

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 11, 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: *Morning Reverie* by Carl Simone

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O God, you have searched us and known us.

All: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

One: You discern our thoughts from far away.

All: Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, you know it completely.

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us,
and so we humble ourselves in worship.

All: In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God, and lead us in the way everlasting.

****Hymn: Lord, The Light Of Your Love Is Shining** 376

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you know bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. Refrain**

**3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever-changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. Refrain**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Storytelling God, we gather in your presence this day, called by the stories of your people over the centuries. You are the source of wisdom we seek. Your mercy eases the troubles that stir our hearts. And we come to praise you, for your stories have the power to challenge us and change us. Draw near to us as we draw near to you this day. Tell us the stories that will change our lives, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We gather in Jesus' name to hear the stories he told, to gain wisdom and to know your Spirit's guidance. Yet we confess that pride prevents us from hearing the good news and that we resist the power of your Word to

change us. Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are and set us free to be who you have called us to be.

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 asked, "Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ — and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us". Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's most generous grace.

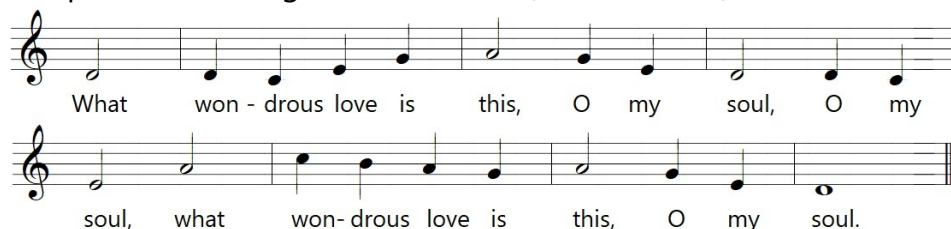
Scripture

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12–17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost,

Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1–10 (with refrain 1)



Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
**according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
**so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Second Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love**

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1. **Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**
2. **Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame:
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**
3. **Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**
4. **Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Sermon The One Lost

Prayers of the People

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I am in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *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

- 1. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.**

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!**

- 2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day. *Refrain***

- 3. Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
keep me loving till the break of day. *Refrain***

- 4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day. *Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude In C* by George Blake

Sunday School

The Children's Sunday School is resumes today. We are still looking for more teachers and helpers. If you would like to contribute, please contact Daisy at daisy43@hotmail.com

Additional Elders

Please stay for the congregational meeting for the election of Elders after the regular worship service.

Walk for the Centre

Supporting Centretown Emergency Food Centre

Sunday, October 2, 1:30 to 4:00 pm

www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon

After two years of virtual walkathons, the walk will be an in-person event with walkers meeting at City Hall and walking together with a choice of a short walk of 2 km or a longer walk of 4 km.

With rising food prices and rents, low income people are most affected. Recently the Food Centre has seen increasing numbers of people coming for help. This year, the Walkathon is more important than ever in addressing food insecurity in Central Ottawa.

If you have questions or would like to join a team of St Giles walkers, please contact Stan or Jean Currie, 613-233-0538. As usual, you can donate either by giving your donation to Jean Currie or you can donate online in support of the St Giles team.

The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality

(<https://www.osts.ca>) has published their fall and winter term schedule, with a number of courses relevant to the current study of the Bible Study Group at St. Giles. 'Free Registration' is possible, please contact Rev. Paul Wu.

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.

Our Events

Sunday, September 11 ~ after service

Congregational Meeting for the Election of Elders

Monday, September 12 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, September 14 ~ 10:30 a.m.

The St Giles Presbyterian Women will meet by teleconference. All women who attend St Giles are welcome.

Thursday, September 15 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice will resume.

Friday, September 16 ~ 10:00 a.m.

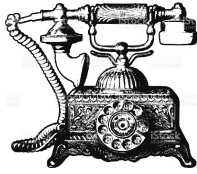
Bible Study by teleconference. Please read Joshua, chapters 17–19.

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

Taizé Service

Sunday, October 2 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk for the Centre in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon



Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study:

1. Before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. Enter the passcode number which is 7455703#.
3. Make sure to press the # after the number.
4. You will be asked to say your name. Say it. Then press #.
5. You will then be connected.
6. You may find it preferable to put your phone on speaker.

Mission Moment

Inspired by the early apostles, the Rev. Mike Veenema launched REACH, a ministry that takes place in the streets, screens, homes and public institutions of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. REACH focuses on gathering people to worship and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Central to this ministry is Mike's willingness to go out and draw people together in worship where they are. As the Rev. Mike himself described, "Whether they are in custody, in long-term care, struggling on the streets, or in their homes, I go to where they are." Mike receives coaching and training support through Cyclical PCC, a church-planting initiative that is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

