

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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: *Help and Save Us, Lord* ~ Hebrew Melody, arr. L.N. Porter

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship God,

All: For God is just and compassionate. God is love.

One: Where do we find God?

**All: God is among the hungry and thirsty,
in the face of a stranger, reaching out to us.**

One: Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

**All: Let us worship God and seek God's
healing, reconciling grace.**

****Hymn: Worship the Lord**

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Refrain:

**Worship the Lord,
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands in devotion to God who is one!**

**1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one. Refrain**

**2. Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily expressing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one. Refrain**

**3. Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one. Refrain**

**5. Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one. Refrain**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creator God, you have made a world of such amazing diversity — with unique living things we cannot number, in an interdependent pattern on which all life depends. We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind — through culture and language, custom and community, expressed in creativity and compassion over and over again. We praise you for such wonder. In Jesus Christ, you show us how much you love your creation and how we can live by your love. By the power of your Spirit, give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made and teach us how to share in the praise your creation offers you day by day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us but we confess we prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others hold our values and shared our customs. We belittle discrimination that hurts others. We don't recognize how our own preferences affect other people and the

earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our familiar assumptions, and open our minds and hearts to the stories of others and the cries of suffering throughout the earth.

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 prophet Micah declared that God requires only three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. To all who truly repent, who turn away from arrogance, and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Scripture

First Reading: 1 King 12:25–33

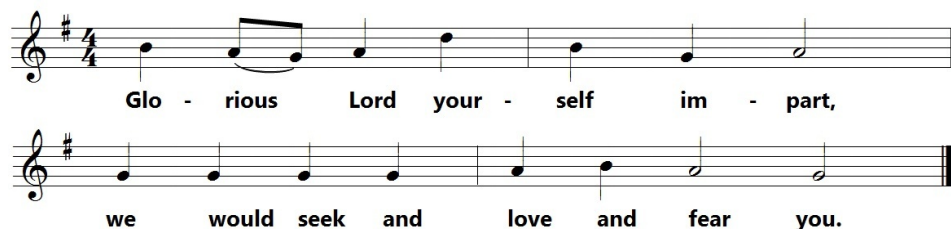
Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. Then Jeroboam said to himself, "Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King

Rehoboam of Judah." So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. And this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one at Bethel and before the other as far as Dan. He also made houses on high places and appointed priests from among all the people who were not Levites. Jeroboam appointed a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the festival that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar; so he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had selected on his own; he appointed a festival for the people of Israel, and he went up to the altar to offer incense.

Second Reading: 1 King 16:23–28

In the thirty-first year of King Asa of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel; he reigned for twelve years, six of them in Tirzah. He bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; he fortified the hill and called the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. Omri did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; he did more evil than all who were before him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam son of Nebat and in the sins that he caused Israel to commit, provoking the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger by their idols. Now the rest of the acts of Omri that he did and the power that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel? Omri slept with his ancestors and was buried in Samaria; his son Ahab succeeded him.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 14 (with refrain 1)



Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

**They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

**They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

**There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.
You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
**When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

Gospel Reading John 4:19–24

The [Samaritan] woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this

mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Praise him, praise him**

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- 1. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him, highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;
in his arms he carries them all day long.**

Refrain

**Praise him, praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!**

- 2. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;
he, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong. *Refrain***
- 3. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
crown him, crown him, Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
power and glory unto the Lord belong. *Refrain***

****Hymn: Jesus, life of all the world**

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1. **Jesus, life of all the world,
source and sum of all creation,
Son of God and Son of Man,
only hope of our salvation,
Living Word for all our need,
life you give is life indeed!**
2. **Life of freedom, gladness, truth,
all our guilt and fear transcending;
life that leads beyond the grave,
God's own life that knows no ending;
life eternal, gift unpriced,
freely ours in Jesus Christ!**
3. **Yours is life that makes us stand
firm for truth, all wrong defying;
yours, strength by which we strive,
on your holy arm relying;
yours, the war we wage on sin,
yours, the power by which we win.**
4. **Jesus, life of all the world,
you are Lord of every nation;
by your Holy Spirit's power
make your Church your incarnation
till our lives of truth and grace
show our world your human face!**

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: God, who stretched the spangled heavens 305**

1. **God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space.
We, your children in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you:
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.**
2. **Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where are the lonely drift unnoticed
in the cities ebb and flow,
lost two purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.**
3. **We have ventured worlds on dreamed of
since the childhood of our race:
known the ecstasy of winging
through untravelled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.**

4. **As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew;
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honouring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavour well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance,
till our goals and yours are one.**

Benediction

Postlude *Litany of the Bells* by Walker Baylor



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, June 20 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, June 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, June 24 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be studying the book of Joshua, chapter 9-10, by teleconference.

Mission Moment

Evangel Hall Mission, a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto, offers welcome, sanctuary and hope to people experiencing homelessness and poverty and struggling with mental health and addictions. A recent initiative of the mission is the Peer Worker Program. Employed by Evangel Hall Mission, peer workers are living role models. They share their own struggles and journeys and act as bridges to help others access Evangel Hall's community resources.



**It is through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing
that peer workers are able to share and inspire hope.**