

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 20, 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 *Fuga from Works for Flute Clock* by Joseph Haydn

Call to Worship

One: Do not worry or become envious,

All: For all wickedness will fade away and wither like the grass.

One: Trust in the Lord and you will be blessed.

All: Take delight in the Lord and God will grant you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your ways to the Lord and God will act.

All: Come, let us worship God, our refuge in times of trouble.

****Hymn: Lord Jesus, We Must Know You tune 214**

- 1. Lord Jesus, we must know you
if we would make you known,
for how can we proclaim you
but by your grace alone?
We long to know your fulness,
your life of risen power,
for you alone can answer
the challenge of this hour.**
- 2. Our broken world is seeking
what only you can give;
our words may go unheeded,
but not the way we live.**

**O Saviour, live within us
your life so strong, so true,
that others, touched with wonder,
may seek and worship you!**

- 3. Lord Jesus, by your Spirit
renew your Church, we pray,
till what we are makes valid
the truth of what we say.
So truly may we know you,
so make your life our own,
that we become so like you
our lives must make you known.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Faithful God, you have gathered your people in lovingkindness throughout many generations. You have offered your blessing to us through their examples, and led the Church through many trials and tribulations. Draw near to us this day, to guide us in these uncertain times. Anchor our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus. Renew us through your steadfast love so that we may dare to trust our future in Christ. All praise and honour are yours, O Triune God, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we admit that we are a broken people. We acknowledge that we surround ourselves with those who are like us, those who treat us well, and those who can benefit us. There are times when we cut ourselves off from those who have hurt us and build walls to keep

others away. Forgive us Lord, show us what it means to love our enemies and to do good to those who mistreat us. Transform and renew us again by your resurrection power and fill us with the knowledge of your Spirit. In Jesus Name. 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

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and new life has begun. Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love, and have the courage to forgive and be reconciled with one another too.

Scripture

First Reading: Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the

land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40 (*with refrain 2*)



All the ends of the earth have seen: the sal - va - tion of our God.

Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord,

who will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in the Lord, who will act.

**The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still and wait patiently before the Lord;

**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place,
they will not be there.

**But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

who is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take refuge in the Lord.

Second Reading: Luke 6:27–38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your

enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace**

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- 1. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**
- 2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**
- 3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**
- 4. Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Prayers of the People

Anthem: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

words by Charles Wesley, music by Henry Purcell

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more than thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: How clear is our vocation, Lord 649**

1. **How clear is our vocation, Lord,**
when once we hear your call;
to live according to your Word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.
2. **But if, forgetful, we should find**
your yoke is hard to bear,
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
it's tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.
3. **We mark your saints, how they became**
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.
4. **In what you give us, Lord, to do,**
together or alone,
and old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you —
the cross you hung upon —
all you endeavoured done.

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* by Georg F. Handel

We've Got



May the Lord continue to bless his ministry in St Giles.

Greetings to the congregation as we go through another winter.

Sincerely,
Abiodun Lewis

Centretown Emergency Food Centre

The CEFC is seeking a volunteer to replace our current treasurer who is moving from Ottawa in a few months. Experience in accounting is essential for this position which would suit an accountant at the beginning of their career or a retiree. For a complete list of duties, please contact Martha Musgrove, HR Coordinator, Management Committee, CEFC at musgrom@hotmail.com

Our Events

Monday, February 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, February 24 ~ 3:00p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, February 25 ~ 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

Tropical Storm Ana – Flooding in Malawi

On January 24 and 25, much of southern Malawi was severely hit by heavy rain and strong wind caused by Tropical Storm Ana. The storm made landfall in Malawi, causing devastation so unprecedented that the President of Malawi declared the affected districts a state of disaster. There is a serious risk of water contamination, as most water points in affected areas have been affected. This raises significant concerns about the potential for waterborne disease outbreaks such as cholera.

PWS&D will be responding through our existing partners and networks. Thousands of people are in immediate need of food, shelter, and water and sanitation services. PWS&D is in contact with our partner in the area, Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), who are conducting a rapid needs survey to assess how best to respond.

You can donate through your envelope or by going to:

<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2022/02/02/tropical-storm-ana/>

A Prayer from the Moderator of Presbytery

“Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.”

(James 4:11)

Lord, during this difficult and divisive season, we ask you to bring about a peaceful end to the truckers' demonstrations, and that you would allow all parties involved to humble themselves and listen. Help us to respect one another, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.