

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Outdoor Chapel at Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre

May 8, 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 *Sing With The Spirit* by Jane Carrier

Call to Worship

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**All: We were like those who dream.**

One: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**All: And our tongue with shouts of joy;**

One: The Lord has done great things for us,

**All: The Lord has done great things for us**

One: So we rejoice as a community of faith,

**All: We rejoice in the Lord Always.**

**\*\*Hymn: Morning has broken**

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**1. Morning has broken**

**Like the first morning;**

**Blackbird has spoken**

**Like the first bird;**

**Praise for the singing,**

**Praise for the morning,**

**Praise for them, springing**

**Fresh from the Word.**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall**

**Sunlit from Heaven,**

**Like the first dewfall**

**On the first grass;**

**Praise for the sweetness,  
Praise for the morning,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.**

**3. Mine is the sunlight;  
Mine is the morning;  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation;  
Praise every morning  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of the ages, God of today, you are compassion; our cup overflows. You are hope; leading us into green pastures. You are truth; placing us beside quiet streams. You are life; restoring our souls. Morning, noon and night, O God, you are the source of our joy. So we gather to worship you as one family of your people, honouring you as our Creator, trusting you as our Saviour, celebrating you as the Spirit who gives us life.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess we often stray from your ways like lost sheep.  
We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the  
needs of others. We excuse ourselves much more  
generously than others. We fail to offer others the  
forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and  
cling to our own wounds. Forgive the ways we betray  
your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy.**

## 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

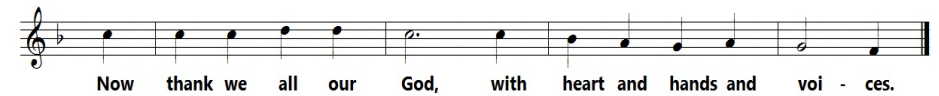
The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in his love. The forgiveness he offers the gift of his love. Receive God's forgiveness with faithful hearts, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

## Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:10-14

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 126 (with refrain 1)



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves. R**

Second Reading: Romans 1:8-17

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I

have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish—hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

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

**\*\*Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands** **631**

1. **Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
Healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
Washing tired feet  
and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.**
2. **Take my hands, Lord Jesus,  
let them work for you;  
Make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do;  
Let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
Till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.**

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you**

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1. **Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**
2. **We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**
4. **I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**
5. **When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**
6. **Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

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 are one in the Spirit 471**

**1. We are one in the Spirit,**  
**We are one in the Lord,**  
**We are one in the Spirit,**  
**We are one in the Lord,**  
**And we pray that all unity**  
**Will one day be restored,**

***Refrain***

***And they'll know we are Christians***  
***by our love, by our love.***  
***Yes, they'll know we are Christians***  
***by our love.***

**2. We will walk with each other,**  
**We will walk hand in hand,**  
**We will walk with each other,**  
**We will walk hand in hand,**  
**And together we'll spread the news**  
**That God is in our land,**

***Refrain***

**3. We will work with each other,**  
**We will work side by side,**  
**We will work with each other,**  
**We will work side by side,**  
**And we'll guard each one's dignity**  
**And save each one's pride,**

***Refrain***

**4. All praise to the Father,**  
**from whom all things come,**  
**And all praise to Christ Jesus,**  
**Who is God's only Son,**  
**And all praise to the Spirit,**  
**Who makes us one,**

***Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude *Lift Up Your Songs Of Praise* by Camille Saint-Saens

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## **Our Events**

**Monday, May 9 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

**Thursday, May 12 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, May 13 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will look at the Farewell Discourse of Moses (Joshua 1) by teleconference.

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

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

## 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

## Gracefield Christian Camp

Registration for the 2022 Summer Camp at Gracefield is now open. We would like to highlight the Explorer (age 7-9) and Pioneer (age 10-12) camps from July 3rd to 8th. Gracefield is also looking to hire staff and counsellors. For more information, please visit [www.gracefiledcamp.ca](http://www.gracefiledcamp.ca). Bursaries are also available from St. Giles and from the Presbytery of Ottawa. Please contact the Rev. Paul Wu for more detail.

## Ukraine Crisis Appeal

Thousands of refugees from across Ukraine are desperately trying to get to safety in other countries. The invasion of Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis. This devastating conflict has already displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The most urgent needs are for food, water and shelter. To help respond quickly to the escalating situation, PWS&D is receiving donations for Ukraine. As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we are well placed to provide urgently needed food and non-food support. ACT Alliance members have already begun setting up refugee support points and sending relief supplies to Ukraine. Canadian Foodgrains Bank members are also planning a response with urgently needed food assistance.

Please mark your donations: **PWS&D Ukraine**

## Mission Moment

**Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives in Central America and Mexico.** Based in Guatemala, General Coordinator Judith Castañeda and the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) are empowering women and girls through their ministry of accompaniment. Women learn how to take on leadership roles in churches and their communities through faith-based activities about their personal and legal rights, and the importance of formal education. After completing CEDEPCA's Healthy Relationships course, one woman said, "I feel like a different woman. Before, I used to live locked in my home with a domestic routine, but now I have new friends, we do creative things."

