

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



*Miracle Catch*, 2019, painting by Mike Moyers, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

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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: *God Will Take Care of You* by Roger C. Wilson

Welcome

Introit *Beautiful Savior* by Robert Lee

Call to Worship

One: Let us sing and pray in God's presence.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: For God has created the world and called it good.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: In Christ, God has redeemed the world and defeated the powers of death.

**All: Praise be to God!**

One: The Holy Spirit is at work in the world, calling us to follow Jesus

**All: All praise and glory to God,  
Holy One and Holy Three!**

**\*\*Hymn:** God, reveal your presence

**414**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading: your presence is peace when we are frantic; your Word is truth when we face deception; your Spirit offers

freedom when we are paralyzed by fear. You give purpose in confusing times; You call for justice when the world settles for inequality. For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be, we worship you as the source of life, the promise of redemption, and the spirit of love in action, One God, now and always.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life, but we confess our shortcomings. We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts; we have ignored your grace at work among us, and focused on loss and complaint. We have been suspicious of the motives of others, too quick to judge and too slow to forgive. Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are. With your forgiveness, cleanse us from all our faults and failings, and inspire us to walk a new way.**

#### 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

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Rejoice that God has forgiven you and opens a new future this day.

## Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of

the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalms 138 (with refrain 1)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly,  
but perceives the haughty from far away.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against  
the wrath of my enemies;**

you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## Second Reading: Luke 5:1–11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So, they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** You walk along our shoreline **753**

Sermon What's the Catch?

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Lead me, Jesus; I will follow (2x) **646**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology:** **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:** Lord Jesus, We Must Know You

**Lord Jesus, we must know you**

**if we would make you known,**

**for how can we proclaim you**

**but by your grace alone?**

**We long to know your fulness,**

**your life of risen power,**

**for you alone can answer**

**the challenge of this hour.**



**Our broken world is seeking  
what only you can give;  
our words may go unheeded,  
but not the way we live.  
O Savior, live within us  
your life so strong, so true,  
that others, touched with wonder,  
may seek and worship you!**

**Lord Jesus, by your Spirit  
renew your Church, we pray,  
till what we are makes valid  
the truth of what we say.  
So truly may we know you,  
so make your life our own,  
that we become so like you  
our lives must make you known.**

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Benediction

Postlude *To God Alone Be Highest Praise*

by J.S. Bach, arr.V.D. Thompson

## St Giles Events

**Monday, February 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, February 12 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Session Meeting** to discuss all matters relating to AGM

**Thursday, February 13 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**, to God be the glory.

**Friday, February 14 ~ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Proverbs 23:29-24:34 Sayings of the Wise II

**Sunday, February 16 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion.**



## Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting at St Giles is scheduled to take place on February 23, 2024, immediately after the worship service. A draft copy of the annual report will be made available one week prior.

## Centennial Anniversary

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Giles, we have invited two guest speakers: Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries on March 16, and Rev. Amanda Currie on May 11. Rev. De Vries is the principal of the Presbyterian College and will be sharing with us some exciting ministries of the College. Rev. Currie is the minister of First Presbyterian Church, Regina,

and has served as the 145th Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (2019-2021) and is serving currently as the president of the Canadian Council of Churches. Additionally, in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the PCC, the Presbytery of Ottawa is organizing a joint worship in the afternoon on May 4, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. More details to follow.

## **Archival Committee**

In preparation for the Anniversary celebration of St. Giles, the Archival Committee is putting together 9 displays, highlighting significant ministries of the congregation over its history, including pictures and write-up for each. The displays are: The Choir Over the Years; Baptism/Marriages; Exhibition Booth; Stained Glass Windows; Our Ministers; St. Giles Bazaars; Camerons; St. Giles at Gracefield; World War II. Different individuals are being invited to contribute to the write-ups. If you have pictures you would like to contribute to these displays, please contact Don Tate.

## **Thank you from Centretown Community Food Centre**

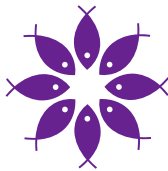
It was a great pleasure to attend the Cameron Highlanders annual December Pipes and Drum concert which raised over \$1,875 in donations as well as two carloads of food donations. We are very grateful for St Giles' ongoing support of our food centre. Special thanks to Don Tate; Stan and Jean Currie for all their help. Your donations will be used in the purchase of essential food items during a time when there are fewer donations. Sincerely, Dennis Hansen, Manager Centretown Community Food Centre ([ccfcottawa.ca](http://ccfcottawa.ca)).

## Mission Moment

Rolling blackouts and limited access to research data caused the Rev. Francisco Marrero-Gutiérrez, former Dean and Vice-Rector of Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba to struggle as he worked to complete his PhD. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC brought Francisco to Canada for four months so he could concentrate on researching and writing his doctoral dissertation on the hermeneutics in revolution.



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