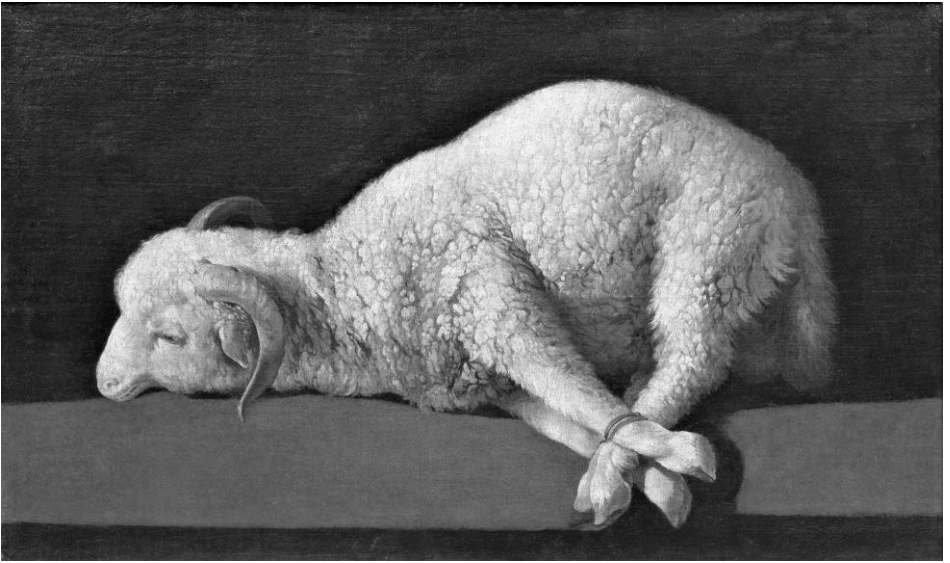


St Giles Presbyterian Church



Lamb, by Zurbarán, Francisco, 1598-1664, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

January 15, 2023

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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: *What King would wade through murky streams*
Katie Gratton, vocalist (Hymn 184)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O Lord, open our eyes,

All: So that we may behold your presence.

One: O Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

One: O Lord, open our ears,

All: So that we may hear your call to follow.

One: O Lord, open our hearts,

All: So that we may offer you worship in truth and spirit.

****Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies 177**
(tune of #172)

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow him. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge, until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ arrives. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lamb of God; as we gather to celebrate your gift of love, we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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

Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths! Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day. Know that forgiveness is yours through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God.”
And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the
earth.”
Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 40:1–11 (*with Refrain 2*)

Second Reading: John 1:29–42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John

Speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: From heaven you came, helpless babe 379**

Sermon Here is the Lamb of God

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise 176**

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: Jesus, life of all the world**

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Benediction

Postlude *In Dir Ist Freude* by Raymond H. Haan
(In Thee is gladness)

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.

e-Transfer

If you are comfortable with online banking, you may also make your donation through e-Transfer. Simply set up office@stgilesottawa.org as a new payee/contact, type in the total of the donation, and describe in the memo line how much you want allocated to Current, Presbyterians Sharing, PWS&D, Capital Fund or other mission account.

Our Events

Monday, January 16 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, January 19 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, January 20 ~ 10 a.m.

Bible Study will continue the study of Ezekiel. Please read chapter 36.

Saturday, January 21 ~ 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Presbytery Visitation with Session and the minister.

Sunday, January 22 ~ 1 p.m. until it ends

Presbytery Visitation meets with the congregation, both in person and by Zoom.

Sunday February 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.

PWS&D Sunday

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

Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Community Events

Saturday, January 21 ~ 6:00 p.m.

There will be a **Burns Supper** at St Andrew's Church, 82 Kent Street. It will feature a three-course meal, bagpipes, and an Immortal Memory celebrating Burns' songs. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children twelve and under, and may be obtained by emailing: Ian Jarvis at burnstickets22@gmail.com

Presbytery Visitation

"One of the most important functions of the presbytery is the oversight of the congregations within its bounds. In the Presbyterian system oversight is not entrusted to an individual bishop but is exercised corporately by the presbytery. A congregational visitation is a Christian and constructive pastoral discussion with a view to renewal and building up of the people of God in the local situation. Towards this end the congregation must also help the presbytery so that the gospel may be proclaimed and the Church built up throughout the wider area of the presbytery."

Annual Reports

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

Mission Moment

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan.



**Through Presbyterians Sharing,
the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.**