

St Giles Presbyterian Church

Anniversary Sunday



An undated and slightly faded photo of the Exhibition Booth, a significant community outreach ministry of St. Giles that spanned over 4 decades, at the ground of the now known Lansdowne Park.

May 7, 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: *Bless This House* by May H. Brahe

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God is our Rock and our Fortress.

All: In God, we find refuge and strength.

One: God's house has many dwelling places.

All: We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

All: For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

One: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

****Hymn: Come sing, O church, in joy! 757**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Steadfast God, you are our refuge in times of trouble our shelter when we are afraid, and our dwelling place forever. In you alone we place our trust for you set the way before in Christ Jesus and your Spirit gives us courage to follow him. And so we offer you our

worship and love as the Source of life for the world, as the Son who preached the truth of grace and mercy, and the Spirit who guides us this day and always.

Amen

Unison Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, we confess Jesus as the way, the truth and the life for us, yet we often fail to follow him, too often gone our own way, distorted the truth and led deadly lives. Forgive us for falling short of your purpose for our lives. Give us courage to follow Jesus, who continues to show us the way.

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

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Know that, in Christ, you are forgiven. Accept God's grace and forgiveness this day, and extend it to others for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 3:1–14

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground." Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land

flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1–11 (*with refrain 1*)

****Hymn: O God, your love's undying flame** **280**
(tune of 529)

Sermon

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me** **648**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: **830**

**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: Sent forth by your blessing** **775**

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Air*

by Bert Van Der Hoek



Happy
98th
Anniversary
to
St Giles



St Giles Events

Monday, May 08 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Thursday, May 11 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, May 12 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (9 & 10)

Wednesday, May 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Taize Service.

Saturday May 27 ~ 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Great Glebe Garage Sale

Saturday June 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Dr Pauline Brown Memorial Service.



Taize Prayer Service

We are planning to hold a Taize Prayer Service with the theme of joy, praying for joy in our lives, our congregation, our community and our nation. Please come and join us on **May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Memorial Service

St. Giles Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Memorial Service for **Dr. Pauline Brown**, on **June 10, 2023**, at **11:00 a.m.** The service is available by Zoom. Should you wish to attend in-person, please **RSVP before June 3** to **office@stgilesottawa.org** (so to allow the family sufficient time to prepare catering).



Community Announcements

The Great Glebe Garage Sale

On May 27th, the Great Glebe Garage Sale will take place. As usual, St. Giles will be a part of it.

There will be a coffee and muffin bar, a bake table, jams and jellies, sale tables of miscellaneous items, and of course books.

Donations to all areas are needed and welcomed. Please keep sale items small so they are easily carried. Some clothing will be accepted. Laura Brandon needs metal lidded glass jars including mason jars for her jams and jellies. We need lots of baking, plus muffins for the coffee corner.

Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you can help, speak to Kaye Tate. 613-521-5625.

This will be a great community outreach for us.

Centretown (Emergency) Community Food Centre

New name and new **location**. They are dropping the word emergency, adding the word Community and moving from Bank Street to **370 Catherine Street**.

Food donations can be made during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at the west side entrance of the new building starting May 1, 2023.

Mission Moment

In Guatemala, Amalia López Pérez de Coronado is a member of a women's group that engages in discussions about oppression, marginalization and violence against women. **With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development and local partner, AMMID, the group hosts workshops that promote women's empowerment by teaching women about their rights,** including their right to participate in decision-making structures at both the community and municipal levels. Through these workshops, Amalia has gained a sense of confidence that has allowed her to participate fully and freely in many different organizations. She's also inspired other women in her community to do the same.

Expressing her gratitude for the organizations that make

these initiatives possible, Amalia affirmed, "I am grateful to AMMID for supporting women."



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