

# 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: *Prelude on Robertson-Wesley* by Mark Sirett

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,

**All: Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

One: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"See, the home of God is among mortals.

**All: The Lord will dwell with us;  
we will be God's peoples,**

One: God will wipe every tear from our eyes.  
Death will be no more;

**All: Mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for God is making all things new.**

**\*\*Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore you**

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**1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

**2. All your works with joy surround you;  
earth and heaven reflect your rays;  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
join to praise you joyfully.**

**3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest.  
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,  
all are yours who live in love.  
Teach us how to love our neighbour;  
lift us to your joy above.**

**4. Morning stars, awake the chorus;  
mortals, join with every part,  
for what joy is set before us  
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victor in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mercy, in creation you gave us all that we need to live and all that we can cherish. You came to us in Jesus Christ to show us the face of your love. You walk into our lives to meet us in the midst of joy and pain. Through the Holy Spirit, you speak words of wisdom to help us find our way. God in our midst, speak to us today in this time of

worship. Speak the words we need to hear so that we know you still walk with us in Jesus Christ. For we honour you, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace, yet too often we create discord and division. We prioritize our own interests first, neglecting those in need. We value our understanding of the world you love, and fail to listen to the stories of others. Forgive us for such self-centeredness. Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, eager to serve, willing to listen, glad to be of service in his 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

The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away and everything has become new! Thanks be to God that by God's mercy, we can all make a new start!

#### Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 48:1–3, 9–14 (*with refrain 2*)

For you are my God; you a - lone are my joy.

De - fend me, O Lord.

Great is the Lord

**and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God.**

God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,

**Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great King.**

**Within its citadels God  
has proven a sure defense.**

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

**Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Your right hand is filled with victory.

**Let Mount Zion be glad;  
let the daughters of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments.**

Walk about Zion; go all around it;  
**count its towers;**

**consider well its ramparts;  
go through its citadels,**

**that you may tell the next generation  
that this is God,**

our God forever and ever.

**He will be our guide forever.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18–24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an

animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *The Holy City* by Stephen Adams

Sermon A Better Word

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Christ be our light**

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

3. **Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.   *Refrain***
4. **Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.   *Refrain***
5. **Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.   *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: Sent forth by God's blessing (*alternate lyrics*)       775**

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended; oh, now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

2. **With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing your children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us.  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Benediction

Postlude   *Choral Song*



## **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.

Our collection is ongoing and continues through the summer. There is so much need. Thank you so much in advance for your help in this project.

## Our Events

**Sunday, August 14 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Services** at St Giles will resume

**Monday, August 15 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will reconvene.

**Friday, August 19 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will reconvene.

**Sunday, August 28 ~ 10:30**

**Holy Communion**

**Thursday, September 8 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** will reconvene.

**Wednesday, September 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Taizé Service**

### Schedule of Services, July 10 through August 7, 2022

July 10	Glebe-St. James United	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
July 17	Glebe-St. James United	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
July 24	Fourth Avenue Baptist	10:45 a.m.	816 Bank St.
July 31	Fourth Avenue Baptist	10:45 a.m.	816 Bank St.
August 7	Southminster United	10:30 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.

## Mission Moment

Millions of people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Larysa, her husband and her daughter escaped Kharkiv after spending four nights in the basement of their home due to bombings in the city. "Everyone wanted to travel out of Kharkiv. There were many people at the train station," shared Larysa. The family found shelter in a refugee centre supported by the ACT Alliance. "We are happy to have a place to sleep and where it is warm. It is safe here. I am glad our children are alive."



### Presbyterian World Service & Development

is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid with an appeal issued by the ACT Alliance to provide emergency food assistance, essential non-food aid, health care and emotional support to refugees and internally displaced people.