

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



Bull and bear statues outside Frankfurt's stock exchange in Frankfurt, Germany.

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: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* by George F. Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Praise the name of the LORD.

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD!

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
praise the name of the LORD.

All: We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.

One: The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens,
but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.

**All: So we will sing God's praise.
Let us worship God.**

****Hymn: Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him 323 tune 483**

**1. Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance hath he made.**

**2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation
laud and magnify his name.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God our Creator, you sustain your creation as the source of life for every precious being. You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, and so we offer you our love and loyalty. For without you, as the ground of our being, we would not be. Receive our worship this day, O God. Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour. Amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus Christ, and your power at work in us and among us through the Holy Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you have enriched us with life worth living, but we confess we often squander your good gifts. We have wasted our time and energy, but held tightly to earthly things we think we need. Forgive our foolish priorities and those times we overlooked the needs of others. Inspire us to live more generously, trusting your goodness to sustain us always.

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

Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have squandered God's good gifts, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Trust the mercy of God, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Amos 8:4–7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 113:1–9 (with refrain 1)

From the ri - sing up of the sun may the
Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

**Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.

**Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

**He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: Luke 16:1–13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him

and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Lord, in this broken world**

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- 1. Lord, in this broken world where you have placed us, open our ears to the voices that call, crying for help, for direction, for comfort, ease for the pain and relief over all.**
- 2. Open our eyes, O Lord, that you can show us how to bring healing and help for their pain. Give us the wisdom and strength you have promised; speak through your servants, we pray, once again.**
- 3. Open our hearts, O Lord, show your love through us, telling of you who alone can restore; lifting and healing the broken in spirit, offering your peace and a joy evermore.**

Sermon Faithfully Dishonest

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Lord, whose love**

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- 1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**
- 2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;**

**still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**

- 3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.**
- 4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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**

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- 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 *Choral Song* by Samuel Wesley

Elder Election

The congregational meeting to elect elders was held after service on September 11. Both Chrissie Kalonga and Laura Brandon were elected. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and ask your prayers to uphold them in their new ministry.

Sunday School

We are still looking for more teachers and helpers. If you would like to contribute, please contact Daisy at daisy43@hotmail.com

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.

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.

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.

Our Events

Monday, September 19 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, September 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice will resume.

Friday, September 23 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study by teleconference. Please read Joshua, chapter 22.

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

