

# 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: *Andante* by Edward MacDowell

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

**All: We will not be afraid.**

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**All: God will shelter us on any day of trouble  
and set us high upon a rock.**

One: Let the people of God shout for joy!

**All: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.**

One: Come and worship in unity and love;  
let us rejoice together!

**\*\*Hymn: Jesus bids us shine**

**773**

Children's Story

## Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God, you shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and fears in the shadows of death. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways. 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 calls to us in love and forgiveness, and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

## Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27:1–9 (*with Refrain 1*)

Second Reading: Matthew 4:12–23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and

his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: God who gives to life its goodness 334**

*(tune 314)*

Sermon Light Shines

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Lord, the light of your love is shining 376**

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: Lord of light, whose name and splendour**  
**769 (tune 410)**

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in C* by John Troutman



### **We've Got Mail**

Happy new year to you and members of St Giles Presbyterian Church. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry in the church under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Wu.

Sincerely, Abiodun Lewis



## Our Events

**Monday, January 23 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Thursday, January 26 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, January 27 ~ 10 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will continue the study of Ezekiel. Please read chapter 37.

**Sunday, February 5**

**PWS&D Sunday**

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

**Holy Communion**

**Tuesday, February 21 ~ evening (TBA)**

**Pancake Tuesday** in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

**Wednesday, February 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday** in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

## Community Events

**Thursday, January 26 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

### **The Gifts of Indigenous Worship for Settler Churches**

with speaker: The Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole, minister at Glebe-St James United Church. This Zoom meeting is the inaugural event for the Righting Relationships Network.

To receive the Zoom link, please email the Rev. Paul Wu.

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## Annual Reports

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

## Pancakes and Ash

St Giles is partnering with Bytown Community Church to put together 'Pancake Tuesday' dinner (Feb. 21) and Ash Wednesday service (Feb. 22). We hope these events will foster closer cooperation between the two churches, engage the wider community, and mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Please come and invite your friends.





## Mission Moment

In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer — a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is “thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital.”

