

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 31, 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 sermon texts and 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, all you saints!

All: Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

All: that the King of glory may come in.

One: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

****Hymn: For all the saints** (verses, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8) **611**

1. **For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
4. **O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

7. **But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of goodness and grace, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the Fountain of Life that refreshes us. You are the Light of the world that shows us the way. You are the Spirit of life that moves in us each new day. So, we join our voices with the angels and archangels, with the saints and disciples of every time and place, to worship you as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of our hope and our joy. Praise be to you, most holy God, ever Three and ever One, world without end.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and mercy, we confess that we have been indifferent to your will, staying silent when we should have spoken up for justice. We have heard your call to put our faith into action, but fear holds us back. There is work to be done in Jesus' name, but we often seek an easier way. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment to serve as your saints in this time and this place, whatever the challenges may be.

Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and true, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Know that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Know also that we are forgiven by God's great mercy, and have the grace to forgive each other, just as you have been forgiven.

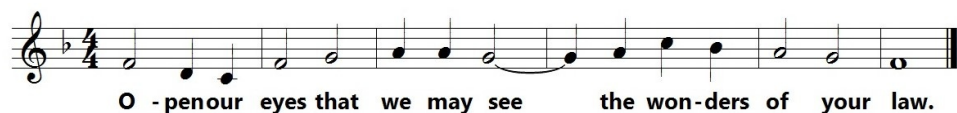
Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 119:1–8 (*Refrain 1*)



Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Blessed are those who keep the Lord's decrees,
who seek the Lord with their whole heart,**

**who also do no wrong,
but walk in the ways of the Lord.**

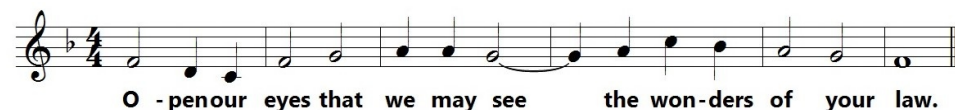
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**



Second Reading: Mark 12:28–34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: This is my commandment** (*Sing 2 times*) **694**

**This is my commandment,
that you love one another that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment,
that you love one another that your joy may be full.
that your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment,
that you love one another that your joy may be full.**

Sermon Not Far From the Kingdom

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: In suffering love** **696**

- 1. In suffering love the thread of life
is woven through our care,
for God is with us:
not alone our pain and toil we bear.**
- 2. There is a rock, a place secure
within the storm's cold blast;
concealed within the suffering night
God's covenant stands fast.**
- 3. In love's deep womb our fears are held;
there God's rich tears are sown
and bring to birth, in hope newborn,
the strength to journey on.**

- 4. Lord, to our hearts your joy commit,
into our hands your pain,
so send us out to touch the world
with blessings in your name.**

- 5. In suffering love our God comes now,
hope's vision born in gloom;
with tears and laughter shared and blest
the desert yet will bloom.**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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

Beloved in the Lord, as we draw near to the Lord's Table, we are to consider the great benefits of this Sacrament for those who come in faith and repentance, and those who hunger and thirst after Christ. Those who, putting their trust in Christ, desire to lead a new life, and to

mature with the gifts of grace, are invited and encouraged to come to the Supper of the Lord for their spiritual refreshment and renewal of strength.

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,

.....

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,

.....

for ever and ever. Amen.

As the Lord taught us, we now pray:

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

We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*(The minister then holds out both
the bread and the cup to the people.)*

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(The people partake in the communion together)

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give

ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Hymn: We've a story to tell to the nations**

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- 1. We've a story to tell to the nations
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light,**

Refrain

**for the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noon-day bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.**

- 2. We've a song to be sung to the nations
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword,** *Refrain*

- 3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath send us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love,** *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Mission Moment Relief Through Food Assistance

Mohammad and his family had to leave their home behind when COVID-19 made finding work difficult in their community in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, Mohammad and his father were seriously injured by a bomb blast on the journey. Mohammad's right knee now causes him a lot of pain. Mohammad still worked hard to provide for his family through the harsh winter, but it was far from enough. Things improved when the family was selected to take part in a food assistance project. Five monthly cash distributions were made to 1,100 vulnerable households — allowing families to purchase much-needed food and essential items. "This assistance has brought relief in my life," said Mohammad.

This project is implemented by Community World Service Asia, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development.



Events

Monday, November 1 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Wednesday, November 3 ~ 10:30 a.m.

The **Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference.

Friday, November 5 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues the study of the Apocryphal books.

Please read 1 Maccabees 6. We meet by teleconference.

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

Remembrance Sunday with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

Sunday, November 28 ~ Advent Begins

Sunday, December 12 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion

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.

Pies!!!

Today is the last day to order apple pies (\$15) or toutières (\$20). Please speak to Kaye Tate.

Register for Upcoming Webinars from the PCC



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