

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Come, and lay your burdens on the Lord
Come, and turn your heart to scripture's call:
to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.
Come, and remember the promises of God's word:
that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Come, let us gather to lean on the everlasting arms of Christ Jesus.

SONG *I'll Praise My Maker*

***I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.***

***Happy are those whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky,
the earth and seas, with all their train.
This truth for ever stands secure:
God saves the oppressed, God feeds the poor,
and none shall find this promise vain.***

***I'll praise you while you lend me breath,
and, when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we hear your calling. You have shown us hope and offer us courage. We want to be a demonstration of your beloved community. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences. We despair at challenges that are given to us. We get weary in our faith and allow hopelessness to get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, God. Take our lives and transform us to be your new people. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Believe the good news! God loves us and accepts us. God believes in who we can become. Know that grace of new beginnings. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Eternal Wisdom, clear our minds of all the clutter of falsehood. Still our hearts that we might receive the wisdom of your Word and be guided in the Truth that will set us free. Amen

PSALM

Psalm 78

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell them to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD,
and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments,
and that they should not be like their ancestors,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

MESSAGE

I Love to Tell the Story

Rev. Rebecca Kuiken

SONG

My Life Flows On

*My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
It sounds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth,
What though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his,
How can I keep from singing?*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of history and God of the future, we come to you this morning with gratitude for your grand design for your church. For the astonishing vision you have planted in the eyes and the hearts of the young and the ancient to live lives of courage and conviction we pause to give you thanks. Give us hearts of courage; give us minds with searing clarity; give us spirits with such love that it makes swords into pruning hooks; bring a mighty harvest of hope.

We pray for our nation as we find ourselves in unsettled times of racial and cultural tearing; of disrespect and disregard for the most vulnerable among us; of mistrust and misunderstanding. Mend the soul of this nation so every person might live fully into your as citizens of the commonwealth of your love.

We pray for those who are facing illness this day. Comfort those who are afraid; accompany those who care for them; sing a new song, O God, in their hearts that the beauty of your peace would wash over them and let them know they are not alone or forgotten. We pray for those who rejoice at new life in their families and for those who are sorrowful in the loss of those we love.

Make us strangely light of heart, O Spirit of heavenly hope, even in these dim days, because you are the one who sees light beyond the shadows, harvest after scarcity, resurrections dawn after the cold tomb's darkness. Meet us this day, O Christ, because you are the one who promised never to leave us and to give us astonishing joy.

We pray this in the words you have taught us:

**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

Blessed Assurance

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior, am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love***

***This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

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, Dave Smith, 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:

Betty Fetvedt
Barbara Settlemyre
John Hall
Rabbi Lucy Dinner

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

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.