

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Harvest in Provence, 1888, oil painting by Vincent Van Gogh, echoing the passage of Luke 10:2, "the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few".

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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: All Are Welcome (by Marty Haugen)

Let us build a house

where love can dwell and All can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell how hearts
learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith
and vault of grace,

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house

where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house

Where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live
the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face,

Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as
words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith
and songs of grace.

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: We will sing to the glory of God with
resounding praise.**

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**All: God has turned our mourning into dancing
and clothed us with joy.**

One: Let all the earth worship God
and sing praises to God's holy name.

**All: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you
forever.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

****Hymn:** Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet **466**

Children's Story:

I am the Light of the World

Refrain: **"I am the light of the world!**

You people come and follow me!"

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,

The work of Christmas is begun;

Ref.

– To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,

To feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,

To feel the earth below the sky above!

Ref.

– To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,

To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
To see God's children every where!

Ref.

To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's birth,

To make music in an old person's heart,

And sing to the colours of the earth!

Ref.

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mercy, in creation you gave us all that we need to live and all that we can cherish. You came to us in Jesus Christ to show us the face of your love. You walk into our lives to meet us in the midst of joy and pain. Through the Holy Spirit, you speak words of wisdom to help us find our way. God in our midst, speak to us today in this time of worship. Speak the words we need to hear so that we know you still walk with us in Jesus Christ. For we honour you, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, one God, now and forever.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace, yet too often we create discord and division. We serve our own interests first, ignoring those in need. We value our understanding of the world you love and fail to listen to the stories of others. Forgive us for such self-centredness. Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, eager to serve, willing to listen, glad to be of service in his name.

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

The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away and everything has become new! Thanks be to God that by God's mercy, we can all make a new start!

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10–14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast,
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river
and the wealth of the nations
like an overflowing stream,
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm
and bounced on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,
and it shall be known that the power of the Lord
is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Psalms 66: 1–9 (*with refrain 1*)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

and offer glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe
before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:

the Lord is awesome in deeds among mortals.

The Lord turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God,

who rules by might forever,

Whose eyes keep watch on the nations –

let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,
**Who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**

Second Reading: Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet,

we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this:
the kingdom of God has come near.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** The church of Christ, in every age **486**
(tune of O Waly Waly, hymn# 600)

Sermon The Kingdom of God Has Come

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Let there be light **727**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: **830**

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn:** To God be the glory **350**

Benediction

Postlude *March Recessional*

Lily Strickland

St Giles Events

Thursday, August 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice will be taking a break over the summer and will resume on August 14.

Friday,

Bible Study will be taking a break over the summer and will resume after Labour Day.

Session News

The Session of St. Giles has accepted with thanks the resignation of Janice Fourney from active duty. Jan has faithfully served on the Session for many years. Her contribution to the congregational life of St. Giles is very much appreciated. May God bless her and remember her.

Monday Coffee Hour

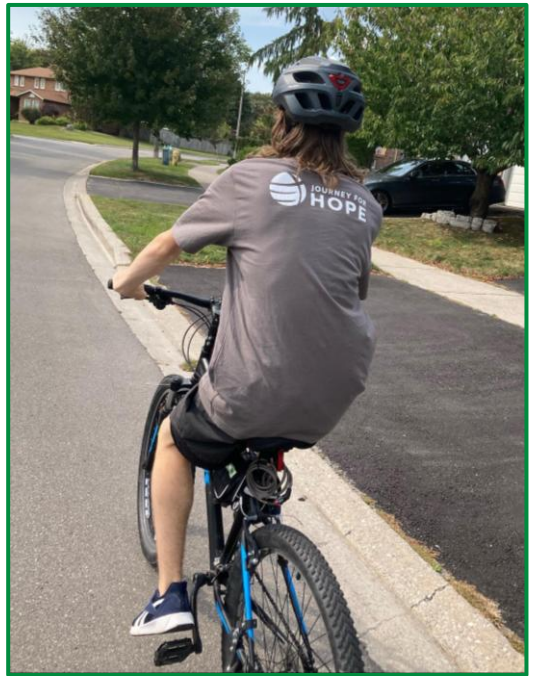
The Session has decided to bring the Monday Coffee Hour via Teleconference to an end. It was started as a COVID ministry in 2020 when people were unable to gather after worship. It continued after the pandemic to connect with those who are unable to physically attend worship. We thank God for all who participated in this ministry.

Helpers Wanted

St. Giles has been asked to send a total of 18 care packages to soldiers of the Cameron Highlander Regiment who are currently posted overseas. We are looking for additional volunteers who are able and willing to prepare baked goodies (for the end of August and October). For more information, please contact Kate Ferguson (tartanterriers@sympatico.ca).

Mission Moment

According to the World Food Programme, 1.9 million people are facing severe hunger, while wealthier nations are reducing their aid contributions. On September 27, 2025, you can join PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope—walk, roll, ride or engage in an activity you love—to raise funds for vital food security projects and contribute to real, impactful change. Learn more at WeRespond.ca/JourneyforHope.



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