

JOINT SERVICE OF
ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN
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August 14, 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: *Christ be with me* by F. Chopin, arr. Carl Deis

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O God, our Shepherd,

All: Gather us together and lead us like a flock.

One: O God, our Gardener,

All: Plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

One: O God, our Merciful Judge,

All: We call upon your name in prayer and praise.

One: We bow before you, O God,

All: And offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

****Hymn: Sing your praise to God eternal**

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**1. Sing your praise to God eternal,
sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit,
living and forever One.**

**God has made us, God has blessed us,
God has called us to be true;
God rules over all creation,
daily making all things new.**

**2. Join the praise of every creature;
sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,
hear the heavenly antiphon.
Praise God for the light of summer,
autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime
and the life of all that grows.**

**3. Praise God on our days of gladness
for the summons to rejoice;
praise God in our times of sadness,
for the calm, consoling voice.
God our Maker, strong and loving,
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, Creator Spirit,
be your holy name adored!**

Prayer of Adoration

God of holy mystery, we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses who have worshiped you in song and service for generations. Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus and wait for your Spirit to guide us. We praise you for your great love and mercy, revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit. Holy One, we offer you all glory and honour in our worship, seeking to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Attentive God, you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we confess we fail to live up to your hopes for us. Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger

and resentment. Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Instead of listening to your words, we follow desires of our own hearts. Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the grace of Christ, our Lord.

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 the good news! Although we have not always been faithful to God, God remains faithful to us. In Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness. Through the gift of the Spirit, God renews us to live faithfully in the name of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

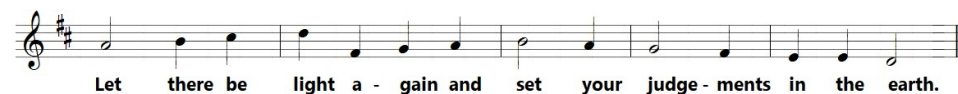
Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own

heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Responsive Reading: Psalm 82 (with refrain 1)



God is seated in the divine council;
and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:
**"How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**
They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like any prince."
**Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!**

Second Reading Luke 12:49–56

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be

baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Come and Journey with a Saviour to tune 262**

Text by Canon Herbert O'Driscoll

**1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.**

Refrain

**Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.**

- 2. Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin. Refrain**
- 3. Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame. Refrain**
- 4. Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. Refrain**
- 5. Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. Refrain**
- 6. Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King. Refrain**

Sermon A Holy Restlessness

Prayer of the People

Anthem Psalm 23 to *Brother James's Air* arranged by Arthur Trew

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: All the way my Saviour leads me 699**

- 1. All the way my Saviour leads me,
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;**
- 2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see;**
- 3. All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way!"**

Benediction

Postlude *Short Fantasy in G* by Walker Baylor

We offer thanks to Lawrence Cumming who is our soloist today.

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.

We've Got Mail

Abiodun and Jadesola Lewis have extended their warmest greetings to the congregation along with the wish that we should enjoy the rest of the summer.

Additional Elders

The session of St. Giles has resolved to add two additional elders to the session, using the 'Ballot of Nominees' method (Book of Forms 132.2.1). The nominating period is now concluded whereby two nominees (Laura Brandon and Chrissie Kalonga) have received session approval as to their suitability for eldership and willingness to serve. A congregational meeting is therefore called for the Sunday of September 11, 2022, after the regular worship service. Should any professing member of St. Giles wish to vote by mail, please request a ballot in advance from a member of session. Mail-in ballot must be received no later than September 8, 2022.

Inspiration Scotland: Paintings by Lorna Tate

From August until November 2022, St. Giles's own Lorna Tate is displaying oil paintings in the Sanctuary inspired by Scotland and her home in Lanark County. Find solace and inspiration in her images of Skye, the Orkneys, and the Isle of Lewis, as well as Clayton Lake. Designed to enhance the congregation's spiritual worship, Inspiration Scotland is the first in a series of small uplifting in-church art exhibitions .

Centretown Emergency Food Centre

The Presbyterian Women has re-activated the practice of making regular donations to the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. There is a 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.

Dear Friends of Campus Ministry

This summer, Campus Ministry together with Student Support Services of Algonquin College have organized English programs for Ukrainian newcomers escaping the war in Ukraine. We have had over 500 registrations and have become a hub of help and support and spiritual care to many Ukrainians.

One of our biggest needs has been a need for housing. We are looking for believers who are willing to host either a Ukrainian family or Ukrainian student for a short term (one month) to a longer period September to end of December, the duration of the fall term. Please contact me at derkacy@algonquincollege.com

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Our Events

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

Coffee Hour will reconvene.

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

Bible Study will reconvene.

Wednesday, August 24 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 28 ~ 10:30

Holy Communion

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

Choir Practice will reconvene.

Sunday, September 11 ~ after service

Congregational Meeting for the **Election of Elders**

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

Taizé Service

Mission Moment



The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise is a growing social enterprise that is doing so much more than making soup — it is changing lives by employing individuals living with disabilities and mental illness. Meagan is one of the many people who have found meaningful employment at the Raw Carrot. Her work has helped her to gain confidence and skills and to feel proud of who she is and what she can contribute. Meagan is a huge Raw Carrot fan, as she put it, "The world should have more Raw Carrots, not just because they have good soup, but because it's a good place to work."

With support from **Presbyterians Sharing**,
the Raw Carrot is transforming lives.