

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: *The Landlady* by Turlough O'Carolan

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord;

All: See what desolations God has brought on the earth.

One: The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**All: God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.**

One: "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

****Hymn: Be thou my vision**

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**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought in the day and the night
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour and be though my might;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**4. Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance, through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou Art!**

**5. High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heavens Sun;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

O Lord of Hosts, through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit, you comfort and bless all creatures gathered before you. O Ancient of Days, in your realm of glory, the poor are blessed, the hungry filled, the blind see, the captive set free, and every tear is wiped away. Strengthen us by this vision of your kingdom. Grant that we may rejoice in the new life of justice and peace that you promised your people through the compassionate witness of Jesus.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful, fruitful God, you call us to follow you, whatever the circumstance, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same choices, guided by our own desires. We make excuses for avoiding your challenge to change. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse us with your mercy, and energize us to serve you and to trust in you, even when the challenge seems great.

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

Take heart, and do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world. The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another in Christ's name.

Scripture

First Reading: Ezekiel 38:1–16

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Prophesy against him and say: Thus says the Lord God: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; I will turn you around and put hooks into your jaws, and I will lead you out with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company, all of them with shield and buckler, wielding swords. Paras, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with buckler and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remotest parts of the north with all its troops — many peoples are with you.

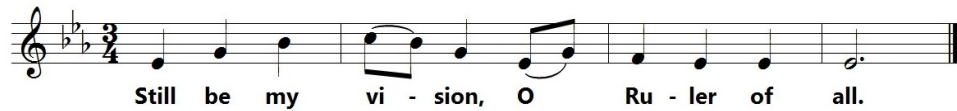
Be ready and keep ready, you and all the companies that are assembled around you, and take command of them. After

many days you shall be mustered; in the latter years you shall go against a land restored from war, a land where people were gathered from many nations on the mountains of Israel, which had long lain waste; its people were brought out from the nations and now are living in safety, all of them. You shall advance, coming on like a storm; you shall be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.

Thus says the Lord God: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, "I will go up against the land of unwalled villages; I will fall upon the quiet people who live in safety, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to assail the waste places that are now inhabited and the people who were gathered from the nations, who are acquiring cattle and goods, who live at the center of the earth." Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its young warriors will say to you, "Have you come to seize spoil? Have you assembled your horde to carry off plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to seize a great amount of spoil?"

Therefore, mortal, prophesy and say to Gog: Thus says the Lord God: On that day when my people Israel are living securely, you will rouse yourself and come from your place out of the remotest parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army; you will come up against my people Israel like a cloud covering the earth. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I display my holiness before their eyes.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2 (with refrain 1)



Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

**“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast their cords from us.”**

The One who sits in the heavens laughs;
and has them in derision.

Then God will speak to them in wrath
and terrify them in fury, saying,

“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of God’s decree;
the Lord said to me,

**“You are my son;
today I have begotten you.**

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the Lord
with fear and trembling**

humble yourself before the Lord
lest God be angry, and you perish in the way;
for God’s wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

Second Reading Revelation 16: 12–16

The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great River Euphrates, and its water was dried up in order to prepare the way for the kings from the east. And I saw three foul spirits like frogs coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet. These are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. (“See, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and is clothed, not going about naked and exposed to shame.”) And the demonic spirits assembled the kings at the place that in Hebrew is called Harmagedon.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Your kingdom come, O God**

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- 1. Your kingdom come, O God!
Your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**
- 2. Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?**
- 3. When comes the promised time,
the end of strife and war,
when lust, oppression, crime
and greed shall be no more?**
- 4. O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!**

**Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.**

- 5. Some scorn your sacred name,
and wolves devour your fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.**
- 6. On nations near and far
thick darkness gathers yet:
arise, O Morning Star;
arise and never set!**

Sermon On the Mountain of Megiddo

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Will your anchor hold** 744

- 1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?**
Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!
- 2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?** *Refrain*
- 3. Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past forevermore?** *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: Lead on eternal Sovereign** 743

- 1. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day;
through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.**
- 2. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear:
that when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.**
- 3. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
till sin's fierce war shall cease
and all your saints together
will sing a hymn of peace;**

**then all in your dominion
will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each other
for all eternity.**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro from Violin Sonata 5* by Georg F. Handel

We thank **Aditi Magdalena** for playing the violin
at our service this morning.

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.

Centretown Emergency Food Centre

The Presbyterian Women are re-activating the practice of making regular donations to the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. There is box in the narthex to hold lots of unperishable foods.

Samples of donations would be: peanut butter, soups, dry beans, cans of beans (various kinds), cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, cans of tuna, salmon, and sardines.

Let's start next Sunday, and continue after the summer break. There is so much need. Thank you so much in advance for your help in this project.

Our Events

Monday, June 27 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, June 30 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, July 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be taking a summer break and reconvening on August 19.

Mission Moment



In Malawi, Winson is the sole guardian of his 11-year-old grandson, Emmanuel. Emmanuel, who is HIV positive, was often sick in the first nine years of his life despite being on antiretroviral drugs to treat his HIV status. One day, Winson attended a workshop on making backyard gardens, where he learned how these gardens can improve nutrition. Inspired, Winson planted his own backyard garden with various vegetables. The garden has not only improved his

family's diet but has also become a source of income. Now, Emmanuel is not getting sick as often as he used to.

This project, providing assistance to vulnerable children and their caregivers, is supported through the church by Presbyterian World Service & Development.