

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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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.

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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: *Melodie* by Harry Hill

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: The Lord made us, and we belong to God;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

****Hymn Come let us sing of a wonderful love**

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**1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

- 2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame:
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**
- 3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**
- 4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creating God, the mountains you raised reflect your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees coloured with autumn glory. They all sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the Webb telescope give a glimpse of your infinity, yet in Christ you have walked the humble earth. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone give us hope. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, we praise you, and join our voices to those of every precious being to wonder at your mystery and majesty.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim smallness when you set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet, every sin offends your holiness. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

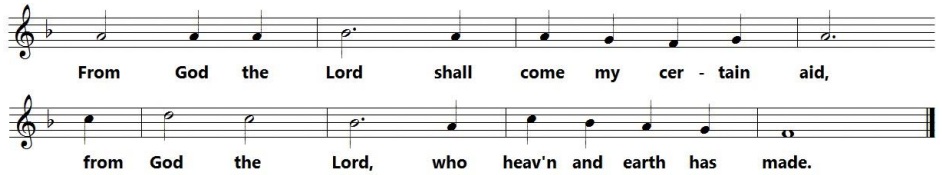
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, God is gracious. Christ has promised that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Having confessed our sin, let us trust the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Responsive Reading: 121 (KJV, with refrain 1)



I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

**My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

**Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

**The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.

**The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
From this time forth, and even for evermore.**

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

****Hymn My hope is built on nothing less** (*tune 325*)

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- 1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**In Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

2. **When darkness hides his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***
3. **His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***
4. **When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Sermon The Hope on the Hill (by Mick Germain)

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: We are God's people**

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1. **We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and Strong and him we stand;
oh let us live transparently
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

2. **We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once given some:
oh let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.**

3. **We are the body of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God's work on earth be done.**

4. **We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire;
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

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: O Jesus, I have promised (tune 478) 569**

1. **Oh Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,**

**my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the struggle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

- 2. Oh let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within,
but, Jesus, draw their nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3. Oh let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
oh speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
oh speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**
- 4. Oh Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where are thou art in glory
their shall thy servant be,
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
oh give me grace to follow
my Saviour and my friend.**

Benediction

Postlude *Litany of the Bells* by Walker Baylor

Welcome

Today's guest preacher is Mick Germain. He is a long time counsellor at Camp d'action Biblique. He is currently studying theology at ITF (Institut de Théologie pour la Francophonie), which is a partner seminary of the Presbyterian College. Mick is also a key co-worker at Christian Services, a church plant in the South Shore of Montreal. Mick and his band were invited by the Youth Working Group of the Presbytery of Ottawa to lead praise and worship at the 'Make a Joyful Noise' event this weekend.

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

The Bible study group begun 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.

Baptism / Confirmation / Reception of New Members

There is something special about being baptized into the Christian faith during the season of Advent and Christmas. If you wish to know more about the services of baptism and confirmation or how to become a member of St. Giles, please contract Rev. Paul Wu. At 613-276-2551, or paulwu55@yahoo.ca

Our Events

Monday, October 24 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, October 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, October 28

Bible Study, please read Ezekiel chapters 2 and 3.

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

Remembrance Sunday with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders.



Pauline Brown

Paul had a phone conversation with Pauline Brown this week. She asked that her greetings be brought to the congregation and she hopes that she will be able to visit Ottawa in early 2023.

Mission Moment

The importance of elders who serve in congregational leadership is often understated. But the Bible describes elders as playing a very important role — they are leaders that Christ has appointed to oversee the church. Elders are at the heart of Cariboo Presbyterian House Church Mission in British Columbia, continually providing prayer, comfort and support to the congregation and community. The authentic and humble ways in which the elders live out their faith is a compelling testimony and example for other members. Their wisdom teaches them about God's deep love and purpose for their lives.



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