

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 14, 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.

A warm welcome to **Heather Rice** as the new Music Director of St Giles. She is an associate of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and the Royal Conservatory of Music, with over thirty-five years of experience as an organist and choir director. We look forward to having her lead and enrich the music ministry of the congregation.

Prelude *Contemplation* by Ethel B. Clarke

Call to Worship

One: They will come from east and west, from north and south,

All: and will eat in the kingdom of God.

One: Indeed, some are last who will be first,

All: and some are first who will be last.

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

All: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

****Hymn: Praise him, praise him 372**

- 1. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him, highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!**

**Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;
in his arms he carries them all day long.**

Refrain

**Praise him, praise him!
Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!**

- 2. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;
he, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong. *Refrain***
- 3. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
crown him, crown him, Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
power and glory unto the Lord belong. *Refrain***

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Lord of Light and Life, we come before you in wonder and awe, eager to praise your name and enjoy in your presence. You are the source of all that is good and true, the essence of love. You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives. You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike, to build a better world together. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in Jesus' name makes a difference. So may we live to bring you glory, O God, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, you call us to take a part in our community, loving our neighbours and serving your purposes. We confess that this is easier said than done. We often sit in judgment on those who serve in public life, criticizing any who fall short of our expectations. Yet we confess we, too, fall short of your loving purpose for us. Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize and too slow to join in what needs to be done.

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ — and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share that forgiveness with others in his name.

Scripture

First Reading: Daniel 12:1–3

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish,

such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Psalm 16 (*Refrain 1*)



Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their
sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not
pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places;**

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**



Second Reading: Mark 13:1–8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Christ's is the world**

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- 1. Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.**

Refrain

**To the lost, Christ shows his face;
to the unloved, he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**

- 2. Feel for the people we most avoid —
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain. *Refrain***
- 3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest. *Refrain***
- 4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin. *Refrain***

Sermon The Beginning of the Birth Pangs

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Sing a new song unto the Lord 422**

Refrain

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains' height.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!**

1. **For God's people dance for joy.
Oh come before the Lord,
play for the Lord on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain***
2. **Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has filled your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain***
3. **Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. *Refrain***

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: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song 665**

1. **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**
2. **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
3. **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross
and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
4. **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come
with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in C* by Reginald Martin

Congratulations to Laura Brandon, for the successful launch of her book "War Art in Canada: A Critical History", on November 11. It explores the universal theme of war through Canada's visual and cultural past. This project is made available through the Art Canada Institute <https://www.aci-iac.ca/art-books/war-art-in-canada/>

Our Events

Monday, November 15 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Friday, November 19 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues the study of the Apocryphal books. Please read 1 Maccabees 8. We meet by teleconference.

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.

Community Events

Saturday, November 20 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Holly Berry Bazaar at Trinity Presbyterian, 1817 Richardson Side Road, Carp featuring bake table, attic treasures, crafts, puzzles and artwork. Proof of full vaccination, ID, and masking are required.

Friday, December 3 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Trivia Night in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College. Contact Jack Wilson at wilsonjohns@rogers.com for the Zoom link.

Mission Moment

Equipping a New Leader in Nepal

In November 2021, the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) will welcome Dhana Lama as its first ever Nepali Executive Director. In addition to being UMN's first Nepali Executive Director, Dhana will be the 13th Executive Director since its founding in 1954 and the third woman to lead UMN. Outgoing Executive Director, Joel Hafvenstein, said, "Dhana is a strong and forthright leader who is also a listener, with the humility not to fear change or the acknowledgement of mistakes. Her passion for service to Nepal's poorest people is unquestionable." As an international, interdenominational Christian mission, UMN receives funding from partners designated for specific projects, which doesn't leave much for staff salaries. Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC will join the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Asia CMS in financially supporting Dhana Lama during her tenure.

