

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Matthew 9:37

**June 18, 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: The Little Family of Bethany by Stewart Landon

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Holy and generous is God, the Creator of all things.

**All: Loving and gracious is Christ, the Bearer of healing and hope.**

One: Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of new life.

**All: Trinity of grace, we call on you today.**

One: Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!

**All: We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!**

**\*\*Hymn:** All people that on earth do dwell

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Children's Story

## Prayer of Adoration

Creator God, you have made a world of such amazing diversity – with unique living things we cannot number! We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind – through culture and language, custom and community, expressed in so much creativity and compassion. We praise you for such wonder. In Jesus Christ, you show us how much you love your creation and how we can live by your love. By the power of your Spirit, give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made and teach us how to love your creation with humble, grateful hearts.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us, but we confess we often prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We fail to see how our own preferences affect others and the earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our easy assumptions, and teach us to listen to the stories others tell with open minds and 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. Amen**

## Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Micah declared that God requires three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. To all who seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 19:2–8

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So

Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 (*with refrain 2*)

Second Reading: Matthew 9:35–10:15

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** There is a balm in Gilead

**747**

Sermon: Priestly Kingdom, Holy Nation

Prayers of the People:

**\*\*Hymn:** Many and great, O God, are your works **301**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology:** **661 Ver. 1**

**We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn:** Lord, you give the great commission **778**

Tune of 314

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Fanfare* by Robert J. Hughes





## St Giles Events

**Monday, June 19 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Thursday, June 22 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**



**Friday, June 23 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Job (18-19)



## 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.

### **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](mailto:laura@laurabrandon.ca) to arrange a transfer time.

Thank you!

## **The Presbyterian College**

The Presbyterian College thanks St Giles for its generous gift which will be used to equip candidates for ministry and lay people for service in the church of Jesus Christ.

In addition the General Assembly has appointed the Rev. Paul Wu to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Presbyterian College.

The letter finishes by wishing everyone at St Giles all the best for the beautiful spring and summer days ahead.

## **Knitted Hats for Charity**

Did you know that **Pat makes 200+ knitted hats a year for charity**? She knits entirely from donated yarn. If you have a yarn stash and know you have some ends of balls you won't be using, please consider bringing them to church and placing them in the office. No end of ball is too small!

## Mission Moment

**Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) is an outreach ministry supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing that welcomes and embraces all people living in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba.** WICM works towards healing and reconciliation and provides temporary housing, employment services, as well as programming for children and youth. The staff and volunteers of WICM work tirelessly to provide a safe, inclusive space that inspires lifelong learning and building social and personal well-being for all people in the community. WICM recently welcomed Beverly Burkard as its new executive director. Beverly is a welcome addition to WICM, bringing with her an extensive background working with charitable and non-profit organizations, including Sage Journey, Agape Table and Red Road Lodge.



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