meat to eat! Surely it was better for us in Egypt.' Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. You shall eat not only one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but for a whole month — until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes: loathsome to you — because you have rejected the Lord who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, 'Why did we ever leave Egypt?'" But Moses said, "The people I am with number six hundred thousand on foot; and you say, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month'! Are there enough flocks and herds to slaughter for them? Are there enough fish in the sea to catch for them?" The Lord said to Moses, "Is the Lord's power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the

assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 124 (*Refrain 1*)



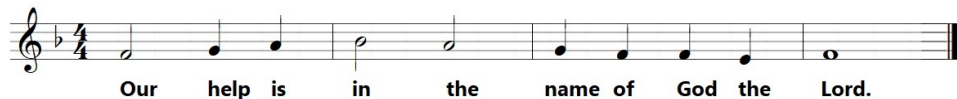
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**  
**when our enemies attacked us,**  
**then they would have swallowed us up alive,**  
**when their anger was kindled against us;**  
**then the flood would have swept us away,**  
**the torrent would have gone over us;**  
**then over us would have gone**  
**the raging waters.**

Blessed be the Lord,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird**  
**from the snare of the fowlers;**  
**the snare is broken,**  
**and we have escaped.**

**All:**

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,**  
**who made heaven and earth.**



Second Reading Mark 9:38–41

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: O Spirit come, our hearts inspire**

**404**

- 1. O Spirit, come; our hearts inspire;  
let us thine influence prove,  
source of the old prophetic fire  
and fount of life and love.**
- 2. Come, Holy Spirit, for in thee  
thy prophets wrote and spoke.  
Unlock the truth, thyself the key;  
unseal the sacred book.**
- 3. Expand the wings, celestial Dove;  
brood o'er our natures night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be late.**
- 4. God's very self we then shall know,  
if thou within us shine,  
and sound with all thy saints below  
the depths of love divine.**

Sermon Against Us or For Us

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Spirit of the living God 400**

- 1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!**
- 2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

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: We are one in the Spirit 471**

- 1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored,**

*Refrain* **and they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love,**

- 2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land, *Refrain***
- 3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each other's dignity  
and save each one's pride, *Refrain***
- 4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one, *Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude

### **Our Events**

**Monday, September 27 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



**Friday, October 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** is starting a new unit to focus on the Apocryphal books, starting with 1 Maccabees 1. We continue to use teleconference. See next page for how to join.

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

**Communion** corresponding to World Communion Sunday.

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

**Remembrance Sunday**

## Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study:

1. Five minutes before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. Enter the passcode number which is 7455703#.
3. Make sure to press the # after the number.
4. You will then be asked to say your name. Say it.
5. Press the # again.
6. You will then be connected.
7. You may find it preferable to put your phone on speaker.

## Community Events

**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](http://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.

**Thursday, October 14 to Saturday, October 16**

Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario Online Conference:

### Climate Change: What Can I Do?

Keynote Speaker: Dr Norman Wirzba

October 15, 7 p.m.: Climate Change Town Hall with Moderator: Thomas Mulcair and a panel that includes Dr Norman Wirzba (Duke University), David Heurtal (for Quebec Minister of the Environment), Dr Jessica Moerman (environmental scientist), Dr Caroline Begg (ecological agriculturalist). Please go to <https://www.presbyterian.ca/geosynod/> for the full agenda and how to register.

## Mission Moment

### Sharing Hope Through Presbyterians Sharing

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together, expressing our faith through our actions and decisions. Together, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share Christ's love around the world.

We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways.

We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when theological students in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana and Beirut graduate, ready to shine Christ's light.

On Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we celebrate the mission and ministry we share together, as we proclaim God's love, hope, faith and grace in the world God loves. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

