

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eustaquio Santimano, Lumen Christi.

January 2, 2022

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.

Prelude *What Is This Lovely Fragrance* by John Ferguson

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**P: Praise the Lord with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!**

L: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!

**P: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

****Hymn: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet 466**

**1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord never let your voice be still.**

**2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work and play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of power and might, God of grace and mercy, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joys and sorrows, displaying your greatness in the child of the manger. We praise you for your amazing love, great enough to fill the expanding universe, yet close enough to enter our humble hearts. During this time worship, surprise us with your grace once again, that we, with the whole Church and your precious creation, may praise and honour your holy name.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and guidance, in Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In Christ, you promise new life, but we prefer with old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbours and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead.

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

Here is the good news of the Gospel! Jesus Christ is God's elect, chosen for our salvation. In him we find God's acceptance. Let us give thanks to God for this gift, and be at peace with ourselves and with one another.

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.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:12–20 (with refrain 1)



Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For the Lord strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

**The Lord grants peace within your borders;
and fills you with the finest of wheat.**

The Lord sends out his command to the earth;
the word runs swiftly.

**The Lord gives snow like wool;
and scatters frost like ashes.**

The Lord hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before such cold?

**The Lord issues a command and melts them;
makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.**

The Lord issues commands to Jacob,
gives statutes and ordinances to Israel.

**The Lord has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know God's ordinances.**

All: Praise the Lord! *Refrain*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that

he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

****Hymn: In Christ Alone** by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand**
- 2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe**

**This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

- 3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

Sermon In Christ

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: There is a redeemer**

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- 1. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.**

Refrain

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

**2. Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain.**

Refrain

**3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.**

Refrain

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

**Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me 648**

**1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2**

**2. I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2**

**3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2**

**4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2**

Benediction

Postlude *Cold December Flies Away* by John Ferguson

Our Events

Monday, January 3 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, January 6 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, January 7 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will resume after a two-week break. Please read 1 Maccabees 13

Wednesday, January 12 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

Sunday, February 27 ~ after service

Annual Meeting — Please start thinking about your reports.

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

May 13 to 15, 2022

Glebe High School 100 Year Celebration. All Glebe alumni and students, and the community are welcome. Register at

www.Glebe100.ca

Mission Moment

In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health. One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family.



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