

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.

St Giles Presbyterian Church

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October 9, 2022 ~ Thanksgiving

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: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* by Robert Hughes

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: **We will worship the LORD with gladness
and come into God's presence with song.**

One: Know that it is the LORD God who made us,
and we are God's people.

All: We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

One: Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy
name.

****Hymn: For the beauty of the earth** (vs 1, 2, 4, 5) **434**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies**

Refrain

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,** *Refrain*

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,** *Refrain*

**5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,** *Refrain*

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs. As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and thanksgiving in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Living and loving God, we acknowledge we enjoy life with an abundance that many others cannot imagine. Yet we confess, we do not always recognize the blessings we receive; we do not know how to give thanks. We worry about our futures, and ignore the present needs of those around us. Forgive us our fears and narrow vision and our failure to care for creation as you intended.

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 mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. At this time of Thanksgiving, let us give special thanks for God's most generous love.

Scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he

became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 (with refrain 1)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Who has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

The Lord is gracious and merciful.
Who provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
**he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
**all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: Luke 17:11–19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *From All That Dwell Below The Skies*
by Richard Shephard

Sermon A Thanksgiving Faith

****Hymn: Will you come and follow me** (vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

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- 1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**
- 2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**
- 3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

5. **Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

Service of Ordination and Induction

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,
but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities,
**but it is the same God who activates all of them in
everyone.**

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit
to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.

Though we have different gifts,
together we are called to be the church
with a ministry in the world
which is led by the risen Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Narration of Steps

PREAMBLE

The Vows

Chrissie Kalonga and Laura Brandon that your faith in God
and your integrity of purpose may be declared before Him
and all people, you are required in terms of this preamble to
answer the questions appointed for all who would enter the
office of the Ruling Elder.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in His
Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit
witness in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments?
2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church,
and do you promise to be guided thereby in fostering
Christian belief, worship and service among the people?
3. Do you accept the government of this Church by session,
presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies, and do you
promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful
oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to

seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?

4. In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up His Church and to strengthen her mission in the world?

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

The congregation shall stand and the minister shall say:

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and all of you, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?
2. Do you receive Chrissie Kalonga and Laura Brandon as elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?
3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises. Amen.

Ordination Prayer

The congregation shall say the following prayer, in unison:

God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the

message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

Declaration

The Right Hand of Fellowship

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: For the fruits of all creation 802**

**1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Benediction

Postlude *March in B Flat* by Edmondstone Duncan



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 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, October 13 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, October 14

Bible Study takes a break so people can attend Synod Conference.

Wednesday, October 19 ~ 7 p.m.

Session Meeting in the Banquet Hall

Community Events

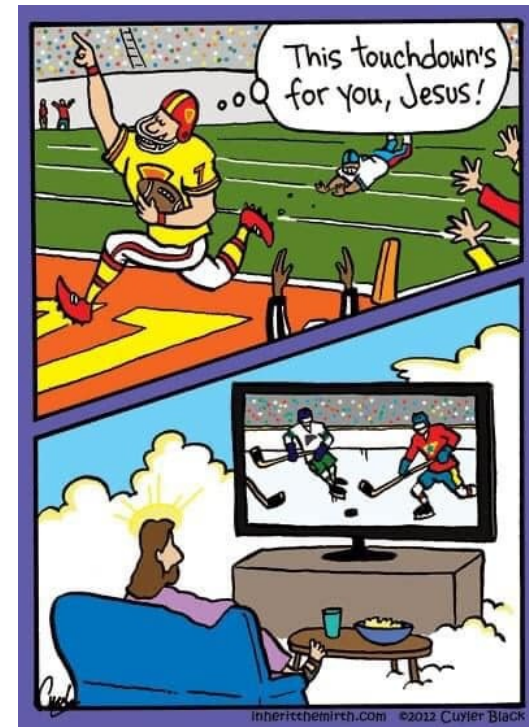
Friday, October 14 ~ 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 ~ 10 a.m. to 12 noon

The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario is meeting for Synod 2022. The **guest speaker** will be the Rev. Peter Bush. He will be giving two addresses. The address, on Friday, is titled *Being Faithful Among the Ruins*. Saturday's address is titled *Getting Rid of the Idols*. To register and to receive the zoom link, please contact the synod clerk: donnamicilveen79@gmail.com

Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22

Make a Joyful Noise — An Ottawa Youth Event supporting Restoring Hope Ministries featuring Mike Germain and his band at Gloucester Presbyterian Church, 91 Pike Street, Ottawa. For more information, please see the flyer on the back table or speak to the Rev. Paul Wu.



Mission Moment

While God's message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being "a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour." This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community.



Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.