

THE THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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WELCOME

Welcome to worship at St. Giles Presbyterian. We are separate physically but connected in space and time. We are so glad you are with us to praise God and renew your faith and hope today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SONG

Forever

*Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise*

*With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever*

***From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise***

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 8:10, 12

This is the covenant I will establish . . . declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the

strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

MESSAGE Fat Sheep, Lean Sheep

Rev. Rebecca Kuiken

SONG *He is Among Us*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, our Creator, you are the wellspring of life.
We turn to you now with all the prayers of our lives.
We need you.
We need your healing power.
We need your steadfastness, your strength, and your hope.
You have been faithful to us, O God, throughout all time.
And so we call out to you today, asking you
to intercede into our world and our lives.
Stand beside us and guide us to live in such a way that
we reflect your will and your dreams for our world.
You are the living water, the wellspring of life.

Pour out your comfort upon us, God.
Pour out your strength upon us.
Pour out your healing power upon us.
So many of us are tired, God, fatigued by so many things.
We are exhausted by our precarious democracy,
worried about the presidential transition.
We are weary of injustice and violence;
uncertain about our finances,
and concerned about our loved ones and our neighbors.

Help us, O God, to be your hands and feet in this world,
extending generosity, kindness, and committed action
to share your love and justice with all your people.
Do not let us avoid the task to which you call us, God—
to reach across barriers and to trust in your sufficiency,
to share the grace that we have been given.

Living God, pour out your Spirit, until the earth is filled with justice and love.
With grateful and trusting hearts, we pray in Jesus' name, saying,

**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.**

CLOSING SONG # 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*
verses 1, 2, & 5

***Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing;
help us to follow you.***

Refrain:

***Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.***

***Come to teach us; come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful; may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced.*** (Refrain)

***Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.*** (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face towards you
And give you peace. Amen

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Mona Dowell and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship podcast.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Jodi Miranda, friend of Emmie Brown, and Jodi's children Katie and Karson, following the death of Jorge Miranda, husband of Jodi and father to Katie and Karson

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay	Rachel Williams	Sandra Richbourg
Charolette Brown	Libby Morton	Dick Grassi
Dan Grassi	Aleta Wheeler	Jack Van Stavern
Inez Ruchte	Jeane Nagel	Joe Moody
Donna Nichols	Andrew Scharfe	Dave Smith
Barbara Settlemyre	Rabbi Lucy Dinner	

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,
& niece Eloise Lindsay
Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
Paul Hutter & family
Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.