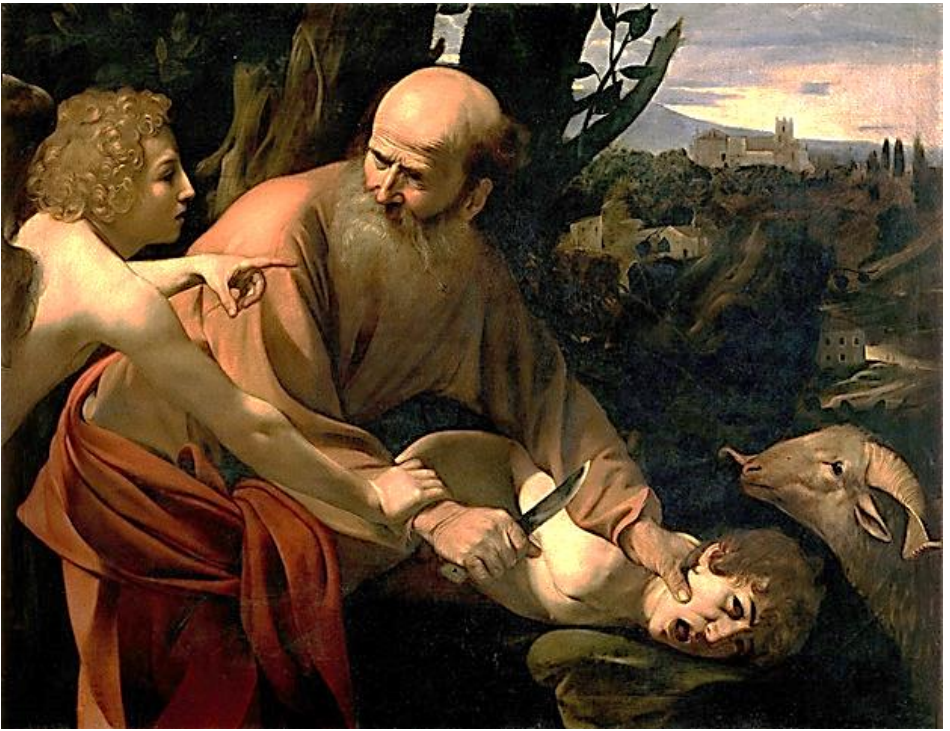


**Joint Worship Services of  
St Giles Presbyterian Church  
Southminster United Church  
Glebe St James United Church**



**Sacrifice of Isaac**, by Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610.

**July 02, 2023**

# **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

## **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: De colores Mexican Folk Song

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

**All: We will offer our praise in songs of joy.**

One: God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

**All: We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

**All: We will give God glory now and always!**

**\*\*Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **321**

Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, Loving God, how majestic is your name in all the earth. From north and south, from east and west, drawn by your majesty, we come to worship you. For the gift of this new day, fresh from your hand, we rejoice. For the renewal we know through friendship with Christ, we praise you. For the Spirit's energy, blessing us in each moment, we honour you.

Lord God, Loving God, all of life is your gift, so give us glimpses of your splendour and love in this time of worship. Accept our praise offered in word and action, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord of all life and each life, we confess we can forget that life is your gift, especially when we face struggles or feel hard done by. We confuse our own desires for your will, and stop listening for your word. Forgive any hurt we have caused by action or inaction, and show us how to make amends. May we live with you and with each other in reconciling grace through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### 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

Friends, Jesus knows we have fallen short of his intentions for us, yet in his great mercy, he welcomes

us back into his embrace. Thanks be to God that we are forgiven, refreshed and restored for ministry by God's grace.

## Scripture

First Reading: Genesis 22:1–14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will

provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 13 (*with refrain 1*)

Second Reading: Romans 6:20–23

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is

eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Come thou fount (arr. Jack W. Burnam)

Sermon Enslaved to God

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Open my eyes, that I may see **500**

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**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:** All the way my Saviour leads me **699**

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Air* by Bert van der Hoek\*

\*Bert van der Hoek, composer of today's postlude, was for many years the Music Director of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario.

## St Giles Events

**Monday, July 03 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Bible Study** will be taking a break till September 8.

**Choir and the Children's Sunday School** will also be taking a break during the summer and resuming in September.

### **Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2023**

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.** The two exceptions are the Fourth Avenue Joint Services which are at 10:45 a.m.

<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>





## 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!



**Wishing everyone a wonderful  
start to the Summer**

## Mission Moment

“The earthquake experience is unlike any other,” shared D, a 68-year-old retiree. When a powerful earthquake struck the border region between northern Syria and southeast Türkiye, the damage and loss were overwhelming. The earthquake caused widespread displacement, with many people fleeing their homes for fear of aftershocks and further collapses. At the time, the Syrian population was already profoundly impacted by the persisting war and the country’s economic collapse. PWS&D responded through our partners to provide temporary shelter, much-needed mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, hot meals and psychological support to affected families. In addition, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, our partners are providing monthly food rations to those most affected.



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