

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Bread and Fish, Mosaic at the Church of the Loaves and Fishes (5th century AD), in Tabgha, Israel

PWS&D Sunday ~ February 5, 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 an accessible 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: *Prelude on 'How Can I Keep From Singing'*
by Raymond H. Haan (Tune for Hymn 717)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship God.

All: God is just. God is compassionate. God is love.

One: Where will we find God?

All: God is among the hungry and thirsty. God wears the face of a stranger and reaches out to us in the despairing hand.

One: How can we serve God?

All: Give food to the hungry and water to the thirsty; welcome the stranger and comfort the despairing.

One: Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

All: Let us worship God who is just, compassionate and love itself.

****Hymn: Worship the Lord**

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy One, Light of the world, in the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your beauty. In frosted treetops, we delight in your splendour. Even in the cold of winter, your creation amazes us. We praise you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it. Just as months of winter renew creation for springtime growth, renew us with your Spirit in this time of worship to grow in faithfulness and service. Grant that our lives can shine the light of Christ into these challenging time.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess we have taken your creation for granted. We squander its resources as if they were only for us. We consume whatever we want, selfishly and carelessly. Forgive us, we pray. Shine your light on us so we see the ways of your wisdom more clearly and follow the path Jesus sets before us with more humble hearts.

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 is the first born of creation, shining a redeeming light into the darkness of human sin. In him we are forgiven, restored and made new. Thanks be to God, we can make a fresh start today.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 16:1–8, 13–21

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people

shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their

own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it became wormy and rotten. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed, but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:13b–21 (*with refrain 2*)

Second Reading: John 6:1–14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to

him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: I hunger and I thirst**

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Sermon Manna Matters

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: We can not own the sunlit sky**

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

Benediction

Postlude *Psalm of Glory* by Lani Smith

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 Lent.

St Giles Events

Wednesday, February 1st at 10:30 am

The Presbyterian Women will meet by teleconference.

All women who attend St Giles are automatically members, and are always welcome.

Monday, February 6 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, February 9 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, February 10 ~ 10 a.m.

Bible Study will continue the study of Ezekiel.

Please read chapter 40–43.

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

Holy Communion

Tuesday, February 21 ~ 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Pancake Tuesday in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

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

Ash Wednesday in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

Sunday, February 25 ~ after service

Annual Meeting

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program

We are pleased to announce our programs for spring 2023. Check out the pink and yellow brochures on the table at the back for program details including registration and payment information.

This spring, we are again offering the afternoon Basic Training Course in-person as well as the evening Basic Course via Zoom. Both courses begin Monday, March 20, 2023 and run weekly until May 15, 2023 (including Easter Monday).

We are also excited to present a Continuing Education event on Tuesday, April 18 from 7– 9 p.m. by Zoom. This session will feature Lisa Boulay as she leads us in a conversation we call “Let's Talk about Families”. Together we will explore how challenging events can shift family dynamics and how pastoral care can bring support to family members.

We invite you to share this information with your friends. For more information about these and other programs, visit our website's home page at www.ottawapastoralcare.com

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Mission Moment

For over 75 years, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully responded to serve those in need around the world. Together with our partners, we are making a positive difference. We are working together to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable, helping restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As people of faith, we are responding to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, and work towards equality, human dignity, peace and care for God's creation. United, we are working towards a world that is sustainable, compassionate and just.

