

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 13, 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 *Prélude Sur "Picardy"* by Gilles Leclerc

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us make melody before our God!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

One: A song of praise is always fitting in the morning,

All: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

****Hymn: Morning has broken**

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- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.**
- 2. Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mystery, we come before you in wonder and humility, for you are the ground of our being, the source of all that is. Word of hope and healing, you touch our lives with truth and tenderness, revealing our need and our gift. Spirit of purpose and possibility, you move within us when we least expect it, awakening our gifts, urging us to respond. Receive our praise and prayer this day, and prepare us to receive your Word in its wisdom and warning, for we come to you through Christ our Lord, trusting in his grace and truth.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love which touches our lives. Still we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations and disappointed your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus, your love made flesh.

Assurance of Pardon

God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear. Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. So ground your hope in this Good News: God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5–10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 (*with Refrain 1*)

Like a tree that's plan- ted by the
wa - ter, we shall not be moved.

Blessed are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they flourish.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
**for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Luke 6:17–26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and

leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is
what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Blest are they**

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1. **Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.**

Refrain

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. *Refrain***
3. **Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God! *Refrain***

4. **Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain***

5. **Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad — yours is the kingdom —
shine for all to see. *Refrain***

Sermon Planted by Water

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Christ, be our light**

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***
3. **Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

4. **Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.** *Refrain*

5. **Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.** *Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

...

we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God,

...

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

...

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**

****Hymn: Let us break bread together**

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- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

3. **Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

The Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn: Sent forth by your blessing**

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- 1. Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing,
your people, O God, from your table take leave.
The supper is ended: oh now be extended
the fruits of your service in all who believe.
The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.**
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the task of our every day life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in your life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Benediction

Postlude *Trompette Jubilante* by Craig A. Penfield

Anniversary of the Publication of the Letter of Repentance

As the PCC continues on a journey of repentance for the harm done by homophobia and transphobia in the denomination, we pray for God's grace and love to guide the church in becoming safe and inclusive for all.

A Prayer for Inclusion

By Rabbi Edie Menscher and Rabbi Rick Jacobs

Holy One, we know you by many names, but still we are part of one human family, Your family. Open our hearts and minds so that we see Your reflection in the face of every person on this earth. Help us to forge bonds of compassion, dignity, and respect with every person. Guide us to fully grasp that disability and difference never lessen a person's need for love, friendship, belonging, respect, and for the opportunity to work, contribute, and lead. Let prejudice, stigma, fear, and presumptions never interfere with our ceaseless efforts to assure that each and every person is able to feel the embrace of family, community, and of God.

Our Events

Monday, February 14 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, February 17 ~ 3:00p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, February 18 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study is continuing 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 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.

Mission Moment

In Malawi, the Mulanje Mission Hospital provides care and support to orphans through its community-based program. Vocational skills, such as livestock farming, are taught to out-of-school children as a means for achieving economic empowerment. Brian lives with his grandmother. Through the program, he started goat farming, which has allowed his family to pay for food and other necessities and has also helped him establish a sustainable livelihood. "After the mother of the children died, things have been difficult. We had nothing to depend on during hard times, but now things are becoming smooth as we can sell goats and buy grain and other basic needs," his grandmother expressed.



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