

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 21, 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.

After reviewing the rules set out by Ottawa Public Health, and after consulting a number of congregations on their current practices, the Session of St Giles had made a number of changes concerning public worship. Starting from today, November 21, singing from the congregation is now permitted, with mask. The choir of St Giles is also being reconstituted, under the leadership of Heather Rice, our Music Director, aiming for November 25 for the first practice.

Prelude *From Heaven You Came* by Graham Kendrick

Call to Worship

One: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

One: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

All: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

One: So, let us worship God with praise and honour.

All: We will offer our thanks and praise for all that God has done.

****Hymn: Crown him with many crowns 274**

1. **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

2. **Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**
3. **Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**
4. **Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations "Holy" cry
in joyful hymns of praise.**
5. **Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres**

in majesty sublime.

**All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of power and possibility, in Jesus Christ, you have turned the world upside down. You have revealed your strength through weakness and your power through the Cross. The story of salvation teaches your people across the ages that nothing, nothing can prevent your glory from shining forth. This day, we proclaim Jesus as Lord and King, and offer you our love and loyalty. Do it again O God! Turn the world upside down once more, so that your justice prevails over those who would rule by force, and your truth triumphs over the often confusing world. All honour and blessing be yours, Holy God, world without end.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week, but we confess we're not exactly clear on what that means. Will you come to set things straight in the world? Will you come to judge us and show us where we've all gone wrong? Will you bring all things to an end, or will you offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth.

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

Remember the promise Apostle Paul declares: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's all encompassing love will never let us go.

Scripture

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient of Days took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the

beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93 (*Refrain 2*)



Ma - jes - tic on high is the Lord, ma - jes - tic on high is the Lord.

The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed and is girded with strength;

The Lord has established the world;
it shall never be moved;
**your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure;
**holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.**



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Second Reading: Revelation 1:4–8

John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: O God beyond all praising**

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1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay,
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word;
we honour and adore you
our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour;
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king.
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Sermon Look! He is Coming with the Clouds

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: From heaven you came, helpless babe** 379

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,

**not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

Refrain

**This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn:
"Yet not my will but yours," he said. *Refrain*
3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*
4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving. *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: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord 260**

Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the King of creation:** *Refrain*
2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen:** *Refrain*
3. **We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever:** *Refrain*
4. **Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:** *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude *St Anthony Chorale* by Franz J. Haydn
arranged by Christopher Morris

Our Events

Monday, November 22 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, November 25 ~ 7:30 p.m.

The **Choir** will reconvene in the sanctuary wearing masks.

Friday, November 26 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues the study of the Apocryphal books.
Please read 1 Maccabees 9. We meet by teleconference.

Sunday, November 28 ~ after service

In-Person Coffee Hour! See the insert for the protocols.

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

Tuesday, November 30 ~ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Scottish Heritage Day in Ontario — Flag Raising at Ottawa City Hall with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders and other musicians and dancers.

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.

Christmas Hamper Project hosted by Centretown United

www.centretownunited.org/xmashamperprojext

1. To adopt a hamper, please register by November 30.
2. The help pack and carry on December 18, contact Daphne at chp2016volunteers@gmail.com
3. To deliver and carry hampers on December 20, contact Fiona at chp.deliverycrew@gmail.com
4. To donate by cheque to Centretown United Church, The Christmas Hamper Project, 507 Bank St, Ottawa ON, K2P 1Z5

**Sunday, November 28 ~ after service
In-Person Coffee Hour!**

Following this email on November 9 from Ottawa Bylaws Session has decided to resume the practice of meeting downstairs after the Sunday service.



Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

There is nothing in the Provincial regulations that would prevent you from serving coffee/tea and snacks at a meeting.

You are correct that social gatherings associated with a religious service are limited to no more than 25 people indoors at any given time, with the ability to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres, and masks must be worn at all times unless subject to an exemption (such as a medical condition, or to temporarily remove to eat or drink).

Regards,
COVIDquestion



Based on the information above, Session has decided on the following protocol for the Coffee Hour meeting that satisfies Public Health Guidelines.

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There will be teams of 3 people delegated to be responsible for preparing and serving food and drink with the intention of minimising the handling of refreshments.

- The maximum number of participants will be limited to 25 (including the three servers)
- Standing and having conversations at the meeting is to be discouraged.
- No proof of vaccination is required at this time.
- People will not have direct access to food and drink, and must ask the server for them as they queue for service (2m separation) at a table in front of the kitchen. The plan is for the server to pour coffee and tea into cups, adding milk and sweetener as requested. Snacks will be served onto plates and handed to people. Servers to wear gloves when handling food and utensils.
- Seating arrangement be set out at tables to accommodate 22 people with seats set at a two metres spacing.
- People may remove their mask while consuming food or drink when seated but masks are required for general conversations when seated following eating/drinking.
- People may change tables and seats at will.
- All plates, cups and utensils need to go through the dishwasher after the meeting and the tables and chairs to be wiped down with sanitizer after the meeting has concluded.

The duty elder is responsible for ensuring that everyone at the coffee hour has been noted on the attendance register and that the protocol of the meeting is maintained.