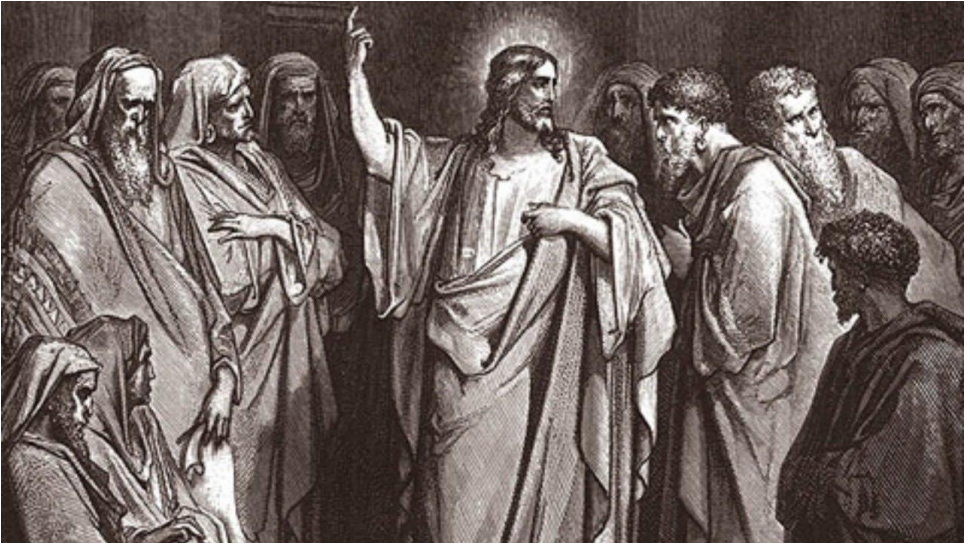


Joint Summer Service
At
St Giles Presbyterian Church



"A prophet is not without honour..." (Mark 6:4)

July 7, 2024

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: *Little Prelude on St Agnes, Durham*

(Hymn 367)

By Winnagene Hatch

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Great is the Lord God;

All: and greatly to be praised.

One: Praise the Lord in cities and towns,

All: praise God in all quiet places.

One: Praise the Lord on mountains and hilltops;

**All: praise God in every valley,
on every plain and every slope.**

One: Let us praise with all of God's creation;

**All: We will praise God's holy name,
here and everywhere, now and always.**

****Hymn:** When morning gilds the skies

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Prayer of Adoration

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made all things and called them good. You created humans in your image, and gave us a calling and a purpose. You lift up leaders and send out

disciples to take part in your reconciling work in the world. Your love is endless, your mercy without measure. And so we praise you with heart, mind, strength and soul, in the name of Jesus, your Son, blessed by your Spirit, working in us, with us, around us and beyond us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of overflowing grace, we confess we often take your blessings for granted. Forgetting life is a precious gift, we waste time on things that don't matter. We complain when things don't go our way, ignoring those who face even challenges. Forgive us, O God. Renew our calling to share your abundant love for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and friend.

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

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Receive the mercy of God this day, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another, quoting the words of Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Anthem *All Shall be Well* (arr. Frances Macdonnell)

Scripture

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1–5

He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm 123 (*with refrain 2*)

To you I lift up my eyes,
To you enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants

**look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

Second Reading: Mark 6:1–13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he

could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** There is a balm in Gilead **747**

Sermon Power in Weakness

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Brother, sister, let me serve you **635**

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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:** Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

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Benediction

Postlude *Laudes Domini*

by Chester Norman

Today's Prelude

Winnagene Hatch, composer of today's Prelude, was the Director of Music at Lambeth United Church in London, Ontario, and a Secondary School teacher. She was a graduate of the University of Toronto in Music and Education & a member of the London Centre of the RCCO.

Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2024



A warm Welcome to our summer visitors from
Glebe St James and Southminster

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.



Sunday School Summer Break

A word of appreciation to all the Sunday School Teachers and helpers. Have a wonderful summer and we will see everyone in September.

Update from Finance & Maintenance Committee

A number of projects are expected to be carried out by the committee over the summer, including cement parging of the front steps, waxing of the banquet hall floor, and backflow plumbing installation. Please keep these works in your prayer, and with thanks to members of the F&M.

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 center for women in crisis. Supplies and women's necessities are always needed. We also chose to give to the St. Giles Benevolent Fund.

The Presbyterian College

We have received a thank you letter from the Principal of the Presbyterian College, The Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries, "I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation in support of the ministry and mission of the college. Your support plays a vital role in advancing our mission fostering an authentic community where individuals come together to support and uplift one another in their journey of faith and learning..."



Mission Moment

In Yemen, the ongoing war, collapsed economy, and disrupted public services have led to one of the worst humanitarian situations in the world, which includes severe malnutrition, hunger, displacement and poverty. To address this, PWS&D, through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has supported the distribution of essential food baskets to severely food-insecure households. Musa, a displaced man from Al-Hodeida, lives in cramped conditions with his family and struggles to make ends meet by selling water bottles. His wife requires surgery, adding to their financial strain. With the assistance received, Musa's family improved their food security by purchasing fruits and vegetables. With essential food needs addressed, Musa can now redirect the money he earns towards improving sanitation facilities for their home.



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