

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb, 1550-1560, by Daniele Volterra,
from the York Project, Siena, Italy.

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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.

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead us

**All: Let them bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling places**

One: Then we will go to the altar of God,
to God our exceeding joy

All: We will praise you with the harp, O God, our God

One: Hope in God, for we shall yet praise the Lord

All: Our help and our God

****Hymn:** O Lord, thou art my God and King

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creator God, you have made a world of such amazing diversity— with unique living things we cannot number, in an interdependent pattern on which all life depends. We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind—through culture and language, custom and community. We praise you for such wonder. In Jesus Christ, you show us how much you love your creation and how we can live by your love. By the power of your Spirit, give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made, and teach us how to share in the praise your creation offers each day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us but we confess we prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We don't understand discrimination that hurts others. We don't recognize how our own preferences affect other people and the earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our familiar assumptions, and open our minds and hearts to the stories of others and the cries of suffering throughout the earth.

Assurance of Pardon

The apostle Paul writes that in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. Since we have been baptized into Christ, we have clothed ourselves with Christ, and we are all one in Christ Jesus. Therefore, be at peace with one another, be at peace with yourselves, and be at peace with God. Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1–9a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Psalm 42 (*with refrain 1*)

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God

**My soul thirst for God,
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

**My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I went with the throng,

**and led them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for again I shall praise,
my help and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
From the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar

**Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts**

**All your waves and your billows
have gone over me.**

**By day the Lord bestows steadfast love,
and at night God's song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"

**Like a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
While they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for again I shall praise
my help and my God.**

Second Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b–15

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him

that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** As the deer 2X 27

Sermon: The Sound of Silence

****Hymn:** Be still, my soul 749

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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

...

we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God,

...

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God,

...

almighty God, for ever and ever.

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 and ever. Amen.

****Hymn:** All who hunger **534**

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn:** Sent forth by your blessing **775**

Benediction

Postlude *Lift Up Your Songs of Praise* Camille Saint-Saens
(arr. Stewart Landon)



St Giles Events

Monday, June 23 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

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

Session meeting in person

Thursday, June 26 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, to God be the glory.

Friday, June 27 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Revelations
12–13 The Woman, the Dragon and the Beasts

Help Needed

The Children Sunday School is growing. Praise God for blessing us with increasing number of new pupils, many of them French speaking. We are looking for new teachers and helpers to join this ministry. Training will be provided as long as you have a willing heart. Those interested, please contact Daisy Tsai for more details.

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) provides a safe space for those seeking comfort and direction. Through its drop-in centre, SNCM serves warm meals and offers a range of programs, including a mid-week worship service, an arts program and both crisis and spiritual counseling.

Rooted in First Nations traditions and gospel teachings, the ministry offers prayer, friendship, and hospitality to those in need. Over time, SNCM has flourished, not only in the number of people it serves but also in the depth of spiritual connections and the strength of the community bonds it fosters.



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