

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Sacrament of the Last Supper by Salvador Dalí.

October 3, 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 banqueting table is prepared:  
God calls us to feast together.

**All: We have come from east and west,  
from north and south,  
to sit together at the Lord's table.**

One: Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

**All: God's Word is bread for our journey.**

One: Let us join Christians around the world  
to share in God's gifts.

**All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

**\*\*Hymn: For the beauty of the earth (v. 1, 3, 4) 434**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies**

*Refrain* **Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,**

**for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight, Refrain**

**4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild, Refrain**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, as we come to your table today, we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table, we join with your church which stretches around the world, and across many generations, to meet you in our midst. As we remember Jesus this day, unite us to those who have served you over the centuries, and to all who serve you in so many different situations today. We praise you for your amazing love which embraces countless congregation and invites us into a future you are creating for us all. Around your table, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Ever present God, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts. You asks to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. We confess that the church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. We place before you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world in the name of Christ who is our peace.**

## 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; see, everything has become new! Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

## Scripture

### First Reading Genesis 1:26–28

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

### Psalm 8 (Refrain 1)



All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea

O Lord, our God,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Your splendour is chanted above the heavens  
by the mouths of babes and infants

**you have set up a defence against your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels,  
**and crowned them with glory and honour.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**



All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea

### Second Reading Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Blest be the ties that bind (v.1, 3, 5) 481**

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**
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- 3. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**5. This glorious hope revives our courage on the way:  
in perfect friendship we shall live in God's eternal day.**

Sermon Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Happy the home when God is there (choir) 703**

- 1. Happy the home when God is there,  
and love fills every breast,  
wear one their wish, and one of their prayer,  
and one of their heavenly rest.**
- 2. Happy the home where Jesus' name  
is sweet in every ear,  
where children early sing his fame,  
and parents hold him dear.**
- 3. Happy the home where prayer is heard  
and praise is quick to rise,  
where parents love the sacred word  
that makes the simple wise.**
- 4. Lord, let us in our home agree,  
this blessed piece to gain;  
unite our hearts in love to thee,  
and love to all will rain.**

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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

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we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, most holy God,

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As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,

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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**

The Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

**\*\*Hymn: Sent forth by your blessing** 775

- 1. Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing,  
your people, O God, from your table take leave.  
The supper is ended: oh now be extended  
the fruits of your service in all who believe.  
The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for all humankind.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.**
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living  
the task of our every day life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite  
us as one in your life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Benediction

Postlude

## Our Events

**Monday, October 4 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Wednesday, October 6 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**The Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference. All women in St Giles are welcome to join us.

**Friday, October 8 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** continues the study of the Apocryphal books. Please read 1 Maccabees 2. We continue to use teleconference. See instructions below for how to join.

**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

**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: Elder Exemplifies God's Love at Place of Hope Indigenous PC

Although the work of God is sometimes accompanied by displays of power or dramatic revelations, it is often the gentle whisper of the Spirit that stirs someone deeply. The Holy Spirit has been stirring in Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is due in part to the work of an elder at Place of Hope, who simply lives out what she believes. In a quiet, loving way, this elder has been teaching the church's young people that God cares about the details of their



lives and loves them unconditionally. And in following her example, many older youths have been baptized in recent months. The elder's faith is a compelling testimony and an example for all, as she quietly draws those around her to Christ. Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church receives support from gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.