

JOINT SERVICE OF  
ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN  
SOUTHMINSTER UNITED  
GLEBE-ST. JAMES UNITED  
FOURTH AVENUE BAPTIST



*Moses Receiving the Law; Jesus Healing a Woman  
(Sarcophagus at Vatican City, Direzione generale dev musei)*

August 21, 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: *Abendlied* by Josef Rheinberger

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: With all our hearts, let us praise the Lord.

**All: With all that we are, we will praise God's holy name!**

One: With all our hearts, let us bless the Lord.

**All: We will never forget how kind God has been.**

One: The Lord forgives our sins, heals our weakness, and gives us life everlasting.

**All: Let us worship God who is merciful and patient, God's love never fails.**

**\*\*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

O God, our strength and refuge, we come together to worship you and praise your lovingkindness. In your presence, may we rest from what distracts us, to focus on your truth and goodness. You call us to live in relationship with you. Through the love of Jesus Christ, you repair our lives. Through the power of your Spirit, you engage us to serve you in the world. Receive our prayers and our praise this day, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, revive our hope and our energy, and make us ready to answer your call.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, our judge and our hope, we confess we often turn away from your truth, and ignore your call to do justice. Forgive us when we say one thing in worship but do another in the ways we live. Forgive us when we ignore how others are treated and think only of ourselves. Let your judgment awaken us and your mercy refresh us.**

## 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 Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news of the Gospel. In Christ, God has offered us mercy and love. Receive God's forgiveness this day and share it with each other for Christ's sake.

## Scripture

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b–14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honourable;  
if you honour it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 103: 1-8 (with refrain 2)



Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
 who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works vindication  
 and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,  
 his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading Luke 13:10–17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Those who wait on the Lord**

**1. Those who wait on the Lord**

*Refrain*

**shall renew their strength;  
 they shall rise upon wings as eagles;  
 they shall run and not be weary;  
 they shall walk and not faint:  
 help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.**

**2. Those who serve the suffering world** *Refrain*

**3. Those who live the risen life** *Refrain*

**4. Those who love the Mystery** *Refrain*

**5. Those who die on the march** *Refrain*

**6. Those who wait on the Lord** *Refrain*

Sermon A Delightful and Honourable Sabbath

Prayer of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Take my life and let it be consecrated** (*tune 680*) **637**

**1. Take my life and let it be consecrated,  
 Lord, to thee;  
 take my moments and my days:  
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move  
 at the impulse of thy love;  
 take my feet and let them be  
 swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing always,  
 only for my King;  
 take my lips and let them be  
 filled with messages from thee.**

4. **Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**
5. **Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**
6. **Take my love; my Lord,  
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever,  
only, all for thee.**

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 gives to life its goodness (tune 470) 334**

1. **God who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
God who gives to us our freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
teach us now to laugh and praise you  
deep within, or shouted loud,  
till the whole creation dances  
for your goodness, holy God.**

2. **God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God binds each friend to friend,  
God who names us co-creators,  
God who wills that chaos end:  
grant us now creative spirits,  
minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending,  
all our acts by Love refined.**

Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in E from the Violin Partita #3* by J. S. Bach

*We thank Jennifer Wang for playing the violin this morning.  
Jennifer is attending The Summer String Academy  
at the University of Ottawa.*

## **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.

## **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 of Algonquin College have organized English programs for Ukrainian newcomers escaping the war in Ukraine. We have had over 500 registrations 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.

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## **Our Events**

**Monday, August 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour**

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

**Session Meeting**

**Friday, August 26 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study**

**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**



When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed. Among the many issues that have surfaced since the Taliban takeover are rapidly spreading hunger and restrictions to education.

International sanctions on the Taliban make it challenging to provide assistance in Afghanistan. When possible, **Presbyterian World Service & Development** (PWS&D) provides emergency food assistance with the support of other members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. PWS&D's partner in Afghanistan has also established 12 education centres to safely support students while restrictions on education are in place.