

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. **Hagar and Ishmael**, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**June 25, 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: *Andante from Sonata in A* by Franz Schubert

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

**All: Listen to our voices and answer.**

One: The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**All: God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.**

One: So let us glorify God's holy name together!

**All: We come to worship God in love and loyalty.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Deep in the shadows of the past **510**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of grace, you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world. You created our voices to sing your praises forever. Fill us to overflowing with

your Holy Spirit, so we may worship you in spirit and in truth, bold and unafraid to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us. In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us, for we live to serve as your people wherever you lead.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God who creates the future, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths. You offer us new beginnings, yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we resist more than we already know. Forgive us, O God, and make of us courageous disciples ready to serve in Jesus' name.**

### 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

In Christ, we are a new creation; the old life is gone and the new life has come! Trust that God loves you and forgives you. Do not be afraid to make a new start!

## Scripture

First Reading: Genesis 21:8–21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86:1–10 (*with refrain 1*)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and

despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Blest are they **624**

Sermon The Other Woman

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Those who wait on the Lord **662**

Passing of the Peace

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**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 of all power **626**

Benediction

Postlude *The Kingsfold Trumpet* by Alfred A. Fedak

## St Giles Events



**Monday, June 26 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, June 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Sessions meeting** in person.

**Thursday, June 29 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**



**Friday, June 30 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Job (20-21)

## Summer Services

Please note all joint summer services for the months of July and August at **St Giles, Southminster** and **Glebe St James** have been changed to **10:00 a.m.**





## **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**

### **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.

### **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!

### **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!

## Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2023

<b>July 02</b>	<b>Joint Services at St Giles</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>181 First Ave.</b>
<b>July 09</b>	<b>Joint Services at Southminster</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>15 Aylmer Ave.</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Joint Services at Southminster</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>15 Aylmer Ave.</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Joint Services at Fourth Avenue</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>816 Bank St.</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Joint Services at Fourth Avenue</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>816 Bank St.</b>
<b>Aug. 06</b>	<b>Joint Services at Glebe St James</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>650 Lyon St.</b>
<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Joint Services at St Giles</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>181 First Ave.</b>
<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Joint Services at St Giles</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>181 First Ave.</b>

## Mission Moment

Orphaned as a teenager, Fouzia was adopted by her aunt and uncle, whom she came to live with in Kabul, Afghanistan. After the Taliban took control, the family fled to Pakistan, where they could scarcely find work as they lacked the necessary legal documents. They were then selected for a food assistance project supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. **Through the project, Fouzia's family received assistance to help ensure that they are able to meet their food needs while her uncle and aunt look for a source of income in Pakistan, providing a sense of relief in the face of great uncertainty.** "With funds received, my

aunt bought food items so that we have sufficient meals every day," said Fouzia.



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