

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



View of the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, Jordan

**October 29, 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: *Meditation*

by George Blake

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.**

One: God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.**

One: Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

**All: We will offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.**

**\*\*Hymn: Oh worship the King**

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God, our God, you are gracious and loving, holy and eternal; your love is steadfast, your presence ever near. You lead us when we wander in the wilderness,

you go before us as beacon and guide. Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. So we offer you, God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation; surprise us in this time of worship and refresh our readiness to serve you.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**You know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another and the times we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we truly focused on you and the times we pursued our own purposes. Forgive us those times we went our own way; forgive us whenever we think we know better. Renew in us a commitment to live lives marked by your grace.**

### 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 in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures, to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others. Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace!

## Scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of

Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Psalms 90:1–6; 13–17 (*with refrain 2*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past  
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

**in the evening it fades and withers.**

**Turn, O Lord! How long?**

Have compassion on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**

**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us**

**and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants

and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us**

**and prosper for us the work of our hands—**

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50–57

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Be Thou My Vision      arr. Richard Shephard

Sermon   A Good Death

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** In the bulb there is a flower

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Passing of the Peace

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**Doxology:**

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**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:** Thine be the glory

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Benediction

Postlude   *Trompette Jubilante*

by Craig Penfield





## **St Giles Events**

**Monday, October 30 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, November 01 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**St Giles Women's Association** will meet by teleconference.

**Thursday, November 02 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, November 03 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Job (38:1 – 40:5)

**Sunday, November 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Remembrance Sunday** with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders. The CO LCol Scharf and the president of the Regimental Association will be readers. There will be a piper and a bugler.

**Wednesday, November 08 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

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





## **A conversation on Afghanistan and Pakistan**

November 1, 2023, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave,  
Ottawa, ON K2A 3G9

Presbyterian World Service and Development and The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through a local partner, have been helping address humanitarian and development needs in Afghanistan and Pakistan for many years. This includes the response to the massive floods in Pakistan in 2022 and a girls' education project in Afghanistan. You are invited to meet a representative of our local partner organization for a conversation about the contemporary work and context.

## **Last Chance to Donate to the Walk for the Walk for the Centre**

The period of taking online donations ends November 1st. You can make an online donation through Canada Helps.

If you need help on doing that, please contact Stan Currie at 613-233-0538

Please make your donation in support of our team, St. Giles Walkers.

## **St. Giles Mission Committee needs members**

Mission in all its forms is an integral part of who we are as a congregation. We are looking for new members to join this committee to help us promote mission.

If you are interested, please contact Stan Currie, 613-233-0538 or by email at [scurrie@ncf.ca](mailto:scurrie@ncf.ca)

## **Choir**



St. Giles Church has history of choral singing and is blessed with a dedicated choir. Why do we sing? Singing is a very healthy activity. As one organist/choir director said, 'Music takes us beyond the words.' It is spiritual. The fun and friendships that comes from this are God's gift.

## **Come out to rehearsal and give it a try.**

You can speak to me, Heather Rice at coffee hour or use my email: [gowans978@gmail.com](mailto:gowans978@gmail.com). Soli Deo Gloria

## **Food Fayre**

First notice: St Giles' Food Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 18. Please reserve that date and help in any way you can. We need volunteers for the bake table, deli, preserves, coffee bar, advertising, greeters, and elevator guides. Watch for updates in the up coming bulletins.

Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

## Mission Moment

Cyclone Freddy—one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the southern hemisphere—made landfall in Malawi in March 2023. Thousands in Malawi were left homeless, and with severe crop losses, over 345,000 people were affected by the heavy rains, floods and landslides. Through its partners, PWS&D responded to this devastating disaster by providing maize flour and soya to enable families to meet their immediate food requirements. Additionally, because of critical food insecurity due to droughts and floods in the area, PWS&D implemented a three-month food assistance project for 2,500 households. This project provided food assistance in the form of cash transfers, as well as seeds to produce high-value crops.



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