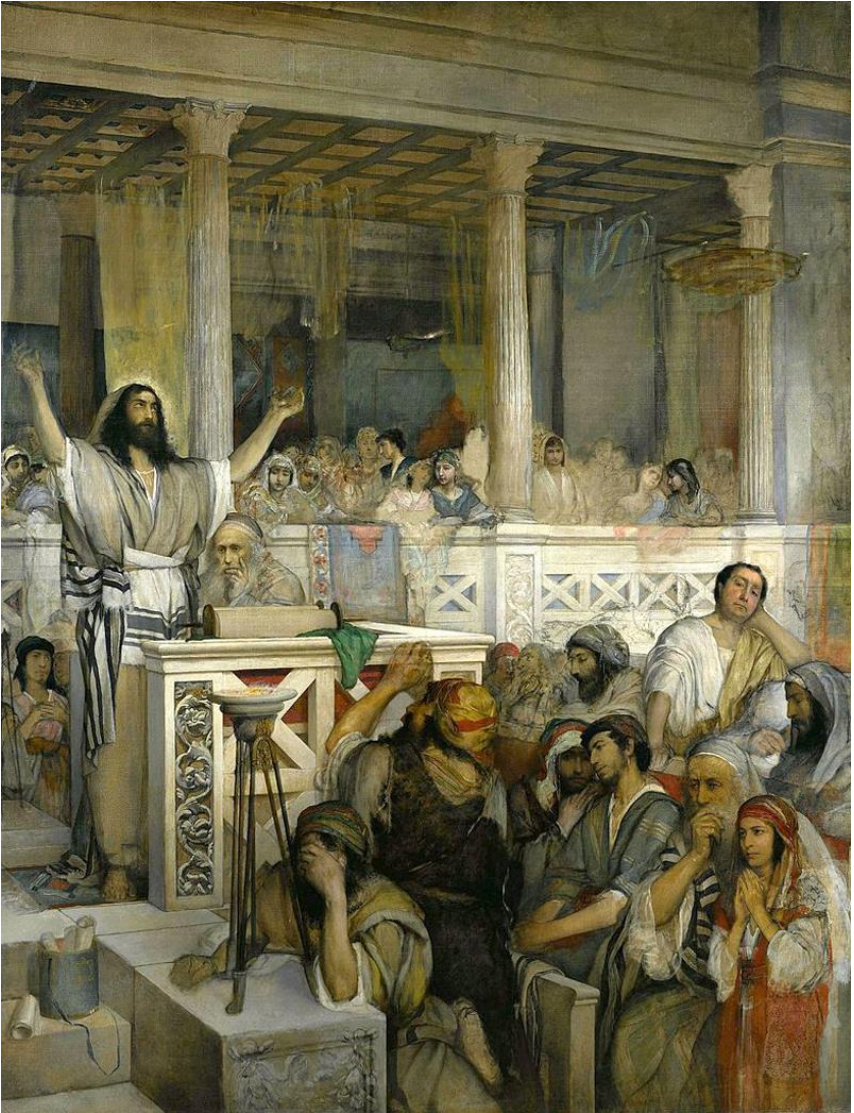


# St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Christ Preaching at Capernaum***, painting by Maurycy Gottlieb (1856-1879), from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

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# **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 available. Please speak with an usher, if you have any questions. 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: *The Light of Faith* by Roy E. Nolte

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God's praise endures forever,

**All: and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.**

One: God's praise endures forever,

**All: and glory bursts into ordinary activities.**

One: God's praise endures forever,

**All: and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.**

One: Let us worship the Eternal God  
who calls us to this time and place.

**\*\*Hymn:** Come sing, O church, in joy **757**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, you are the wisdom behind all mysteries, the glory hidden in all wonders, and the strength in all that nourishes. With eyes open and spirits alert, we experience your presence around us. Scattered throughout the earth, smouldering deep inside us

and radiating outwards in acts of love and charity. We rejoice each time we encounter you. So we gather to express our praise and gratitude for all the good we have experienced, knowing it all comes from your hand, for you are Creator, Christ and Spirit, Ever Three and Ever One.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess there are many times we forget you. We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. In thoughtless moments, we harm the earth and each another. Forgive us. Remind us to live each day focused on your Kingdom revealed in Christ who loves us.**

### 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

Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone. New life has begun. Thanks be to God that we can make a new start, forgiven and set free.

## Scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ Then the Lord replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

Psalm 111 (*with refrain 2*)

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord is,  
whose righteousness endures forever,  
Who has gained renown by wonderful deeds.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord provides food for the faithful;  
ever mindful of the covenant.

**The Lord has shown the people works of power,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
**all the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy.**

They are established forever and ever,  
**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to the people;  
**The Lord has commanded a covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
**all those who live by it have a good  
understanding.**

**The praise of the Lord endures forever.**

Second Reading: Mark 1:21–28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Isaiah the prophet has written of old **782**

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Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Blest be the God of Isreal **752**

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**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:** Lead on, eternal Sovereign

**(to the tune of Lancashire, #742)**

Benediction

Postlude *Praise To The Lord, The almighty*

by Roger C. Wilson





## St Giles Events

**Monday, January 29 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, January 31 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**St Giles Women's Association** will be meeting by teleconference.

**Thursday, February 01 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** all are invited to attend.

**Friday, February 01 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** Romans 2:17–3:8, theme "No one is righteous...not the Jews," by teleconference.

**Tuesday** Feb 13 ~ 6:00 p.m.

**Pancake Tuesday** in the banquet hall

**Wednesday** Feb 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday** service in the sanctuary

### **Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study**

1. Three to five minutes before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. You will be asked to enter a passcode number which is 7455703#.



## From the Session

To allow more time for preparation, the upcoming congregational meeting of St. Giles, originally scheduled for Feb 25, has been postponed by one week, to March 3.

## Glory be to God

The text of our opening hymn, 'Come Sing O Church In Joy' was written by Brian Dill in 1988. It was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme 'Celebrate the Journey'.



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.

**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

## **Pancakes and Ash**

St. Giles is again partnering with Bytown Community Church to put together 'Pancake Tuesday' dinner (Feb 13, 6pm) and Ash Wednesday service (Feb 14, 7pm). We hope these event will foster closer cooperation between the two congregations, engage the wider community, and mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Please come and invite your friends.

## **Friday Bible Study**

The Book of Romans was written by the Apostle Paul, around 55-57 A.D. It is sometimes considered by biblical scholars as a systematic theology outlined by Paul, especially on justification and salvation. Others have called it the Good News according to Paul. This book offers a breathtaking theological and spiritual vision that is relevant to the ancient and contemporary readers alike. Come and join us! For more information, please contact Rev. Paul Wu.



## Mission Moment

In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provided financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.



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