

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 30, 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 *Adagio* by Arcangelo Corelli (arr. S.D. Wolfe)

Call to Worship

One: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

**All: Let us never be put to shame.**

One: Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

**All: For you are our rock and our fortress.**

One: God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

**All: God has been with us since we were born from our mother's womb.**

One: Let us sing our praise of God's faithful love.

**All: We will offer God all glory and honour this day and always!**

**\*\*Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness** **324**

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee:  
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness;  
great is thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;**

**all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in eloquent witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty and everlasting God, your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love indescribable. You are hidden in mystery, and yet ever so present. In an increasingly hectic world, you are peace and rest. In an increasingly harsh reality, you are tenderness and mercy. In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort. So we worship you, for you are the One who created us, the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life, our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, who is love, we confess our faults and failings,  
knowing that you know us through and through. You  
tell us love is patient and kind, and you know when our  
patience and kindness fell short. You tell us love is  
never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insisted**

**on our own way. Forgive us for the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable.**

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 is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins. Thanks be to God whose love and forgiveness are steadfast. May we be steadfast in our forgiveness of one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

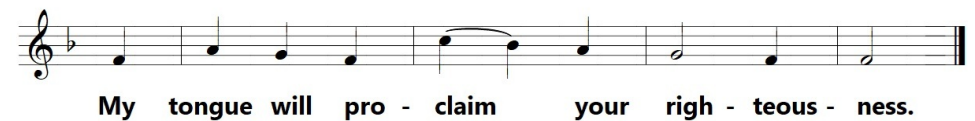
Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for

you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1–6 (with refrain 2)



In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

**Be to me a rock of refuge,**

**a strong fortress, to save me,**

**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope,**

**my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;**

**it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all

mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

**\*\*Hymn: Lord, speak to me** **767**

- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.**

- 2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet; oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.**
- 3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths that you impart, and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**
- 4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my heart shall overflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.**
- 5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me just as you will, and when, and where, until at last your face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Sermon I Am Only a Child

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: There is a redeemer** **358**

- 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: All the way my Saviour leads me 699**

1. **All the way my Saviour leads me,  
what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;**
2. **All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see;**

3. **All the way my Saviour leads me,  
oh the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
"Jesus led me all the way!"**

Benediction

Postlude *The City Gates* by Modeste Moussorgsky  
(arr. Ellen J. Lorenz)

## **Our Events**

**Monday, January 31 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Tuesday, February 1**

**Deadline** for the reception of **Annual Reports**

**Wednesday, February 2 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

The **St Giles Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference.

**Thursday, February 3 ~ 3:00p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, February 4 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study:** Please read 1 Maccabees 17.

**Sunday February 13 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Communion Service**

**Sunday, February 27 ~ after service**

**Annual Meeting**

## 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](http://www.pastoralcare.com) or [ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com) or

Terri Skuce at 613-591-3366.

**Date Change** — In recognition of the continuing risk due to the pandemic, the **Glebe High School 100 Year Celebration** has been postponed until October 14 to 16, 2022.

## Mission Moment

A devastating fire destroyed much of St Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, in October 2019. But, even with this loss and devastation weighing heavy on the hearts of the congregation, they still continued their outreach ministry to support the local community. During the pandemic, congregation members produced hats, mittens, and incubator blankets for the local hospital, and also supported the local Food Bank and Salvation Army. Now that the church building has been fully restored and the congregation is able to gather again, they continue to show love to their neighbours by exploring new opportunities for using and sharing their restored space.



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