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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.

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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: *To The Rising Sun* by Trygve Torjussen

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

All: Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!

One: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

All: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

One: Let us worship the Lord our God,

All: For God has done great things for us and so we bring God praise.

****Hymn: Morning has broken**

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- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.**
- 2. Sweet the rain's newfall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!**

Prayer of Adoration

God of all generations, you are the Source of all life and the strength of our lives. You know us through and through. In Jesus Christ, you entered our lives and showed us how to live with hope and generosity. Through the Holy Spirit, you nourish us each day to inspire acts of hospitality and kindness to those we meet. As we worship you, fill us with your living water to refresh our faith and make us a blessing to others as we serve you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Welcoming God, we confess we too often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus. You have welcomed us like guests to a banquet, yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church. You have shown us what matters most in life, but we are distracted by worries, busy with things that really do not matter. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to honour you and those we meet in all we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Dear friends, while it is true that we have sinned and fallen short of God's hope for us, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's amazing love. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

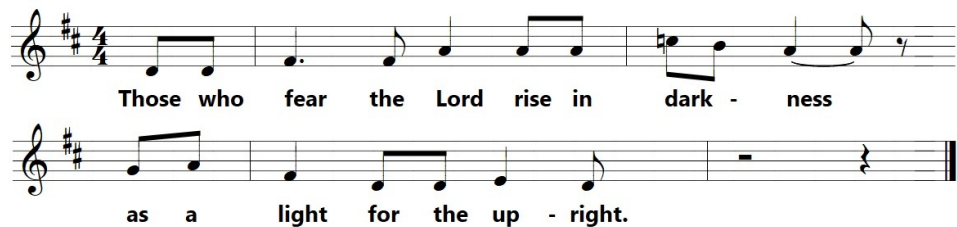
Scripture

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:27–34

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then

eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112 (with refrain 2)



Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

**They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

**Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honour.

**The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Second Reading: Luke 14:7–14

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,

'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him,

"When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me** 648

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord anytime! x2

Sermon Table Manner

****Hymn: All who hunger gather gladly** 534

1. **All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.**

Refrain **Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is Good**

2. **All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.** *Refrain*

3. **All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.** *Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

Holy Communion

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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

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we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, most holy God,

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as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,

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all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
for ever and ever.

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**

****Hymn: You satisfy the hungry heart verses 1,2,5 538**

Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, oh saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

- 1. As when the shepherds calls the sheep,
they know and heed that voice,
so when you call your family,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain***
- 2. With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy friends
to share this heavenly food. *Refrain***

- 5. In gracious love you give yourself;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain***

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

****Hymn: Onward to the Kingdom (tune, Mairi's Wedding)**

Refrain

**Sing we now, and on we go;
God above, and God below;
Arm in arm, in love we go
onward to the kingdom.**

- 1. Star above to show the way,
through the night and into day,
with the light we won't delay
onward to the kingdom. *Refrain***
- 2. Come now sisters, brothers all.
Time to heed the Lord's call,
we will travel standing tall
onward to the kingdom. *Refrain***
- 3. In the promised land we'll be,
one with God, where all are free,
the deaf will hear, the blind will see
when we reach the kingdom. *Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Air* by Bert Van Der Hoek

Our Events

Monday, August 29 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Friday, September 2 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Joshua chapters 15, 16 and 17

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

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. Please contact me at derkacy@algonquincollege.com
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