

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 16, 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 *Pastorale* by Giuseppe Sammartino

Call to Worship

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

All: We find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

All: We drink from the river of God's delights.

One: For with God is the fountain of life;

All: And in God's light we see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

All: We bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

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

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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***

Prayer of Adoration

God of light and life, as the new year unfolds before us, we begin to feel the sunlight coming back to brighten the winter. Our spirits grow stronger in the light. You shine your light into our lives in your Son Jesus. Your Spirit strengthens us to face whatever this year will hold. And so we come to praise you for your light which transforms our days and our lives, and for your wisdom which enlightens truth for our times. Shine through us, we pray, so that we may bear the light of Jesus in this world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in 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

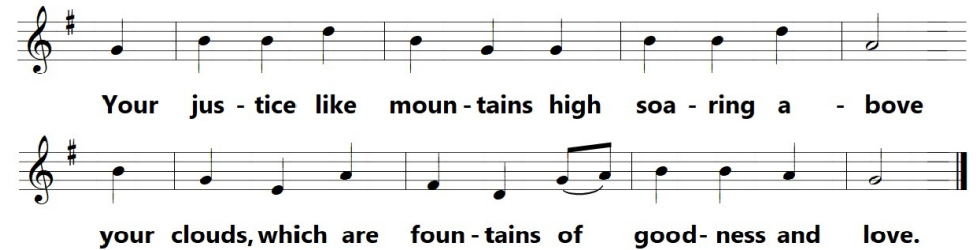
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. No power in heaven or on earth can separate us from the love of God. Take heart, and know that you are forgiven.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1–5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36: 5–10 (with refrain)



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soa - ring a - bove". The second staff contains the lyrics: "your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love." The music is a simple melody with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Second Reading: John 2: 1–11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the

Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

****Hymn: As man and woman we are made** 596

1. **As man and woman we are made
that love be found and life begun,
the likeness of the living God,
unique, yet called to live as one.
Praise, praise the love that gives us life,
through joy or sadness, calm or strife.**
2. **Now Jesus lived and gave his love
to make our life and loving new;
so celebrate with him today
and drink the joy he offers you,
that makes the simple moment shine
and changes water into wine.**
3. **And Jesus died to live again,
So praise the love that, come what may,
can bring the dawn and clear the skies,**

**and waits to wipe all tears away;
and let us hope for what shall be,
believing where we can not see.**

4. **Then spread the table, clear the hall,
and celebrate till day is done;
let peace go deep between us all
and joy be shared by everyone;
laugh and make merry with your friends,
and praise the love that never ends!**

Sermon They have no more wine

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: With the Lord as my guide**

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1. **With the Lord as my guide
I will walk through the desert,
rest by the water, run in the wind.
With the Lord by my side
I will stand on the mountain,
drink from the fountain of love deep within.**
2. **With the Lord as my guide
I will see all the talents,
accept the balance of who I am.
With the Lord by my side
say yes to the calling,
fear not the falling, trust in God's plan.**
3. **With the Lord as my guide
I will work with my sister,
care for my brother, bend with their pain.
With the Lord by my side**

we will rise up together,
strengthen each other, courage regain.

4. **With the Lord as my guide**
I will rise in the morning,
praise for the dawning beauty of day.
With the Lord by my side
I will sing, sing forever,
always a lover, seeking God's way.

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: God who gives to life its goodness 334**

1. **God who gives to life its goodness,**
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you
deep within, or shouted loud,
till the whole creation dances
for your goodness, holy God.
2. **God who fills the earth with beauty,**
God binds each friend to friend,

God who names us co-creators,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by Love refined.

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* by Antonio Vivaldi

Thank you!

The Presbyterian Women wish to thank all of you who donated warm clothing items on our Christmas Tree in the narthex. They will be taken to the Ottawa Mission. Once again thanks for your generosity and support for this project.

Education Opportunity

See the enclosed insert for information about **"The Bible for Doubters"** presented on Zoom by the Presbyterian College.

Our Events

Monday, January 17 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, January 20 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice

Friday, January 21 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Please read 1 Maccabees 15.

Sunday February 13 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Communion Service

Sunday, February 27 ~ after service

Annual Meeting — Reports can be received. February 1 deadline.

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

Mondays, March 21 to May 16 ~ 1 to 3 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m.*
Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program Spring Basic Course
The training will take place over Zoom.

Tuesday, April 5 ~ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.*
Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program Continuing Education
Event: **Exploring Dementia** led by Linda Leduc, nurse and educator, over Zoom.

*For more information on either event:
www.pastoralcare.com or ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com or
Terri Skuce at 613-591-3366.

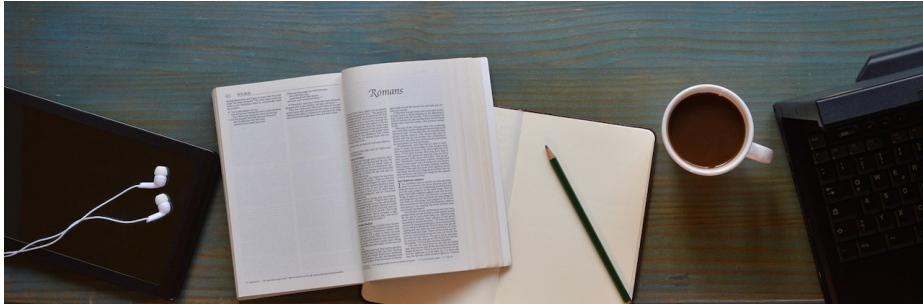
May 13 to 15, 2022
Glebe High School 100 Year Celebration. All Glebe alumni and students, and the community are welcome. Register at
www.Glebe100.ca

Mission Moment

In Haiti, Wilner used to harvest very little, no matter how hard he worked his field. So, in 2017, Wilner joined an agroforestry programme where he received training and learned sustainable agriculture techniques to conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields. His crop yields have now increased, and he has a greater variety of food available for him and his family. Today, Wilner has a beautiful garden with diverse crops, such as corn, pigeon peas, yam, taro, squash, okra, spinach, and forest and fruit trees. This has helped Wilner afford to pay the school fees for his four children and support his family's other needs as well.



This sustainable agriculture project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



The Bible for Doubters February 3 to March 24

This study will explore some of the challenging texts of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. How can these be understood faithfully? Do these texts actually undermine our faith? Can we learn from them and discover something of God's identity and relationship to us through them? Through this course you will gain understanding and have the opportunity to grow deeper in your faith.

Available to Individuals or Congregation-based study groups

Study Outline and Framework Available Here:

<https://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/website2021/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Bible-for-Doubters-Study-Outline.pdf>

The Bible for Doubters Prof. Karen Petersen Finch Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. (EST) February 3 – March 24

The cost of the course is \$45 for individuals, and \$145 for study groups.

The Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch is Professor of Pastoral Leadership at The Presbyterian College, and joined the college in 2021. Prior to this she served as Professor of Theology at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. Karen has a commitment to serving the church, to excellence in teaching, and to making theology accessible to a wide audience.

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