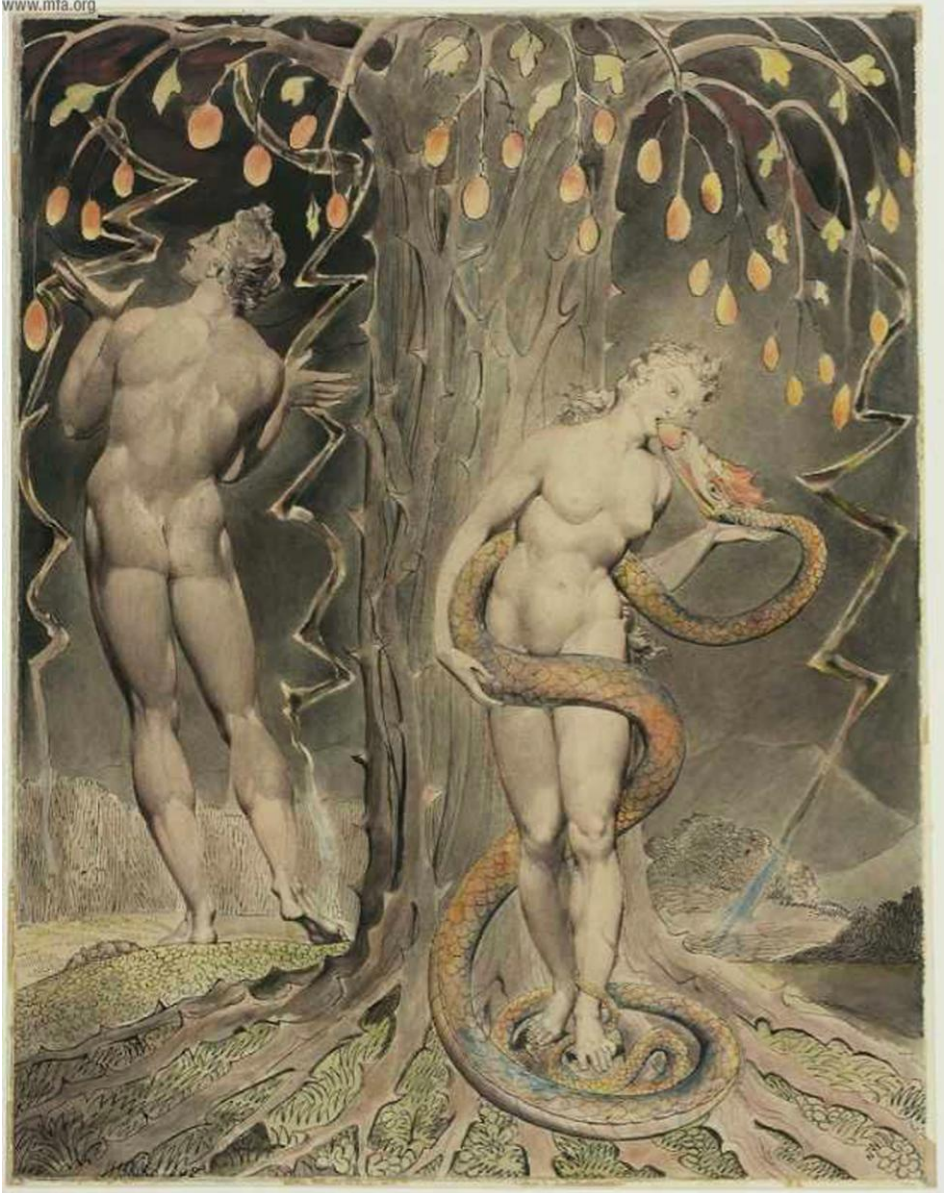


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The Temptation and Fall of Eve, 1808, by William Blake,
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Greeting and Welcome

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*

Pierre du Mage

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: O God, you are a hiding place for us;

All: you preserve us from trouble.

One: Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

All: for in times of distress, God is with us.

One: The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

All: God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

One: So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

All: We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

****Hymn:** The glory of these forty days

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You became one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joy and sorrow, manifesting your greatness in the child of the manger, revealing your power in the service of washing the disciples'

feet, showing your glory in the shame of the cross. And so, we praise you for your love which is great enough to embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts. During our worship, surprise us once again with your grace that we, with the rest of the church and the whole creation, may praise and adore you, as Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We have found peace in Christ, but we are a people divided against ourselves. We confess that we cling to the values of a broken world rather than the principles of your kingdom. In your mercy, heal us, forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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, forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The Apostle Paul declared our hope, asking the question: "Who is in a position to condemn?" The Answer? "Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us." Trust this Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Genesis 2:15–17, 3:–7

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Psalm 32 *(with refrain 2)*

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessed are those whom the LORD
does not hold guilty,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up
as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust
in the LORD.**

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous;
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** God marked a line **212**
(to the tune of Melcombe, #401)

Sermon Retelling the Story of Adam Through Jesus

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** This is my Father's world **328**

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:** Great is thy faithfulness **324**

Benediction

Postlude *Plein Jeu*

Pierre du Mage



St Giles Events

Sunday, February 22 ~ immediately after Service
Annual Congregation Meeting

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

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

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

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Samuel
14, 36–52, 15, God rejects Saul as King



Annual Congregation Meeting

By the authority of Moderator of Session of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, the Annual Congregational Meeting is hereby called, on the Sunday of February 22, 2026, immediately after the worship service. Members and adherents of the congregation are invited to participate. Please pick up a personal copy of the annual report through the duty elder.

Corner Stone Donations

The St Giles Women give a donation in June and December to local charities. This time we have chosen Corner Stone - a shelter for women., located on Booth Street.

As we are a small group, we invite anyone in our church family to add to our donation. These contributions will be received by Kaye Tate. and the deadline will be the end of February. Thank you in advance for joining in this project.

Praying for Cuba

First of all, a word of thanks to all those who responded to the call of the Presbyterian College, in organizing an emergency mission trip to Cuba. Although, the trip was ultimately cancelled due to the lack of flights to the island, we are nevertheless pleasantly surprised by the generousities of so many who expressed willingness to help in various ways. Please continue to keep the people in Cuba in your prayers, as they are indeed waking through the "darkest valley" (Psalm 23:4). May the Lord guide them to lie down in green pastures; May the Lord lead them beside still waters and restores their hearts and souls (and electricity).

Mission Moment

Amidst a war, political upheaval, and other challenges, a congregation of the Reformed Church of Chop in Transcarpathia, Ukraine operates a social kitchen that serves weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, disabled and elderly members of the community. Since 2023, Presbyterians Sharing has helped provide ingredients, tools and monthly stipends for those serving in the ministry. Through grace, the number of served meals has doubled, and the community has experienced communal, physical and spiritual sustenance.



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