

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 24, 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.

Preludes

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord in every time and place.

**All: We will speak God's praises constantly.**

One: Boast only in the Lord.

**All: We will praise God's wonderful deeds.**

One: Spread the news of God's greatness.

**All: We will give God glory everywhere we go.  
So let us worship God together this day!**

**\*\*Hymn: Oh for a thousand tongues to sing** **374**

**1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.**

**2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease —  
tis music in the sinner's ears;  
tis life and health and peace.**

**3. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.**

**4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy.**

**5. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

O Lord our God, you hear the voice of those who cry out to you and you respond with love. You reach out to us when others have turned away. You offer us compassion when others dismiss our worth. You heal us when we thought we were beyond repair. Your amazing love transforms our lives over and over again, and so, we offer you our humble praise in the name of Jesus, your love made flesh. Receive our gratitude in this time of worship, as we join with your whole creation to bring you honour and glory, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord of love and mercy, we worship you as the source of every good and perfect gift, but we confess our gifts to you are less than perfect. We honour you when it fits into our schedules, not so much when we have other things to do. We forget that your love should set our priorities, and pursue our own desires instead. In your loving-kindness, forgive our wavering hearts and reawaken our commitment to you.**

## 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

Friends, we are promised that those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Claim your hope in this good news: God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

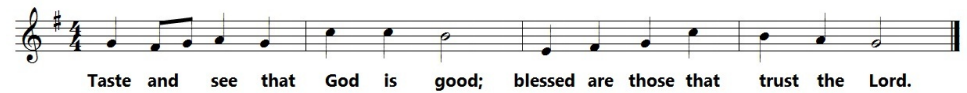
## Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7–9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

## Psalm 34: 1–8 (*Refrain 1*)



I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt God's name together.**

I sought the Lord, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
**Look to God, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.

**The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear God, and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in God.**



Second Reading: Mark 10:46–52

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: People in darkness 124**

1. **People in darkness are looking for light.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People with blindness are longing for sight.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ,  
These days of adventure when all people wait  
are days for the advent of love.**
2. **People with sickness are praying for health.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People in poverty want to have wealth.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ,  
These days of adventure when all people wait  
are days for the advent of hope.**
3. **People in trouble would like to be free.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People with arguments want to agree.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ,  
These days of adventure when all people wait  
are days for the advent of peace.**

4. **People in sadness are trying to sing.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ,  
These days of adventure when all people wait  
are days for the advent of joy.**

Sermon From Blindness to Faith

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Open our eyes, Lord 445**

1. **Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.**
2. **Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

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: Amazing grace**

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**
6. **When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

Benediction

Postlude



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**Events**



**Monday, October 25 ~ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Friday, October 29 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Bible Study** continues the study of the Apocryphal books.  
Please read 1 Maccabees 5. We meet by teleconference.

**Saturday, October 30 ~ 11 a.m.**  
Memorial service for **Margaret McLean**, reception to follow  
after the service.

**Sunday, October 31 ~ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Service of Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 7 ~ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Remembrance Sunday** with the participation of the Cameron  
Highlanders of Ottawa.

**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**

The **Centretown Emergency Food Centre** (CEFC), the local  
food bank for Centretown, seeks volunteers to serve on a  
Management Committee that provides operational and policy



oversight of the Centre. Volunteers with a background in marketing and communications, fundraising, or human resources would be particularly welcome. The average time commitment is around 6 hours each month, including management meetings and special projects. Those interested in working with the CEFC should contact the CEFC Chair [allisondingle@sympatico.ca](mailto:allisondingle@sympatico.ca) [www.cefcottawa.org](http://www.cefcottawa.org)

### **Register for Upcoming Webinars from the PCC**

Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World Webinar Series  
Dates: October 12, November 9, December 14 Time: 1 p.m.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in partnership with Lifelong Faith Associates ([www.lifelongfaith.com](http://www.lifelongfaith.com)), is offering four webinars for those who are interested in faith formation as we emerge from a post-pandemic world. The full webinar schedule is available on the PCC website. Register Today:  
[www.presbyterian.ca/2021/08/26/faith-formation-webinar-series](http://www.presbyterian.ca/2021/08/26/faith-formation-webinar-series)

Rainbow Pathways: Exploring LGBTQI2+ Welcome and Inclusion  
Dates: November 6 and November 13 Time: 1 - 5:30 p.m.

This free online course, comprised of four modules on Saturday, November 6, and November 13, is an opportunity to equip congregations to be more welcoming and inclusive of LGBTQI2+ people and families. Ministry leaders are invited to participate to learn how to recognize barriers to LGBTQI2+ people in local ministry contexts and how to take further steps towards welcome and inclusion. Further course information and registration details are available on the PCC website. Register Today:  
[www.presbyterian.ca/2021/09/27/rainbow-pathways-online-course](http://www.presbyterian.ca/2021/09/27/rainbow-pathways-online-course)

## **Mission Moment**

### **Leading Healthy Lives in Guatemala**

In the highlands of Guatemala, 43-year-old Adelina López Vásquez lives with her husband Rafael and their family. Adelina is a health and nutrition promoter in her community. Through training workshops, Adelina gained knowledge and skills about how to prepare wholesome and nutritious foods. She learned the importance of maintaining a clean workspace and the benefits of cooking foods made with fresh, local ingredients instead of buying prepared foods. In addition, the training Adelina received on the topics of home hygiene and nutritious diets have helped both her and her community navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, she shares all she's learned with her community so they can also lead healthy lives. Presbyterian World Service & Development works in partnership with local Mayan organization, AMMID.

