

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 1, 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 *Invocation* by Rachel Laurin

Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing!  
Let us praise and not be silent!

**All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name,  
now and always!**

**\*\*Hymn: Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus**

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**1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.**

**2. Hallelujah! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Hallelujah! he is near us,**

**faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**3. Hallelujah! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come before you this day giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, for cherry blossom uncloaking to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the details of the story of the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of each and every life, week by week we lay our lives before you, acknowledging ways in which we fall short of your hope for us. Today we confess we sometimes find it hard to forgive ourselves. Things done long ago still haunt us. We hear your forgiveness proclaimed, yet your**

**promise of a fresh start can ring hollow. Forgive us if we think we are the one sinner who cannot be forgiven. Forgive us when we cannot find the peace you offer.**

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

Friends in Christ, while it is true we have all fallen short of God's intentions, 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, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. So be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Revelation 5: 6-14

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood  
you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language  
and people and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels  
surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the  
elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of  
thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under  
the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell  
down and worshipped.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30 *(with refrain 1)*



I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

**O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those  
gone down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favour is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning. R**

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

**By your favour, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:

**"What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?**

**Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
**O Lord, be my helper!" R**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R**

Second Reading: John 21: 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he

said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

**\*\*Hymn: Help us accept each other**

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- 1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**
- 2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some,  
to love them as we find them or as they may become.**
- 3. Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

4. **Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

Sermon Do You Love Me?

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace 740**

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. **Oh, 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.**

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 Jesus, We Must Know You** (by Margaret Clarkson, to the tune of #214, 'All glory, laud and honour')

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 Savior, 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.**

Benediction

#Postlude *Rondeau* by Jean J. Mouret

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## **Our Events**

**Monday, May 2 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Wednesday, May 4 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Presbyterian Women's Meeting** by teleconference

**Thursday, May 5 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, May 6 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will look at the Farewell Discourse of Moses (Deuteronomy 31-34) by teleconference.

**Sunday, May 8 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Camp Sunday** with Mark Hamilton (director of Gracefield Christian Camp) as guest speaker.

**Sunday, May 15 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

St. Giles' **Anniversary Sunday**, with the Rev. Dr. Blair D. Bertrand as guest speaker.

## **Announcement**

Rev. Paul Wu will be serving as counsellor at the upcoming Guidance Conference at the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, from May 2nd to 5th. He will still be checking email regularly, but may not be able to answer phone calls as promptly.

## **Mission Moment**

**Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty has prevailed in the country.**

Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of escaping the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods behind. As a result, many are struggling to make ends meet and many more are facing severe hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding by providing emergency food assistance. Through an ecumenical collaboration with members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, monthly cash distributions will be supplied to some of the families experiencing the greatest need. As a result, around 2,550 families will be able to purchase food and pay for necessary items. This emergency food assistance is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

