

St Giles Presbyterian Church



The practice of Passover sacrifice, observed by Temple Mount activists in Jerusalem 2012

September 10, 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: In Faith I Quiet Wait by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

All: We will worship God, our Maker!

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

All: For God is gracious and loving!

One: Let us bring God glory and honour,

All: For God deserves our praise.

****Hymn:** Thy kingdom come—on bended knee **784**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining. Your love is wider than the whole universe; your mercy reached beyond the highest heavens; your wisdom lies deeper than the fathoms of the sea. Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, walking the roads we take each day. Through your Spirit, you are present with us in every time and place, to comfort and challenge us. We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, and will live to bring you glory, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a people divided. We harbour fears and jealousy which set neighbour against neighbour, nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and the wellbeing of less privileged peoples. Have mercy upon us, O God. Set us free from our old ways to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in 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

The Apostle Paul challenges us to lay aside actions and deeds that distance us from God and one another and to put on the armour of light. Know that you are forgiven by God's grace. So walk in God's mercy. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 12:1–14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is

the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalms 149

(with refrain 2)

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in their Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their ruler.

Let them praise God’s name with dancing,

making melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in this people;

and adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

**to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their rulers with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.**

This is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:1–2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Blest be the God of Israel **752**

Sermon A Fragrant Sacrifice to God

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** With the Lord as my guide **574**

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:** One more step along the world I go **641**

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

Postlude *Laudes Domini*

by C. Nordman



St Giles Events

Sunday, September 10 ~ After Service

Emergent Congregational Meeting

Monday, September 11 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Wednesday, September 13 ~ 12:30 a.m.

St Giles Women's Association in person meeting. Bring your own lunch and bring a friend. **All Women**

Welcome!

Thursday, September 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, September 15 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (22-24)



Archival Committee

In the Fall term starting next week, Kari Valmestad will be working for St. Giles as an intern, focusing on archival research. She is a student of Carleton University, studying towards the M.A. degree in Public History. Kari will be supervised by Dr. John Walsh, associate professor and co-director of the Carleton Centre for Public History. This position is made possible by the generous donations of

members of St. Giles towards the Memorial Fund. We hope this work will help the congregation to prepare for its Centennial Celebration in 2025.

Care Packages for Cameron Highlanders

As the regimental church of the Cameron Highlanders, St. Giles has long sent care packages, containing home baked goodies, to deployed soldiers of the regiment. This year we are sending 6 such packages. Those interested to help out, please contact Don Tate.

The 8th Annual “Walk for the Centre” Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 1:30-4 pm

All the proceeds of this event go to support the Centretown Community Food Centre. We are looking for walkers for the St. Giles team. Please speak to Stan or Jean Currie if you would like to join us as a walker. We will take donations up until the day of the Walk. You can also donate online and make your donation in support of our team, “St. Giles Walkers”.

The Walkathon begins and ends at Ottawa City Hall. Walkers can do the short walk 2 km or the longer 4 km distance along the Rideau Canal path.

More information and pictures are available at the Walkathon information page at centretownchurches.org/walkathon



Cyclone Freddy Six Months Later

Cyclone Freddy hit Malawi hard in March 2023, causing widespread devastation. Six months later, families still struggle with ruined homes and lost crops. PWS&D is aiding recovery by providing cash assistance, seedlings, and specialized packages for farmers.

Community News

Southminster United Church (15 Alymer Ave. at Bank) invites you to an informal night of singing and ukelele playing in the form of a good ol' fashioned hymn sing. We will gather Wednesday evening, September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. for a time of music. Please bring your voices, ukeleles, and hand drums. If you have a favourite hymn that you'd like us to include please feel free to email emanuelf@southminsterunitedchurch.com before September 15th.

Opera is alive in the City of Ottawa!

Come see our very own Katie Gratton performing as part of the ensemble in OperOttawa's production of Giacomo Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, as well as singing an aria from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. The performance will take place on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 pm, at First Baptist Church, on the corner of Elgin and Laurier. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students, and can be purchased on Eventbrite or at the door. Please come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of opera!

'Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!'

These are the opening words of hymn 757, written by Brian Dill 1949-. Singing has been important in the church for centuries, and before. Remember the line from the night of the Passover when Jesus was with his disciples -
'And when they had sung a hymn...'



There are 5 hymns in our hymn book that begin with 'Come...sing' and 9 that begin with 'Sing'.

Why do we sing? As one organist/choir director said, 'Music takes us beyond the words.' It is spiritual. Can you imagine coming to church on Sunday and hearing an announcement that today we will not sing the hymns, we will read the texts from the hymn book? Or today we will say the words to 'O Canada' rather than sing the anthem. I think not! Choirs rehearse hymns and learn new ones so they can lead the congregation on Sundays.

Anthems are learned to praise God and enhance our worship. The fun and friendships that come from this are God's gift.

Please join us for rehearsals on Thursdays. You can speak to me, Heather Rice at coffee hour or use my email: gowans978@gmail.com. Soli Deo Gloria



ST GILES NORTH ROOF RE-SHINGLING

In June of 2016 the capital refurbishment of St Giles started with the re shingling of the main south roof as the asphalt shingles needed replacement. The quality of the roof decking under the shingles was poor and so ½ plywood decking was installed.

In April 2019 as part of the capital work in this year the smaller roof at the eastern end of the Church was re-shingled with the same quality of shingles and decking replacement. The cost of these projects combined without HST was \$40,890. Using a Bank of Canada inflation calculator, the cost can be brought forward to \$48,963 in 2023 dollars.

When we concluded the capital repairs of the Church the F&M Committee decided to leave the North roofs as they do not see any sun and it was felt that they had some more years of use. This has proved to be correct, some seven years of extra life. However the shingles, especially at the top of the north roof now are showing some distress and so the two north roofs now need to be re-shingled. The specification of the roof materials was set to be the same as the south roof with modern shingle material that has a 50-year warranty life.

Two extra features were requested from the contractors. The first was to install snow bars to prevent ice chunks sliding off the small metal roof over the First Avenue entrance as this poses damage risk to any cars parked in the lane during the winter. In addition, it was requested that the contractors specify a number of passive roof ventilators of the Maximum type which are now well proven in Ottawa and would be mounted on the new shingled roof (see attached image). The Church has two large vents on the east end of the roofs and it is hoped that the three Maximum vents will provide some cooling of the roof along the roof ridge line.

Two quotes were received, one from Roofmaster at \$55,970 without HST and one from Sanderson Roofing at \$49,516 without HST. At the F&M meeting on the 31st August it was decided to proceed with Sanderson because of the significant cost saving of \$6,454 and their workmanship warranty period of 25 years. The cost of the Sanderson quote with HST is \$55,953. It would be prudent to allow for a 10% contingency which means that the F&M Committee are requesting the congregation to approve a capital project limit of \$62,000 and request the Trustees to arrange for the financing. It is expected that the work will be done this fall.

