

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Glory of the Lilies, photo taken by Paul Wu, from an aboriginal church of Rinari Community in Pingtung, Taiwan.

June 4, 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: *Flutes* by Jean Langlais

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made

All: and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

One: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

All: God put the deeps in storehouses.

One: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

All: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God,

One: for the Lord spoke, and it came to be;

All: God commanded, and it stood firm.

****Hymn:** Sing praise to God on mountain tops **322**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory above the heavens and the earth is your footstool. You spoke and creation began; you breathed and life came to be. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars and all that you have established; what are we that you are mindful of us, humankind that you care for us? Yet you have entrusted us with your creation, you have given us dominion over the works of your hands. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you called us to love our neighbour as ourselves, but collectively we have not, and individually we fall short. We say all people reflect your image, but our actions betray what we say. Racism, colonialism, and systems that oppress still run rampant in our society. Intergenerational trauma left behind by the residential schools still haunts both the Indigenous and non Indigenous communities. For those living with pain or grief caused by these, we ask you for healing and strength. For those of us living with privilege and wondering what to do, we ask for hearts to learn and to listen. Show us again how to live in your love.

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

What does the Lord require of us? Prophet Micah has already taught us: "Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously." (Micah 6:8, the Message)

Scripture

First Reading: Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and

healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 133 (with refrain 1)

Second Reading: Acts 10: 44–48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Help us accept each other **632**

Sermon: No Partiality

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** O for a world where everyone **730**

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:** Christ, you call us all to service **585**

Benediction

Postlude: *Pasticcio* by Jean Langlais

St Giles Events

Monday, June 5 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, June 7 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Woman's meeting by teleconference

Wednesday, June 7 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Group (Lectio Divina) will be meeting in person at St Giles. All are welcome.

Thursday, June 8 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice - Come and join us in the singing.

Friday, June 9 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (15-17)

Saturday June 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Dr Pauline Brown Memorial Service.

Sunday June 11 ~ Holy Communion





From the Session

An emergent congregational meeting is being called by the authority of the Session, on the Sunday of June 4, 2023, immediately after the worship service, to discuss the amount to be pledged by St. Giles to the Presbyterian College for 2023. It should be noted the recommendation from the Session is \$5,000.

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.





Archival Committee: An Update

The congregation is aware that the Archival Committee has assembled an inventory of St. Giles historical items, some located at the church, and some located at the Ottawa Archives. Our challenge now is to organize this material (records, bulletins, reports, photographs, anniversary events, the Exhibition Booth, etc.) by time period. We are in the process of hiring a student from a local university to assist us. Developing a digitized, accessible storage will be important.

In addition to the inventory at the church and at Ottawa Archives, many of our homes have significant historical St. Giles information. We would appreciate having members consider donating some of your holdings to the church, thereby enriching what we already have. If you can assist, please bring your items to the church

office. Should you wish further information, please contact a member of our Committee (Rev. Wu, Isaac Ives, Kate Ferguson, Don Tate). Thank you.





Community Announcements

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program for 2023

Pastoral care helps to develop skills to become a compassionate and sustaining presence with others, and to support one another in ministry. OPCTP would like to highlight its up coming fall courses for 2023, in Basic Course, Advanced Course and a Continuing Education Event. For further information there are brochures on the Welcome table of St Giles or visit

www.ottawapastoralcare.com.

St Giles Art Exhibition ~ African Textiles

The next St. Giles art exhibition will feature textiles from Africa. They will be on display from July through to September. If you have any lengths of cloth from any country in Africa that we could select from for display in the Sanctuary, please drop it/them off at the church office with your name attached or contact Laura Brandon at laura@laurabrandon.ca to arrange a transfer time.

Thank you!

Mission Moment

In Haiti's Artibonite region, two-year-old Gloria lives with her parents and three siblings. One day, Gloria's parents noticed that their daughter would not eat, and that her breathing was laboured. **They rushed Gloria to St. Marc Hospital, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and its local partner. There, Gloria was diagnosed with acute malnutrition, as well as tuberculosis and edema.** Her treatment consisted of a regimen of antibiotics and therapeutic milk, administered over the course of a few weeks until she was deemed healthy enough to begin outpatient care. Not long after, Gloria had gained enough weight to assure the doctors that she had made a full recovery, both from malnutrition and tuberculosis.



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