

St Giles Presbyterian Church



March 12, 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: *Streams in The Desert* by Roger C. Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The eyes of the blind shall be opened,

All: the ears of the deaf shall be opened.

One: The lame shall leap like a deer,

**All: and the tongue of the speechless sing
for joy.**

One: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;

**All: the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water.**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

****Hymn: Come, Let us sing to the Lord our song 412**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creator, Christ and Spirit, you provide what we need to live, from the bounty of creation. God of mercy, you know us through and through and you love us. God of hope, you have an everlasting purpose for us. God of wisdom, you open our minds and teach and guide us. So we come to worship you, Source of Wisdom, Son of Mercy, Spirit of Hope, offering you our prayers and our praise, trusting you to offer us the gifts we need to thrive and to serve you in the world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We are not proud of all you hear in our thoughts and prayers. We complain when we want things to change but don't know what to do. We find excuses when you call us to change but we don't want to. We blame others when things do change and upset our expectations. Forgive us, God, when we are not listening for you.

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. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned and gone our own way, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. All who humbly seek the mercy of God may trust that in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven, be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take

some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95 (*with refrain 3*)

Second Reading: Roman 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still

were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: You thirsty ones**

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Sermon Hope that does not disappoint.

Prayers of the People

****Hymn Precious Lord, take my hand**

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**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: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer 651**

Benediction

Postlude *Chanson* by E. L. Ashford



Passing of Doris Margaret Dean

We at St Andrew's Richmond regretfully announce the passing of Doris Margaret Dean on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the age of 92.

Doris was a long-time elder, choir member, and Pastoral Care committee member at St Giles Presbyterian Church and latterly for nine years at St Andrew's Richmond. An intimate farewell was held at St Andrew's for friends. The family will most likely hold an inurnment at Capital Memorial Gardens at a later time.

Thanks to the Rev. Dr Wayne Menard and close friends Mary Gemmell and Sharon Stewart who were weekly visitors and caregivers to Doris over the past 5 years. Having no family in the Ottawa area, she was cared for and loved by many friends all her life. We will miss her smiling face terribly.

Community Kitchen

Starting March 7, Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC) are opening their churches to community members as a space to prepare and cook meals for families and individuals who don't have kitchen space. Call Glebe St James United Church at 613-236-0617 to book your space. Spaces are available every Tuesday starting at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. Call First Baptist Church at 613-234-3261 to book your space. Spaces are available every Wednesday starting at 11:00 a.m. Come cook at our place.

Donation Envelopes–Reminder

We are having some problems in the office. To give accurate tax receipts, it is important that you:

- If you are using up your old envelopes, please enter the current Sunday's date.
- If you are using other envelopes, please remember to change the date and correct the envelope number. If you have forgotten your envelope number, please call the Church Administrator at 613-235-2551 or email office@stgilesottawa.org

Sound of Music Sing-a-Long

Glebe-St James United Church invites you to welcome spring at the Sing-a-Long Sound of Music on Saturday April 22, 2023. The classic film, with all the song lyrics as subtitles, will be shown at the Mayfair theatre. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to sing, cheer, dance (and boo and hiss as well.) Costumes are encouraged. Doors open 12:15 p.m., screening starts at 1:00 p.m. For tickets (\$20 adults/youth, \$10 for 12 and under) and more information go to livefromtheglebe.yapsody.com



St Giles Events

Monday, March 13 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, March 16 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday

Bible Study will take a break until further notice.

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

Session Meeting



Mission Moment

When Sieglinde — a single mother living in the Little Burgundy area of Montreal, Quebec — first arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed. "My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy." Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy.



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