

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



'Angel of Grief' by William Wetmore Story, 1819-1895,  
from Art in the Christian Tradition.

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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.

#### **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: *Prélude sur 'Picardy* by A. H. Ackley (arr. R. J. Hughes)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We come as guests invited to a table;

**All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbours.**

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour, invites us to gather:

**All: We gather with his friends around the world.**

One: Come and worship God in truth and in Spirit

**All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**\*\*Hymn: O God beyond all praising**

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**1. O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay,  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word;  
we honour and adore you  
our great and mighty Lord.**

**2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour;  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king.  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious and generous God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healthy and sick, hopeful and hopeless. You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup. We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and pure hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world:**

< A moment of silence >

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.

## Scripture

First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become subject to forced labour.

She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers,  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;  
they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations;  
she finds no resting place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate;  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters;  
her enemies prosper  
because the Lord has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

Responsive Reading: 137 (with refrain 1)

By the wa - ters the wa - ters of Ba - by - lon,  
we sat down and wept and wept for Zi - on,  
we re-mem-ber, we re-mem-ber, we re-mem-ber Zi - on.

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down, and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

**On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors**

**asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”**

How could we sing the Lord’s song  
in a foreign land?

**If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!  
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.**

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem’s fall,  
how they said,

**“Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!”**

O daughter Babylon, you devastator!

**Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!**

Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

Second Reading: Matthew 26:47–56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then

Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: By the Babylonian Rivers**

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- 1. By the Babylonian rivers  
we sat down in grief and wept,  
hung our harps upon a willow,  
mourned for Zion while we slept.**
- 2. There our captors in derision  
did require of us a song;  
so we sat with staring vision,  
and the days were hard and long.**
- 3. How shall we sing songs of Zion  
in a strand and bitter land?  
Can our voices veil the sorrow?  
O God, hear your lonely band.**

Sermon By the River of Babylon

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: In suffering love**

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1. **In suffering love the thread of life  
is woven through our care,  
for God is with us:  
not alone our pain and toil we bear.**
2. **There is a rock, a place secure  
within the storm's cold blast;  
concealed within the suffering night  
God's covenant stands fast.**
3. **In love's deep womb our fears are held;  
there God's rich tears are sown  
and bring to birth, in hope newborn,  
the strength to journey on.**
4. **Lord, to our hearts your joy commit,  
into our hands your pain,  
so send us out to touch the world  
with blessings in your name.**
5. **In suffering love our God comes now,  
hope's vision born in gloom;  
with tears and laughter shared and blest  
the desert yet will bloom.**

Holy Communion

Offering (invitation)

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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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.**

**1. Christians, let us love one another,  
As we share the true living bread.  
Jesus is our God and our brother;  
With his flesh and blood we are fed.**

*Refrain*

**Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**2. We who break this bread are one body,  
We who share this cup are all one.  
Children of our Father in heaven,  
We are heirs with God's only Son.      *Refrain***

**3. We who eat and drink at this table  
Die and rise again with our Lord.  
Drawing from our rock living water  
Giv'n to all who thirst for accord.      *Refrain***

**5. Wheat and grape incarnate a mys'try:  
Jesus is the true living bread.  
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,  
Trusting in the word he has said.      *Refrain***

**6. Jesus is the vine, we the branches;  
We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.  
Those who eat this bread live forever,  
One with Christ, our Lord and our head.      *Refrain***

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

**Lead me, Jesus; I will follow,  
down the dusty pathways, all along the sea.  
Teach me, Jesus, to be loving:  
your disciple I will be.**

*Descant*

**Open my eyes that I may see;  
I will serve you: your disciple I will be.**

Benediction

Postlude *Air for Trumpet* by Georg Telemann



### **Church Administrator / Bookkeeper**

We are happy to announce that we have hired Policena Wanja as our new Church Administrator/Bookkeeper. Poly will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting this week, on October 5. Once Poly is trained, Pat will transition to retirement.

### **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.

## Our Events

**Monday, October 3 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday October 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the **Presbyterian Women** will be held by Teleconference.

**Thursday, October 6 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, October 7 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. Review of the Book of Joshua.

## Community Events

**Friday, October 21 ~ 7:00 to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 22 ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Make A Joyful Noise:** The Presbytery of Ottawa in collaboration with the Ottawa Christian Music Festival is organizing a youth worship and praise event, and corresponding workshops the following day. All youth and those who are young at heart are invited to attend. For details, please contact the Rev. Paul Wu.

## Mission Moment

After Mikabens's first birthday in Haiti, his health began to deteriorate rapidly, showing signs of severe malnutrition. His parents brought him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition and consequently admitted for therapeutic nutrition treatment. Mikabens has since gained close to two kilograms and will shortly be able to return home.



**Presbyterian World Service & Development's** partnership with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank is helping many young children in Haiti overcome critical malnutrition.