

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 22, 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 *Melodic Theme* by Edvard Grieg

Call to Worship

One: In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being.

**All: We stand in awe.**

One: In the presence of a God whose arms have held children.

**All: We stand in trust.**

One: In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

**All: We stand in need.**

One: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness.

**All: Be with us, hear us, we pray.**

**\*\*Hymn: To God be the glory**

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**1. To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved the world! -freely sending the Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear God's voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!**

**Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory, who great things has done.**

**2. Perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God,  
that when the offender, repenting, believes,  
through Jesus' atonement, full pardon receives!** Refrain

**3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has  
done and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see!** Refrain

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

In the beginning, O God, when the firm earth emerged from the waters of life, you saw that it was good. The fertile ground was moist, the seed was strong, and earth's profusion of colour and scent was born. Awaken our senses this day to the goodness that still stems from Eden. Awaken our senses to the goodness that can still spring forth in us and in all that has life.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God of creation, the wonders of your work amaze us.  
Yet we confess we often fail to honour its beauty and  
variety in the details of our lives. When voices differ in  
opinion, we listen to those we agree with. We fail to  
honour experience different than our own. We resist calls  
to honour the earth as if it were ours for the taking.  
Forgive our narrow perspectives. Open our eyes and our  
hearts to the pain and perspectives of others, and renew  
us all with your healing grace.**

## 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 said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Let his forgiveness set you at peace with God and yourself, and make peace with one another. Amen.

## Scripture

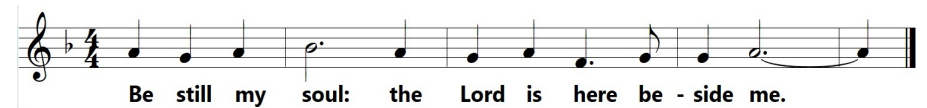
First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his

father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "**The Lord will provide**," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 13 (*with refrain 1*)



How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";**

**my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord**

**because he has dealt bountifully with me. R**

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: The God of Abraham praise**

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1. **The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love.  
Almighty, great I Am!  
by earth and heaven confessed,  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.**
2. **The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth I rise and seek the joys  
at God's right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
its wisdom, fame, and power,**

**the Lord my only portion make,**

**my shield and tower.**

3. **Though nature's strength decay,  
and earth and hell withstand,  
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
at God's command;  
the watery deep I pass  
with Jesus in my view,  
and through the howling wilderness  
my way pursue.**
4. **The goodly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty  
and endless rest;  
there milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow,  
with mercy crowned.**
5. **There dwells the Lord our King,  
the Lord our Righteousness;  
triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
the Prince of Peace  
on Zion's sacred height  
God's kingdom still maintains,  
and glorious with the saints in light  
forever reigns.**
6. **The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
"hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"  
they ever cry.  
Hail Abraham's God, and mine!**

**I join the heavenly lays;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.**

Sermon The Lord Will Provide

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: You who dwell in the shelter / On Eagle's Wings 57**

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of our God,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!'**

Refrain

**'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'**

- 2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under God's wings your refuge,  
God's faithfulness your shield. Refrain**

- 3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. Refrain**

- 4. For to God's angels is given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways,  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

**'...and hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.'**

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: Your hand, O God, has guided 477**

- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written  
full clear on every page;  
our forebears knew your goodness,  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**
- 2. Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten  
to share the great King's feast,  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**
- 3. And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hand down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?**

**Not so; in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**

- 4. Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won,  
and then by earth and heaven  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
"One church, one faith, one Lord."**

Benediction

Postlude *Antiphon* by Georg Muffat

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### **Great Glebe Garage Sale**

St. Giles is participating in this year's community event, taking place on the Saturday of May 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you are able to help, please contact Laura Brandon for more details.

### **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 23 ~ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Thursday, May 26 ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Choir Practice**

**Friday, May 27 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Bible Study** will be studying the book of Joshua, chapter 4, by teleconference.

**Sunday, June 5 - Wednesday, June 8**  
**General Assembly**

**Sunday, June 12**  
**Holy Communion**

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### **Mission Moment**

**Living Waters is a mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough that reaches out to marginalized people in downtown Peterborough, Ontario.** The Rev. Jonathan Baird regularly visits people living on the streets and invites them to the two drop-in programs that Living Waters Mission runs in



partnership with the Bridge Youth Centre. The programs offer meals, support, counselling and Christian fellowship. One woman, who struggles with mental health and addiction, expressed her appreciation: "I come here because it is the only place where I feel loved."