

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New York State Supreme Court Building,
at 360 Adams Street on Cadman Plaza,
was built by Shreve, Lamb & Harmon in 1957.

June 5, 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 *I Was Full of Joy* by Willard F Jabusch

Call to Worship

One: The law of the Lord is perfect,

All: reviving the soul.

One: The decrees of the Lord are sure,

All: making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right,

All: rejoicing the heart.

One: The commandment of the Lord is clear,

All: enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure,

All: enduring forever.

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true

All: and righteous altogether.

****Hymn: In your pentecostal splendour**

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1. **In your pentecostal splendour rise,
O living God, arise;
smoke of battle blurs and blinds us;
blow your wind and clear our eyes:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
You are God of victories!**

2. **You of old did lead your people
through the desert as they went;
you upon the mount to Moses
did your tenfold rule present.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
You are law and covenant!**
3. **Christ who stooped to die for sinners,
you have raised to highest place;
he, captivity led captive,
bring forth gifts for all our race.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
You are giver of all grace!**
4. **You at Pentecost did shower
gracious rain from heaven above;
on all flesh did pour your Spirit,
silverwinged, descending dove.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
You are liberty and love!**
5. **Let the fire of your near presence
melt our fears, like wax, away;
touch our lips with songs of courage;
teach us with your saints to say,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
You will guide us all the way!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, from our scattered lives we gather to praise you, for you are great and wonderful. With joyful hearts, we celebrate the work of your Spirit. At the dawn of creation, you sent your Spirit to bring life. Over the centuries, your

Spirit called your servants to proclaim your love and justice. Through the flames of Pentecost, your Spirit gave birth to the church with energy and wonder. Today, your Spirit is at work in the world, bringing renewal and hope here and everywhere. Transform us by your Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples, and empower your church with gifts for ministry. We confess we often resist the Spirit's guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ's love for the world. Forgive us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit to us again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us in Jesus' name.

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

Hear and believe this promise of the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old life has passed away and new life has begun. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are set free to live life anew in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18; 32:1-6

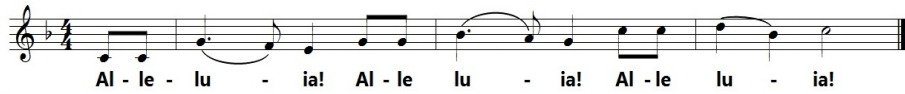
The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose

early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 (with refrain 2)



Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord
or declare all God's praise?

**Blesses are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

Remember me, O Lord,
when you show favour to your people;
help me when you deliver them,

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
**that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.**

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb
and worshipped a cast image.

**They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

They forgot God, their Saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

**Therefore God said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, the chosen one,
stood in the breach before God,
to turn away the wrath that would destroy them.**

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-3

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

****Hymn: Blest are they**

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- 1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.**

Refrain

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

- 2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. *Refrain***
- 3. Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God! *Refrain***

4. **Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. Refrain**

5. **Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,
shine for all to see. Refrain**

Sermon Blessed are the poor in spirit

Prayers of the People

Anthem The Lone, Wild Bird (arr.by Jessica Nelson)

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 God's people 472**

1. **We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

2. **We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

3. **We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us freely give our gifts,
And so shall God's work on earth be done.**

4. **We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
Alone, we die, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

Benediction

Postlude *Blow Up The Trumpet In The New Moon!* (Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. Psalm 81:4) by Gilbert Martin

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.

Summer Joint Services

For the past number of years, St. Giles has cooperated with a few of local area congregations to hold joint services in the month of July and early August. It is a great opportunity to visit these congregations, and to fellowship with other Christians. You could join these services online or in-person. A complete schedule is included on the bulletin insert.

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 for volunteers to help with various activities related to its celebration of 60th years of ministry. For more information, please visit 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.

Mission Donations

The Presbyterian Women are reminded to give their mission donations this month. If you are donating using your envelope, please indicate PW Missions.

Our Events

Monday, June 6 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, June 9 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8

General Assembly

Friday, June 10 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be studying the book of Joshua, chapters 5 & 6, by teleconference.

Sunday, June 12

Holy Communion