

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



The Peacable Kingdom, by Edward Hicks, ca. 1830-32, inspired by Isaiah 11:6:  
"The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the  
calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them."

November 13, 2022

# 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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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: *Ariel* by Catherine Doige

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

**All: We will lift up joyous song and sing our praises.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it rejoice.

**All: Let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord,**

One: For God will come to judge the world  
with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**All: Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord!  
Let us worship God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Thou whose almighty Word**

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- 1. Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**
- 2. Saviour, who came to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,**

**health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind,  
let there be light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight,  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!**

**4. Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
let there be light!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of creation and compassion, you hear the cries of your people. You know our fear and despair. In your great love, you assure us that you walk with us in Christ Jesus. In this time of worship, we long to see your new heaven and new earth break through, making your justice known and life fruitful for all your children. We praise you for the hope you offer us in Christ Jesus. We trust that you are at work in your church and in creation so all that is broken will be made new. Through our prayers and our praise, strengthen our trust in your promised future, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of promise and purpose, you set before us a vision of your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to the past. We hold on to grudges and resentment. We grumble about change even when we see the need for it. We resist making room for those who have faced discrimination in our community. Forgive these old ways of thinking and acting. Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and 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.**

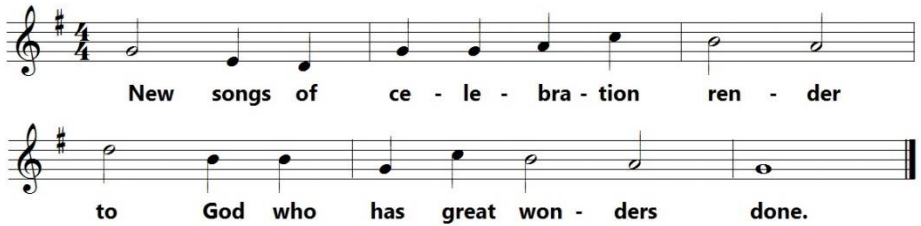
## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with justice, equity and mercy. All things have been made new in Christ and our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start.

## First Reading Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Psalm 98 (with refrain 1)



O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**God's right hand and holy arm  
have won the victory.**

The Lord has made known the victory;

**and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**make a joyful noise before the sovereign Lord.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it,

the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;**

**let the hills sing together for joy**

at the presence of the Lord,

who is coming to judge the earth.

**All: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading     Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years  
will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred  
will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Isaiah the prophet has written of old 782**

- 1. Isaiah the prophet has written of old  
how God's earthly kingdom shall come;  
instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow;  
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.  
The mountains and hills shall break forth into song,  
the peoples be led forth in peace,  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of God  
as the waters cover the seas.**
- 2. Yet nations prey on the meek of the world,  
and conflict turns parent from child.  
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth;  
the briar and the thorn grow wild.  
Lord, hasten to bring in your kingdom on earth,  
when no one shall hurt or destroy,  
when wisdom and justice shall reign in the land,  
and your people shall go forth in joy.**

Sermon: Are We There Yet?

Prayers of the People

**Hymn: We've a story to tell to the nations 765**

- 1. We've a story to tell to the nations  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light,**



*Refrain*

**for the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.**

**2. We've a song to be sung to the nations  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword, *Refrain***

**3. We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love, *Refrain***

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering (Invitation)

**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: Called as partners in Christ's service 587**

**1. Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment,  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.**

**May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfil God's chosen end.**

**2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together,  
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**4. So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.**

Benediction

Postlude: *A Tune for a Trumpet* by Gilbert Martin

## 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.

## 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 contact Rev. Paul Wu. At 613-276-2551, or [paulwu55@yahoo.ca](mailto:paulwu55@yahoo.ca)

For your information, the Financial Statements for the first three quarters of 2022 are available on St Giles's website.

## Our Events

**Monday, November 14 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

Wednesday November 16 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting (rescheduled from last Tuesday)

**Thursday, November 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, November 18**

**Bible Study**, please read Ezekiel chapters 16 and 23.

**Saturday, December 3 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Presbyterian Women are organizing a **Food Bazaar**. All things sold will be food or items pertaining to food. There will be a bake table, deli, coffee and muffin corner, food gifts, and a table of donated baking utensils and cookbooks. We will be needing many

**helpers** to work the tables and provide security, set-up and clean-up. Most of all we would love your baking, cooking, preserves, and baking utensils you could provide...also decorating and some signs. For other information please ask any of the women. Let's make a wonderful bazaar with help from the whole church family. Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

## Community Events

**Wednesday, November 30 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Strengthening Justice Systems: Refugee Protection for Central American Survivors of Gender- Based Violence** — Hosted by Citizens for Public Justice at Carleton University with speakers Loly Rico and Juan Miguel Rivera. Register at [www.cpj.ca/SJS](http://www.cpj.ca/SJS)

## Mission Moment



Village Safe Motherhood Committees are a vital part of Presbyterian World Service & Development's maternal, newborn and child health programming in Malawi. The people who run the committees work tirelessly to ensure that pregnant women and their partners are informed about the community services available to them before, during and after the birth of

their child—and why these services are so important. Committee staff advise women to attend check-ups and deliver at a health-care facility, as well as encourage partner participation. They also educate parents about the importance of vaccination and proper nutrition. This is life-saving work for many pregnant women and infants in Malawi.