

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 6, 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 *Christ Be Our Light* by Bernadette Farrell

Call to Worship

One: In the bulb, there is a flower.

All: In the seed, there is a tree.

One: In the midst of this community, there is a Spirit

All: That awakens us to God's vision of abundant life

One: Revealed most fully in and through Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God who creates, redeems and sustains us!

****Hymn: Joyful, Joyful we adore you**

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- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.**

- 3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.**
- 4. Morning stars, awake the chorus;
mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victor in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Children's Story

****Hymn: He's got the whole world in his hands** 339

- 1. He's got the whole world in his hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.**
- 2. He's got the sun and the moon in his hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

3. **He's got the wind and the rain in his hands** (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
4. **He's got the tiny little baby in his hands** (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
5. **He's got you and me, brother in his hands**
He's got you and me, sister in his hands
He's got you and me, brother in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.
6. **He's got the whole world in his hands** (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Prayer of Adoration

God of life, we gather as your people, ready to do your will. We gather as your children, who have learned to love because you loved us first. We gather as disciples, prepared to imitate Christ's loving actions. In Jesus Christ, you have shown us compassion and boundless grace. You have shown us a new way to love one another. You are the Creator of heaven and earth, and we are creatures, yet you have called each one of us by name. You are the Holy One, yet you sent your Son to serve us. In awe and wonder, we listen for your word, we wait for your call, we prepare our hands and hearts to serve you and the world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Goodness, You share your abundance with us and shower us with gifts. But we confess that we have squandered many of those gifts. We have wasted knowledge, friendship, beauty and wealth; we have misused our time and energy, sometimes even our

trust and love. Forgive our foolishness. Have mercy on us. Teach us new ways of living out your love in the world today and every day, with the help of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour.

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

Dear friends, while it is true that we have sinned and squandered God's gifts, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9–14

and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1–10 (with refrain 2)



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;
**therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches them the way they should go.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Second Reading: Matthew 22:34–40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

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

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- 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)**

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Lord, whose love**

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1. **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**
2. **Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**
3. **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.**
4. **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged,**

**love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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: Lord of all power**

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1. **Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.**
2. **Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.**
3. **Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.**

4. **Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall,
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.**

Benediction

Postlude *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux* by Francois Couperin

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour



Our Events

Tuesday, February 1 was the deadline for the reception of **Annual Reports**. If yours has not been received, you risk not having your report included.

Monday, February 7 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, February 10 ~ 3:00p.m.
Choir Practice

Friday, February 11 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study is commencing the study of Tobit. A story of ordinary people whose everyday lives become signs of the working of God's providence. If you would like to join this study, please contact the Rev. Paul Wu.

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 or 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.

Push My Buttons Prayer

~The Rev. Austin Fleming~

Lord, it's likely that sometime today, someone will push my buttons, challenge my good will, misread my intentions, tick me off, try my patience, rattle my cage, judge me in haste, test my kindness or do all of the above...

Give me the grace I'll need at such times to respond with patience to trust and accept, to listen carefully, to reach out in peace, to be fair and just, to anticipate goodness in all my words and deeds...

I know this is a lot to ask, Lord, but I need your help to do for others as I'd have them do for me...

Amen.

Mission Moment

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) envisions a sustainable, just and compassionate world. This year marks 75 years of those values guiding us as we respond to hunger, poverty, injustice and disaster. Together, we are working to support and empower people all over the world. Through PWS&D, our church works with communities in our global village to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. Together, we are promoting human rights and supporting refugees. Faithful to our calling, we respond together.



We give thanks for the programs and partners the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that are empowering vulnerable communities.