

# 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

### 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.



Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap,  
by Hans Leonhard Schäufelein, 1517

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### 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: *Andante* by Georg Telemann

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

**All: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.**

One: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

**All: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.**

One: Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together!**

**\*\*Hymn: When morning gilds the skies**

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**1. When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awakening cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2. To God, the Word, on high,  
the host of angels cry:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
their voice in hymns of praise;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3. Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth and sea and sky,  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4. Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages on:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creating God, beauty and intricacy mark your creation; praise and worship mark our response. As the seasons change, we see you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. We praise you for all you do to repair injustice, to bring peace to places of war, working for goodness to prevail in all nations. Renew our energy for mission this autumn and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in the name of Jesus. Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants of your kingdom, bringing justice and joy into the world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God, we confess we often turn away  
from those in need, so that we do not have to see pain,  
suffering or injustice, right before our eyes. We don't like  
to feel uncomfortable, or pressed into service; the daily**

**sufferings of our neighbours inconvenient us. Forgive us, and give us courage to love others as you love.**

#### 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 prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. To all who repent, who act for justice and seek to serve God and neighbour in kindness, God offers forgiveness and peace. Thanks be to God.

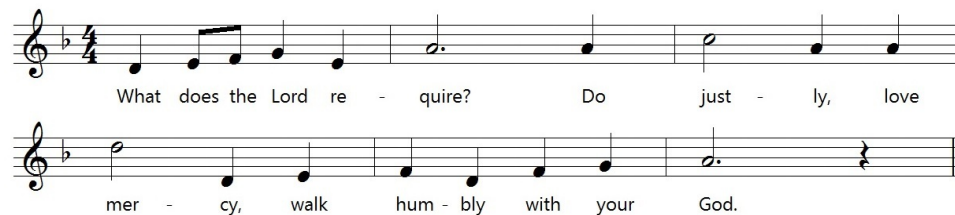
#### Scripture

##### First Reading: Amos 6:1–7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!  
Cross over to Calneh and see;  
from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is your territory greater than their territory,  
you who put far away the evil day  
and bring near a reign of violence?

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

#### Responsive Reading: Psalm 146 (with refrain 2)



Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers;

and upholds the orphan and the widow,

**but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: Luke 16:19–31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Jesus Christ is Waiting**

**Voices United 117**

1. **Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you**
2. **Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom’s causes let me rage with you.**
3. **Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**
4. **Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.  
On suspicion’s graveyard let me dance with you.**
5. **Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Take time to be holy** 638

1. Take time to be holy; speak oft with thy Lord.  
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy; the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy; let him by thy guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
4. Take time to be holy; be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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: Where cross the crowded ways of life**

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- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the sweet compassion of your face.
5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
oh tread the city's streets again;
6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above,  
shall come the city of our God.

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* by Antonio Vivaldi



## Edict of Ordination / Admission of Elders

Whereas Chrissie Kalonga and Laura Brandon, members of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, have been duly elected to the eldership by this congregation, and have been approved by the session, notice is hereby given that the session will proceed to ordain Chrissie Kalonga, and to admit Laura Brandon and Chrissie Kalonga, to that office on the 9th day of October in the year 2022, at 10:30 a.m., unless some valid objection has been given unto the moderator within ten days from this date.

### Coffee Hour

We are looking for more volunteers to serve at the coffee hour after Sunday worship. For more details, please contact Kaye Tate at 613-521-5625.

### Walk for the Centre

Supporting Centretown Emergency Food Centre

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

[www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon](http://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.

## Our Events

**Monday, September 26 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

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

**Taizé Service**

**Thursday, September 29 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** will resume.

**Friday, September 30 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. Read Joshua, chapters 23–24

**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](http://www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon)

### Mission Moment

Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the Presbyterian Connection newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. And so much more.

***Together, with Presbyterians across Canada,  
we are making mission and ministry happen!***