

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 10, 2021 ~ Thanksgiving

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: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let the people of God say,

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the community of faith say,

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let those who fear the Lord say,

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**All: that we may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

****Hymn: For the fruits of all creation**

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**1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sewing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;**

**in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all creation, in this season of thanksgiving for the harvests of the earth, we are struck by the beauties of autumn, leaves in bright colours, birds flying south in formation, fields ripe with produce. Such beauty speaks of your goodness, your desire to provide what each beloved creature needs. As we gather this day, renew our sense of thanksgiving for what you give to us in the fruitfulness of creation, and in Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk wisely on the earth you made. For all your good gifts we honour you with thanks and praise, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our lives, when we give thanks for your good gifts around us, we know that we enjoy an abundance many cannot even imagine. Yet we confess we do not always treasure the blessings we have. We worry about the future, if we can recover from the pandemic, whether we will have enough for our families to flourish, when we in fact consume more

than our share. Forgive our fears of going without, and our failure to be grateful for how much goodness is already ours.

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

Be at peace this day, for Jesus is our High Priest. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. From the throne of grace, he offers us mercy in our weakness. His strength renews us in faithfulness. Thanks be to God.

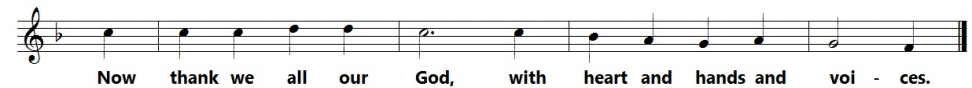
Scripture

First Reading: Joel 2:21–7

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126 (*Refrain 1*)



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**



Second Reading: James 5:7–12

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: When God restored our common life 87**

- 1. When God restored our common life,
our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream,
a waking fantasy.**

**A shock of joy swept over us,
for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.**

- 2. We went forth weeping, sowing seeds
in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home
the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.**
- 3. Great liberating God, we pray
for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right
with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day,
and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears
spring up into a song.**

Sermon Early or Later Rains

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Revive your work, O Lord**

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- 1. Revive your work, O Lord:
your mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,
and make your people hear.**

2. **Revive your work, O Lord:
disturb this sleep of death;
ignite the smouldering embers now
by your almighty breath.**
3. **Revive your work, O Lord:
create soul-thirst for you,
and hunger for the bread of life,
our spirits to renew.**
4. **Revive your work, O Lord:
exalt your precious name,
and by the Holy Spirit come
and set our love a flame.**
5. **Revive your work, O Lord:
give power unto your word;
grant that your living gospel may
in living faith be heard.**
6. **Revive your work, O Lord:
give pentecostal showers;
the glory shall be all your own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

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: Christ, you call us all to service**

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1. **Christ, you call us all to service,
call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment
all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice;
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the brokenhearted;
to the captive bring release.**
2. **Teach us how to work together,
brother, sister, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given —
man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent,
your great purpose to unfold.**
3. **Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.**

Benediction

Postlude

Events



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

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Friday, October 16 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues the study of the Aprocryphal books. Please read 1 Maccabees 3. We meet by teleconference

Saturday, October 30 ~ 11 a.m. (tentative)

Memorial service for **Margaret McLean**

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

Remembrance Sunday

Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study:

1. 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 be asked to say your name. Say it. Then press #.
5. You will then be connected.
6. 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 ~ Supporting New Ministries

In 2019, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, The Presbyterian Church in Canada started Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative. Since its beginning, God has blessed this initiative with 47 faithful, dedicated and innovative people who feel called to begin new ministries. Rani Ibrahim, a participant in Cyclical PCC, said that the relationships he has formed with other Presbyterian leaders have been especially meaningful.

