

Joint Summer Service

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Purification of Isaiah's Lips, 1135-1140, fresco at Saint-Martin church, Nohant-Vicq, France, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

August 30, 2026

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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: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

All: We will sing praises for all that God has done.

One: Let your hearts be joyful!

All: We will seek God's presence continually.

One: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**All: We will always remember the blessings of God
and glorify God forever!**

****Hymn:** All creatures of our God and King (v.1, 4, 5, 6) **433**

Prayer of Adoration

Holy, Mysterious, Eternal and Ever-lasting and Ever-loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and end of all things. In your depth, we are at awe. In your breadth, we know your tender embrace. We can only wonder at your love for us, so small a part of your whole creation are we. Yet in Jesus Christ we meet your generous grace. In the Holy Spirit, you move with us to inspire our action and fill us with hope. And so, we worship you in humble praise, Holy God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous grace. 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. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's embracing grace. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15–21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand, I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is

worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,

not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalms 26 1–8 (*with refrain 2*)

Vindicate me, O LORD,

**for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without
wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

**For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

**I wash my hands in innocence,
and walk around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue

hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Thy kingdom come—on bended knee **784**

Sermon Burning Coal on Heads?

****Hymn:** Take time to be holy **638**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**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, gather gladly

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Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn:** Go to the world (tune of Sine Nomine, #611)

- 1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Benediction

Postlude *Psalm of Glory*

Lani Smith

St Giles Events

Wednesday, September 09 ~ 12:30 a.m.

St Giles Women's Association in person meeting. Bring your own lunch and bring a friend. **All Women Welcome!**

Thursday, September 10 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome!

Friday, September 11 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel

Sunday, September 13 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School resumes.

Bible Study Group

We are resuming the Bible Study Group via Teleconference (see instruction below), for the Friday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. We will be reading the Book of 2 Samuel, which tells the history of King David's reign over Israel. This reign is characterized by a time of great success and blessing followed by the painful consequences of his personal moral failures. Throughout the study, we will be keeping in mind the question: what is so special about David that he is called a man after God's own heart? Come and join us and experience for yourself the wonder, and the power of the words of God in the Scripture.

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#.

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Central Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, continues its strong tradition of community outreach and vibrant music ministry. Situated in an urban neighbourhood with affordable housing projects, lower-income families, seniors, and many children, the church recognizes that ticketed events are often financially inaccessible. In response, Central offers high-quality, inclusive musical programming that is open to all, welcoming neighbours regardless of circumstance. In partnership with other downtown churches, the congregation also leads Hamilton Out of the Cold, providing a warm, welcoming space, meaningful connection, and hot meals for individuals experiencing hunger, isolation, and hardship in the community.



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