

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Loutherbourg, Philippe-Jacques de, 1740-1812 ; Bromley, William, 1769-1842. **The Macklin Bible -- Christ Appeasing the Storm**, from Art in the Christian Tradition

June 23, 2024

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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 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: *A Sunday School Presentation*

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God!

**All: How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!**

One: For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or
who has been his counsellor?

**All: Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift
in return?**

One: For from him and through him and to him are
all things. To him be the glory forever.

All: Amen.

****Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear Loving God, we confess that we have not always found it in ourselves to live as we would like to live. We confess to you all that we are, and all the ways that we are not able to be as loving, or as peaceful, or as wholehearted, as we intended. We trust that you see all of us, all of our actions, even all of our thoughts, and that you hold all of that with gentleness. We are caught up in the rush of the world, the busy-ness of things, the deadlines and the shortness of time, we are overwhelmed, we lose track of what is most important, what is most lasting, what will still matter when dust settles, when temporary distractions have faded. We are in the midst of things, and trust that you see a deeper reality, and that you look on us with love. See all that we are, everything that goes unseen, unsaid, unnoticed, and with your love, hold all that is broken within 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

Scripture

First Reading: Job 38:1–11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without
knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the
earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you
know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32 (with refrain 1)

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
**those redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the Lord,
wondrous works in the deep.

For God commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits end.

**Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,
who brought them out from their distress;
the Lord made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

**Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and God brought them to their desired haven.**

Let them give thanks for the Lord's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**Let them extol the Lord in the congregation of the people,
and praise God in the assembly of the elders.**

Second Reading: Mark 4:35–41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** The Storm Is Strong

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(Tune: Winchester New)

Sermon Safety and Storms

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Will Your Anchor Hold

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Passing of the Peace

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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:** O Jesus, I Have Promised

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(Tune: Thornbury)

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

by: Gertrude H. Nicholson



St Giles Events

Monday, June 24 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Tuesday, June 25 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting.

Wednesday, June 26 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Alpha Course, theme "What about the Church?" in person.

Thursday, June 27 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice all are invited to attend.

Friday, June 28 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study is taking a summer break and will resume in September.

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#.
3. Make sure to press the # after the number.
4. You will then be asked to say your name. Say it.
5. Press the # again.

Student Preacher

On June 23, 2024 we welcome Will Burr to lead worship and share a message with us. Will is a seminary student from the Vancouver School of Theology (VST). He is currently completing an internship term at Knox Presbytery Church in Ottawa.

St Giles Presbyterian Women

In June and December of every year, the St. Giles Presbyterian Women choose and donate to two missions.

This year we chose to give to the Well, a drop-in centre for women in crisis. Supplies and women's necessities are always needed.

We also chose to give to the St. Giles Benevolent Fund.

Presbytery Ministry Animator

The Presbytery of Ottawa, in conjunction with the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry have jointly hire Mr. Sunjay Henry as the Presbytery Ministry Animator. His primary task is to help engage and re-engage youth and young adults through digital platforms, and to provide support for youth leaders to churches trying to do the same. Sunjay can be reached by email at prezminimator@gmail.com, or by telephone at 613-407-8075.

Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2024

July 07	Joint Services at St Giles	10:00 a.m.	181 First Ave.
July 14	Joint Services at Glebe St James	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
July 21	Joint Services at Southminster	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.
July 28	Joint Services at Southminster	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.
Aug 04	Joint Services at Southminster	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.
Aug. 11	Joint Services at St Giles	10:00 a.m.	181 First Ave.
Aug. 18	Joint Services at Glebe St James	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been gathering and offering services and spiritual support to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in the Peterborough area since 2016. Like the soft, protective wings of a dove, the programming of Newcomers Mission provides refuge and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. One wing of the ministry represents the spiritual side through worship services, prayer meetings and house visits. The other wing is the social and cultural side, helping newcomers to access support services, obtain employment and provide English language teaching and translation services. The two wings work together so that the newcomers can succeed and belong.



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