

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 *God's Holy Presence* by Roger C. Wilson

Call to Worship

One: In the mysterious and majestic voice of the Lord,

All: we encounter God of all creation.

One: In the calls of prophets and teachings of the Law,

All: we encounter the deep love of Christ.

One: In the wonderful diversity of the community of faith,

All: we encounter the Spirit of God at work in us.

One: Let us worship the God of creation, love, and community.

All: We will praise God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

****Hymn: Come sing. O church, in joy** **757**

**1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O Church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!**

Refrain

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! *Refrain***

- 3. Let courage be our friend,
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! *Refrain***
- 4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
o'er the ages long! *Refrain***

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creator, Christ and Spirit; you are the maker of a better world. You are the creator of lasting peace. We worship you for the gifts of peace and healing that you bring into troubled lives. You have shown us the way to work for justice, to love friend and enemy alike, to build a better world. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe that our work in your name makes a difference. So may we live to bring glory to you through our commitment to you and the communion we share with so many around world as your faithful disciples.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and unity, we confess we can be divisive when you call us to unity, quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace, and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth. Show us how we can witness to your love through working and worshipping together.

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

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Revere God, keep the commandments of the Lord. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another. Be at peace and walk in the newness of life, led by God's light.

Scripture

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

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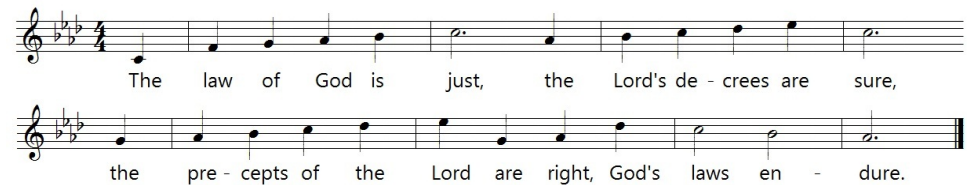
And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the

great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

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So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 (with refrain 1)



The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding
canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;**

**sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

**Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.**

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

All:

**Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart**

be acceptable to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Sing them over again to me**

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- 1. Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let them more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.**

**pointing to the life and way,
still appealing, still inspiring,
in the struggles of today.**

- 3. In the tongues of all the peoples
may the message bless and heal
as devout and patient scholars
more and more its depths reveal.
Bless, O God, to wise and simple,
all your truth of ageless worth,
till all lands receive the witness
and your knowledge fills the earth.**

Benediction

Postlude *Laudes Domini* by Chester Nordman

Our Events

Monday, January 24 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, January 27 ~ 3:00p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, January 28 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Please read 1 Maccabees 16.

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

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

www.Glebe100.ca