

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Cranach, Lucas, 1472-1553. **Christ on the Cross Between the Two Thieves**,
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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: *Intermezzo* by J. Brahms

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

One: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

All: God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

One: Come let us worship God
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Blessing and honour, glory and power
be to our God now and always.**

****Crown him with many crowns**

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**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

- 2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**
- 3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**
- 4. Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations "Holy" cry
in joyful hymns of praise.**
- 5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mercy, we give you thanks and praise for your commitment to your creation. In Christ, you have turned the world upside down, revealing your strength through weakness, and your power through compassion. In the cross of Christ you taught us that no hopeless situation or frightening possibility is beyond your reach. We praise you for your love at work around us and within us, always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine. Receive our love and our loyalty this day, our Sovereign and our Saviour.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding. We fail to trust totally in your provision. Forgive us when our commitment wavers and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face. Inspire us with the example of Jesus, and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd, wherever he leads.

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

Christ embodied God's love and mercy so powerfully that he offered forgiveness to his tormentors from the cross. In grace he reaches out to us, too. Receive his forgiveness this day, and offer it to others for his sake.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm 46 (with refrain 1)

A musical score for Psalm 46 (with refrain 1) in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "A might - ty for - tress is our God, a re - fuge ne - ver fai - ling." The notes are: A (quarter), might (quarter), ty (quarter), for (quarter), tress (quarter), is (quarter), our (quarter), God, (quarter), a (quarter), re (quarter), - (quarter), fuge (quarter), ne (quarter), - (quarter), ver (quarter), fai (quarter), - (quarter), ling. (quarter). The final note is a double bar line.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should
change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Second Reading: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour

wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* by Claudio Casciolini

Sermon: The Lord is Our Righteousness

Prayer of the People

****Hymn: Christ, be our Light**

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Refrain**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. Refrain**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
longing for warmth, many are cold.
make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. Refrain**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Le us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. 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: Rejoice, the Lord is King (v. 3 and 4 in French) 267**

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**3. Éclate en saints transports!
Voici ton Dieu confie
les portes de la mort
au Prince de la vie.
En son amour, chrétien,
réjouis-toi, réjouis-toi toujours!**

**4. Espère, adore et crois!
Jésus seul est le Maître.
Au loin déjà je vois
sa gloire enfin paraître.
En son amour, chrétien,
réjouis-toi, réjouis-toi toujours!**

**5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.**

Benediction

Postlude Allegro from Concerto in G by J. S. Bach

Recommendation on Masking

The Session of St Giles, in consultation with the Finance & Maintenance Committee, is recommending that members and adherents of the congregation should continue to wear masks when attending services at St Giles, in our efforts to protect those who may be immunocompromised. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Session on a monthly basis.

What Is Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)?

If you have automatic debits going from your bank account to pay for insurance, hydro, telephone or cable, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Over 300 Presbyterian congregations currently use PAR using a system set up by the United Church of Canada. It's an easy way to make your contribution. Once a month, a set sum of money is deducted from your bank account or credit card to support our congregation, Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D. Your account will be debited on or about the 20th of each month and our congregation's account credited with the amount payable from all members who participate.

We have ongoing expenses and rely on your generosity even when you're away or not able to make it to church. Well, that's no problem if you have joined the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program for St Giles. With PAR, you can give to St Giles and the wider church even when you aren't home or cannot attend worship every Sunday.

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.

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

Our Events

Monday, November 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, November 24 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, November 25 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study, please read Ezekiel Chapter 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