

# 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.



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### 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.

Preludes     *Invocation* by Rachel Laurin  
                  *Little Prelude on St Agnes* by Winnagene Hatch

#### Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

**All: And all that is within me, bless His holy name**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

**All: And forget not all His benefits**

One: Who forgives all your iniquities

**All: Who heals all your diseases**

One: Who redeems your life from destruction

**All: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

**\*\*Hymn: Come sing, O church, in joy!**

**757**

**1. Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O Church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us  
through the ages long!**

*Refrain*

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone,  
and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision,  
dream the dream!     *Refrain***

**3. Let courage be our friend,  
let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify  
the Crucified!     *Refrain***

**4. Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed  
o'er the ages long!     *Refrain***

#### Children's Story

#### Prayer of Adoration

Praise be to you, O God, for the wonders of your creation. You laid the foundations of the earth, stretched a line upon it to determine its measurements. You separated the two waters, and shut in the sea with doors. You made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band. You give the earth its seasons and each creature its lifespan, breathing life and love into each precious soul. And so, we come to praise you, knowing human greatness is a mere shadow of yours. In this hour of worship, breathe your Spirit into us once more, to inspire us to serve you with creativity and commitment, and with the honesty and humility we meet in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to walk your way in the world, to serve our neighbours and love our enemies. We confess these are not easy choices for us. We sometimes turn a blind eye to a neighbour in need. We like to follow the crowd rather than challenge popular opinions. We elbow our ways into privileged positions, and fight among ourselves who is greater. Forgive us, Jesus, for seeking our ways rather than yours.**

## 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

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say: In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

## Scripture

### First Reading: Isaiah 53:4–6

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up

before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### Psalm 91:9–16 (*Refrain 1*)



Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

**For the Lord will command the angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample  
under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;

**I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;

**I will be with them in trouble,**

**I will rescue them and honour them.**

**With long life I will satisfy them,**

**and show them my salvation.**



Second Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be

your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you (Choir) 635**

- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

6. **Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

Sermon    Sitting Beside Jesus in Glory

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:     Fairest Lord Jesus**

**375**

1.    **Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,  
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
O thou my soul's delight and crown.**
2.    **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes the saddest heart to sing.**
3.    **Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
fair is the shimmering, starry sky;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer  
than all the heavenly host on high.**
4.    **All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

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 shall go out**

1.    **We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.**
2.    **We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.**

Benediction

Postlude     *Trumpet Air* by Bert Van der Hoek

*A note on the music:*

*The preludes and postlude were written by Canadian composers.*



## A Passing

We regret to learn of the passing of Ruth Smyth this past week. Ruth was a longtime former member of St Giles who has been worshipping more recently at St Andrew's in Richmond. She is dearly missed. More updates on funeral arrangements to come.

## AA Groups

As of yesterday, we have welcomed three AA groups that have returned to meeting at St Giles: Friendly Group, Centennial Group, and Attitude of Gratitude. They meet in the Banquet Hall. Please note that they are not to be disturbed on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Events

**Monday, October 18 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.



**Friday, October 22 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** continues the study of the Apocryphal books. Please read 1 Maccabees 4. 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.

## Mission Moment ~ Keeping Hope Alive

For Palestinians, the olive tree is a symbol of their nationality and connection to the land. Cultivated for thousands of years, it is a major source of income for many Palestinian households. Between 1967 and 2009, over 830,000 olive trees were uprooted by Israeli settlers and military to build settlements and roads. In 2002, the Joint Advocacy Initiative launched the Olive Tree Campaign (OTC), inviting partners to sponsor olive trees as a sign of solidarity with Palestinian farmers. The OTC has supported 15,000 households with 200,000 olive trees, allowing them to maintain their lands, earn an income and keep their hope alive. The PCC has been supporting this life-giving project since 2018. In celebration of the campaign's 20th anniversary, organizers hope to plant 40,000 olive trees in 2022, and they still need sponsors for 15,000 trees to reach the goal.

