

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.

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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: *Sanctuary Echoes* by Walker Baylor

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God promises us justice,

All: and teaches us persistence.

One: God promises us compassion,

All: and teaches us not to lose heart.

One: God promises to be with us

All: and teaches us to tend to each other.

One: So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge,

**All: We will offer prayers and praise
to our God of hope and healing.**

****Hymn: Stand up and bless the Lord** (*verses 1,3,4,5*)

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**1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.**

**3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.**

**4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.**

**5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, you breathe life into all things and nourish your whole creation. You are a rock and refuge for your people, for you are trustworthy in all things. Your plan for peace with justice endures. You alone can bring life out of death, and restore wholeness to broken lives, so we praise you and rejoice in you. For your love is at work in every situation, seeking goodness and revealing truth, a love that will never let us go. In our time of worship, we offer you our love and loyalty through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our hopes and our hearts, you provide the gift of faith but we lose heart quickly. Troubles weaken our trust and disappointments eat away at our commitment. Injustices around us shake our faith in you, in your kingdom that is here and yet to come. Forgive us, bless us with a new heart and a new Spirit, and in your love, give us peace and perseverance.

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 declares: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. That indeed is good news.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27–34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their

ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:97-104 (with refrain 1)



Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

**I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.**

**I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness 324**

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness;
great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

Sermon Prayer or Justice

Prayer of the People

****Hymn: Lord, speak to me**

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- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**
- 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**
- 3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**
- 4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your word to tell, your praise to show.**

5. **Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

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: One more step along the world I go 641**

1. **One more step along the world I go.
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.**
Refrain
**And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me travelling along with you.**
2. **Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. Refrain**
3. **As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know. Refrain**

4. **Give me courage when the world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me travelling along with you. Refrain**

5. **You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you. Refrain**

Benediction

Postlude *Paraphrase on 'Old Hundredth'* by Robert Hughes



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.

Bible Study

Starting next Friday (October 21), the Bible study group will begin a new unit on the book of Ezekiel. Organized around three major visions of God, the book tells the story of God's final attempt as the only legitimate king to reclaim the loyalty of his subjects, the rebellious and stubborn house of Israel. Our study will focus on the biblical text while reflecting on contemporary implications for the wider church.

Our Events

Monday, October 17 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, October 19 ~ 7 p.m.

Session Meeting in the Banquet Hall

Thursday, October 20 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, October 21

Bible Study, please read Ezekiel chapter 1.

Sunday, November 6 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders.

Community Events

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

In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt.



As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.