

# 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



Raphael and Giulio Romano, Transfiguration.

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### **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.

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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 *Ungdomssang (Song of Youth)* by Agathe B. Grøndahl

Call to Worship

One: Our God is mighty and merciful, ruling with kindness over all the earth;

**All: Let all people praise God's holy name.**

One: The Lord loves justice and creates equity for all God's people;

**All: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing songs of joyful praise;**

One: For the Christ of glory shines in this place;

**All: The Holy Spirit meets us here, and so we come to worship.**

**\*\*Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven**

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**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.**

**2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;**

**praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.**

**5. Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of grace and God of glory, you reveal your presence to the world in radiant glory and gentle whispers, on mountain tops and lowly plains, in classrooms and hospital beds, in homes and churches, in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts. We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you all praise, honour and thanksgiving, for you are our God and we are your people now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and forgiveness, facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness. We are distracted by the desire to have more**

**than we need. We focus on our own disappointments rather than trust the future you create. We feel discouraged by the pandemic and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ. Transfigure us by your grace, and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day.**

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

Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world. The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another in Christ's name.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 34:29–35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the

Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99 (*with refrain 1*)

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cen - ding,  
an - gels, saints their voi - ces blen - ding.

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion;

exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**Holy is the Lord!**

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

**you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool.

**Holy is the Lord!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them.**

The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

**they kept God's decrees,  
and the statutes that God gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them;

**you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at the holy mountain;  
**for the Lord our God is holy.**

Second Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Lord, the light of your love is shining**

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you know bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.**

*Refrain* **Shine, Jesus shine;**

**fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow;  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

- 2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by your blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain***

- 3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever-changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain***

Sermon      The Unbearable Glory of God

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn Guide my feet**

- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

2. **Hold my hand...**
3. **Stand by me...**
4. **I'm your child....**
5. **Search my heart....**

Text and Tune: African-American Spiritual;  
 harmonized by Diana Kodner, b. 1957; © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

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: God of grace and God of glory      490**

1. **God of grace and God of glory,  
 on thy people pour thy power;  
 crown the ancient church's story;  
 bring its bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.**
2. **Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
 scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us,  
 free our hearts to love and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days,  
 for the living of these days.**

4. **Set our feet on lofty places;  
 gird our lives that they may be  
 armoured with all Christlike graces,  
 pledged to set all captives free.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 that we fail not them nor thee,  
 that we fail not them nor thee!**
5. **Save us from weak resignation  
 to the evils we deplore;  
 let the search for thy salvation  
 be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 serving thee whom we adore,  
 serving thee whom we adore.**

Benediction

Postlude      *Thaxted* by Gustav Holst

## **Our Events**

**TODAY ~ after service ~ Annual Meeting**

**Monday, February 28 ~ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Thursday, March 3 ~ 3:00p.m.**  
**Choir Practice**

**Friday, March 4 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Bible Study** is continuing the study of Tobit by teleconference

## 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 for Ukraine

Holy Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. You have declared and established your kingdom over all powers in heaven and on earth. We come before you with outrage of the world and lament in our hearts. O Lord, do not hide your face from the atrocities of war; do not cover your eyes from this most recent senseless attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. Let your justice be upheld, your righteousness prevail. May you overrule evil with good, and may people and nations be healed through the reconciling love we find in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Mission Moment

Binda Devi lives in Karbola, India, with her husband and four kids. A year ago, the family was living a comfortable life, relying on the income from her husband's job as a labourer in a cement factory. However, one day, there was an accident that left him unable to work. With no income, the family was very worried. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partner staff met with the family and, together, they came up with a plan for Binda to start a small cosmetics business. With support from the program, she is now selling cosmetic items from village to village. The business is going well, and Binda provides for her family.



***This livelihood initiative is supported by PWS&D.***

## **World Day of Prayer ~ Friday, March 4**

You can attend the World Day of Prayer online. The service this year has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland based on the theme: "I Know the Plans I Have For You".

You can download the video anytime at [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)

Rogers TV Channel 22 will broadcast the service on Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

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## **World Water Day ~ Tuesday, March 22** **Sacred Water: An Interfaith Conversation**

In this webinar, you will learn about what diverse faith and spiritual traditions have to teach us concerning the sacredness of water in a time of climate crisis, and how we can deepen our connection with it.

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Water means different things to different people. In religious and spiritual spaces, water can mean a connection with creation, community and oneself. Today, water is under extreme threat from the worsening impacts of climate change. On World Water Day, Sacred Water is an opportunity to hear from different perspectives about the many ways water is sacred, and gain an understanding of how we can value water properly and protect it for everyone.