

# 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.

*We welcome Janiese Karpa as our worship leader today.*

Prelude: *What king would wade* (Hymn 184)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Let us praise the Lord together.

**All: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

One: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

**All: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.**

One: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

**\*\*Hymn: What was your vow and vision**

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Children's Story

## Prayer of Adoration

Almighty Lord, God of Heaven and Earth, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing him as King of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## 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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29 (*with Refrain 1*)

## Second Reading: Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said,

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized 183**

Sermon With Whom I Am Well Pleased

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Jesus shall reign where're the sun 275**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp** **655**

Benediction

Postlude *Stately March* by Ellen Jane Lorenz

### **Donation Envelopes**

A decision was made to end the purchasing of donation envelopes, but we will continue with the practice of using an identifying number so that your donation can be anonymous in the plate but known to the bookkeeper.

If you have forgotten your number, please contact the church office.

Moving forward, please use up any envelopes you have on hand from previous years, even decades back. If you need more envelopes, they will be available at the back of the church.



## **Janiese Karpa**

After having lived in Japan and the United States for many years, Janiese is now delighted to return to Canada to reside here in Ottawa with her husband David.

Growing up outside the church, Janiese came to faith in Jesus as a young adult. Soon after her conversion to Christ she attended a Mission Bible School in Chicago then later the University of Alberta, the University of Kansas and later Regent College (Vancouver, B.C.). Trained in neuropsychology, educational psychology and research, theology, and biblical languages, her passion has been to help equip the body of Christ to live as effective agents of God's kingdom in the world.

She has offered seminars in both the U.S. and Canada on topics as varied as Worship, Small Group Leader Training and History and Formation of the Canon. She has developed Christian Education curriculum for adults, ran Midwest Alpha training conferences and has served as a Worship Pastor and Pastor of Discipleship. Before leaving the U.S., Janiese served in several large churches in Iowa as part of a preaching and teaching team where she has used her passion for the Word of God, to help inspire others in their discipleship to Jesus.

## **Our Events**

**Monday, January 9 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, January 11 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

The **St Giles Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference. Please note the changed date.

**Thursday, January 12 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, January 13, 2023 ~ 10 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will continue the study of Ezekiel. Please read chapter 34.

**Sunday February 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**PWS&D Sunday**

**Sunday, February 12 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

**Wednesday, February 19**

**Ash Wednesday**

## **Annual Reports**

For those with the responsibility, your Annual Reports must be in the office by February 15. Email is preferable.



## Mission Moment

Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by **Presbyterian World Service & Development** and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan. "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.

