

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Hannah at Prayer, painting by Wachtel, Wilhelm (1875-1942),
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

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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: *Récit*

by Denis Bédard

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

All: In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

One: The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries

All: In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

One: The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

All: In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

One: Let us worship God together.

All: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

****Hymn:** Sing your praise to God eternal

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Lord of goodness and life, we in wonder and awe, eager to praise your name. You are the source of all that is good and true, the essence of your love. You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives. You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike, and how to build a better world together. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in Jesus' name makes a difference. So may we live to bring you glory, O God, for the sake of Christ our Lord, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, you call us to take part in our community, loving our neighbours and serving your purposes. We confess this is easier said than done. We often sit in judgment on those who serve in public life, criticizing any who fall short of our expectations. Yet we confess we too fall short of your loving purpose for us. Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize, and too slow to join in what needs to be done.

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! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share that forgiveness with others in his name.

Scripture

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1–10

And Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord;

My horn is exalted in the Lord.

I smile at my enemies,

Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

“No one is holy like the Lord,

For there is none besides You,

Nor is there any rock like our God.

“Talk no more so very proudly;

Let no arrogance come from your mouth,

For the Lord is the God of knowledge;

And by Him actions are weighed.

"The bows of the mighty men are broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
And the hungry have ceased to hunger.
Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has become feeble.

"The Lord kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and brings up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.
He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
To set them among princes
And make them inherit the throne of glory.

"For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
And He has set the world upon them.
He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.

"For by strength no man shall prevail.
The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against them.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

"He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed."

Psalm 16 (with refrain 1)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

You hold my lot

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places;**

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

**The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved.**

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:19–25

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Jesus, life of all the world

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Sermon My Horn is Exalted in the Lord

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

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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:** Lift high the cross

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Benediction

Postlude *Plein Jeu*

by Denis Bédard



St Giles Events

Monday, November 18 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, November 20 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting in person

Thursday, November 21 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, November 22 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Proverbs 10, 11,
Theme: The Proverbs of Solomon I

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 the passcode number 7455703#.

Christmas Concert, Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Pipes and Drums of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa will be presenting their annual concert at St. Giles on Friday December 6. This is a benefit event in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. More details will follow.

Christmas Fayre

St Giles' Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 30. Please reserve that date and help in any way you can. We need volunteers. Watch for updates in the up coming bulletins. Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

Christmas Fair and Bazaar for Other Local Churches.

Glebe St James Bazaar, Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (poster on bulletin at side entrance).

Southminster United Church Christmas Fair, Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 15 Aylmer Avenue. (poster on bulletin at side entrance). Note same date as the St Giles Fayre.

Concerts for Other Local Churches

Knox Presbyterian Church, Sunday December 1st 2:00p.m. will present, Gifts of Advent, a celebration with word, choir, organ and carols. (poster on bulletin at side entrance).

St Stephen's Anglican, Sunday December 1st 7:00p.m. in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College will host, The Four Choirs Christmas Concert. (poster on bulletin at side entrance).

Face to Face - Presbytery of Ottawa Youth Event

Join us at St. Paul's Church, Ottawa on Friday, November 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. for a Presbytery Youth Event. Youth grades 6-12 (with a leader) are invited to an in-person presbytery-wide youth event at St. Paul's Church at 971 Woodroffe Ave. The event will consist of icebreakers, worship, group activities, and a guided conversation and prayer. This event is a chance for the youth to get to know one another better and build a community within the presbytery. If you have questions, please contact our Presbytery Animator, Sunjay Henry at prezminanimator@gmail.com or 613-407-8075.

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship, and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization operates the popular “Twinning Program,” pairing newly arrived refugee women with women already residing in Montreal. Frequent meetings and group activities forge bonds of friendship and solidarity, mitigate isolation and address barriers that these women encounter in their daily lives.



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