

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



St. Michael and All Angels Cathedral, at Blantyre, Malawi

May 15, 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 ****Hymn: I Am The Church! You are the Church! 475**

Refrain

**I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

- 1. The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people. Refrain**
- 2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places. Refrain**
- 3. Sometimes the church is marching;
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;
always it's learning. Refrain**
- 4. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying: Refrain**

Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits—

One: Men and women alike, old and young together!

All: With voices united, let us bless the Lord!

****Hymn: Come sing, O church, in joy!**

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- 1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long!**

Refrain

**In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!**

- 2. Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision,
Dream the dream! Refrain**
- 3. Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission
Magnify the Crucified! Refrain**
- 4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
Over the ages long! Refrain**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, the first and the last, beginning and end of all things, you are worthy of praise from all your creation. Sun, moon, and stars praise you. Earth, sea, and sky praise you. Every living thing praises you in its own way. And so we praise you in our human diversity, joining our varied voices with all your creatures in heaven and on earth. You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus. Your Spirit moves throughout the world to reveal your will for every living thing. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for you are the Source of our life and our hope, Holy God, ever Three and Ever One.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, not the way Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who don't measure up. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions.

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

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day. Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Joshua 1:1-9 (King James Version)

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded

thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1-14 (*with refrain 1*)



Bless the Lord, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works justice
and vindicates all the oppressed.

God's way were made known to Moses,
God's acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**The Lord will not always accuse,
nor harbour anger forever.**

The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the steadfast love shown
to those who revere God;
as far as the east is from the west,**

so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.

**The Lord knows how we were made;
and remembers that we are dust. R**

Second Reading: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Anthem: *I Then Shall Live* by Jean Sibelius

Sermon Anniversary Sunday

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

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: We shall go out (to the tune of 'Danny Boy')**

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a life that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
We'll weave a cloth of all the world United
within the vision of new life in Christ.
2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Benediction

Postlude *Plein Jeu* by François Couperin

Recommendation on Masking

The Session of St Giles, in consultation with the Finance & Maintenance Committee, is recommending that members and adherents of the congregation should continue to wear masks when attending services at St Giles, in our efforts to protect those who may be immunocompromised. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Session on a monthly basis.

Our Events

Monday, May 16 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, May 19 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, May 20 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be studying the book of Joshua, chapter 2, by teleconference.

Sunday, June 5 - Wednesday, June 8

General Assembly

Sunday, June 12

Holy Communion

Mission Moment

In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting farmers. As a result of climate change, these unpredictable rains greatly impact food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. To assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District, workshops that teach conservation agriculture techniques are held. Farmers learn how to use mulch and make compost to nourish the soil and grow better crops. Farmers also learn other essential techniques, including weed and pest management, to address the ongoing challenges of climate change. **Since implementing a conservation agriculture approach, many farmers have significantly increased their crop yields.** This agricultural project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

