

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Leopold Layer workshop. **Moses and the Israelites**, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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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: *Trio* by François Couperin

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

All: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.

One: Seek the Lord continually.

All: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.

One: Together let us worship God.

All: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

****Hymn:** Glorious things of thee are spoken **483**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all creation, you open the world around us and fill it with creatures of your love and purpose. The wonder of each creature declares your praise –

the mountains state your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity; the oceans your power and the skies your grandeur. Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence. And what do we declare about you in our lives? We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy; and our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship, but in all our waking and our working. May we live your praise and promise through Christ, our Living Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet our generosity is often limited. We complain about our lot. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we lack. We share some of what we have, but we worry about running short. Forgive us our worries about tomorrow and give us generous hearts that trust in you day by day.

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 mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. Thanks be to God!

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 16:1–15

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said

to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they

did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Psalms 105: 1–6, 37–45 *(with refrain 1)*

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;

make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises;

tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the strength of the Lord;

seek the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

the miracles, the judgments God has uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,

children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Then the Lord brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who
stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed,

for dread of them had fallen upon it.

The Lord spread a cloud for a covering

and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and the Lord brought quails

and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

The Lord opened the rock, and water gushed out;

it flowed through the desert like a river.

The Lord remembered the holy promise

made to Abraham, God's servant.

So the Lord brought the people out with joy,
the chosen ones with singing.

**The Lord gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the
peoples,
that they might keep God's statutes
and observe God's laws.**

All: Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by
feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor
your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make
you understand that one does not live by bread
alone but by every word that comes from the mouth
of the Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** I hunger and I thirst

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Sermon Enough!

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** You satisfy the hungry heart

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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:** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer 651

Benediction

Postlude *Offertoire sur les Grands jeux*

by François Couperin

St Giles Events

Monday, September 25 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, September 28 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice



Friday, September 29 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (27-28)

Sunday, October 01 ~ 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another.

Wednesday, October 4 ~ 5:00 p.m.

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



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

**Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Thanksgiving Dinner
October 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

This year, we're changing things up with a delightful potluck-style feast. The camp will provide the main dishes and we ask each group to contribute a dish or two to share, ensuring everyone enjoys a variety of delicious creations. If you are interested in joining us please sign up on the Website.

<https://gracefieldcamp.ca/camp-events/2023thanksgiving>

**'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 always been important in church. Why do we sing? As one organist/choir director said, 'Music takes us beyond the words.' It is spiritual.

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 comes 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

Mission Moment

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.



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