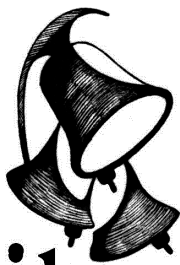


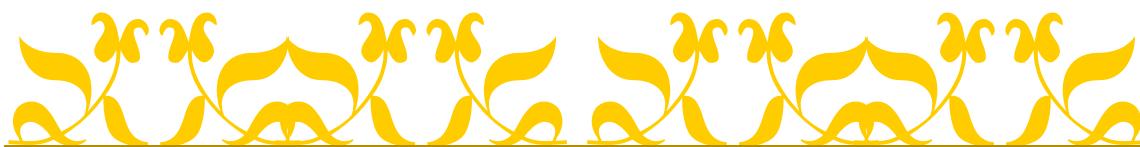
# The Bells of St. Giles



*We feed people — body,  
mind, and spirit.  
Come as you are.*

St. Giles  
Episcopal Church  
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## From the Rector:

### The Bench

Cold wood,  
Damp with dew and lichen,  
At once spongy and hard  
Against my legs and back.

Keeping watch  
On the bluff,  
Ignored by the vista  
Of an uncaring lake.

Windswept grasses surround,  
Like a vast desert sea,  
Devoid of water,  
Moving in waves before the wind.

A lone cornflower  
Dances lightly in the sun,  
A small blue eye in a sea of green-brown,  
A witness to the day.

My thoughts skip and jump,  
An intellectual fire, popping and crackling,  
As my gaze falls headlong  
Into the monotonous repetition of lake waves.

The sun warms my face and hands,  
Passing clouds, blown by the Autumn breeze  
Leave a Morse code of light and shadow,  
Causing me to squint.

The Autumn sunshine feels thin,  
Without substance or power,  
Seeming powerful on my skin,  
Yet unable to heat the day.

A bee flies lazily by,  
Taking no notice of me  
Watching its disciplined, yet desperate, toil  
As it struggles against the dying light.

My thoughts once more alight upon  
Memories of youth, days of open-ended hope  
Where no thought of the potential  
Number of tomorrows haunted me.

Tomorrow, a day when this bench  
May be the lone witness to the creation,  
Unburdened by my presence, my existence,  
A silent placeholder in eternity.

—Court Williams, 10-30-2020

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## Our Schedule

### Sundays

Holy Eucharist in the  
Church; 10:00 AM

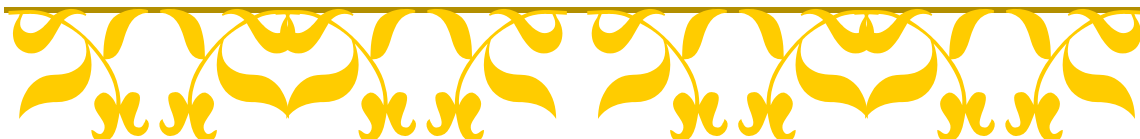
Outdoor Service on  
Second Sundays

### Wednesdays

Cocktails with Court  
on Zoom; 6:00 PM

### Saturdays

Bible Study on Zoom;  
9:00 AM



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Monday: Office closed  
Tues & Thurs: 9 AM - 3 PM  
Wed: 9 AM - 2 PM  
Friday: Office closed

**Rector's Office Hours**

Tues — Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM

**Diocese of Chicago**

The Rev. Paula Clark,  
Bishop-elect

**Vestry**

James Brooks, Sr. Warden  
John Hanzel, Jr. Warden  
Ellie Bonebrake  
Glenn Hunt  
William Perley  
Mike Piskel

Tracey Solano, Clerk  
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer  
Tom Page, Chancellor

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*Building & Grounds (Facilities)* -  
Bob Schultz  
*Communications* - John Hanzel  
*Fundraising* - Huw Williams  
*Green* - James Brooks  
*Hospitality* - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt  
*Pastoral Care* - Leslie Ruttenberg  
And Kris Hunt  
*Social Justice* - Jocelyn Turner

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Many of us love to spend time out of doors, enjoying God's wonderful creation. We love to go for walks in the woods, sit by a creek, pond, or lake, or simply sit in the sunshine and let the wind tousle our hair. We feel whole and healthy when we are out in nature. Often, for many of us, it is a focused place of prayer. We forget, though, that we are a part of creation, also. God made all of creation, from the tiniest virus to the vast universe, and every working, interactive part contained therein. The creation is not something that we merely inhabit, or take up space in, but it is something of which we are a part. We don't merely "go out into creation," but we exist in creation, at all times and in all places and circumstances. But we also are a part of creation, which means creation exists within us as well. We are a part of the creation, and the creation is a part of us. What affects creation, affects us, including the things that we do.

In the Book of Common Prayer, within Eucharistic Prayer D, which we used during the season of Easter, it says:

"You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures."

First, we are made in God's image, which means that we are called and created to love the creation, the whole creation, in the same overwhelming and life-giving way that God does. Second, God gave the whole world "*into our care*." God has charged us with taking care of the whole world, in the same way that God would. Lastly, he calls on us to "rule and serve all your creatures." To rule the way God rules over us, lovingly and with mercy. To serve, that way that Jesus knelt down and washed his disciple's feet, the way that Jesus reached out to the lepers, the lost, and the outcast, and the way that Jesus gave up his life for us on the cross.

We exist as creation and creation exists as us. We live in creation and creation lives in us. There is no separation. There is no hierarchy of control. What affects creation affects us. Let us go forth boldly each day to love and serve the Lord through the care of His creation, including caring for one another.

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Court*



## July~August Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| (July)   |  |
| 3        | Jan Hutchins-DeWitt                              |
| 9        | Gloria Simon                                     |
| 26       | Jim Brooks                                       |
| (August) |  |
| 3        | Alex Williams                                    |
| 9        | Barbara Perley                                   |
| 13       | Bob Robinson                                     |
| 16       | Annie Westerberg                                 |
| 17       | Meredith Brooks, Nick Solano                     |
| 20       | Chris DeWitt, Anne Lehman, and<br>Linda Williams |
| 24       | Maggie Williams                                  |



### Anniversaries:

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| (July)   |   |
| 6        | Bill & Barbara Perley                                 |
| 16       | Martha McGuire & Roy Tambourine                       |
| (August) |   |
| 4        | Kay & Solomon Okoli; and<br>Leslie & Bruce Ruttenberg |
| 6        | Court & Julie Williams                                |
| 13       | Colette & Ron Dim                                     |
| 14       | Emily & William Hanzel                                |
| 21       | Linda & Cliff Williams                                |
| 27       | Bonnie & Norman Frankel                               |

## Late July~August Lectionary Readings

### July 11—7 Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 18—8 Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 25—9 Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

### August 1—10 Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 8—11 Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 15—12 Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 22—13 Pentecost

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### August 29—14 Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## Vestry Meeting Recap for June:

The June 2021 vestry meeting was opened with a prayer by Glenn Hunt.

Father Court informed the Vestry that new guidelines concerning the current health issues would be available as of 06/17/21. He will then confer with the Vestry to determine any changes that our parish will be able to make. There will not be a regular Vestry meeting for July, but there will be a Vestry retreat at a site to be determined in July.

We received word from Campanella Choir thanking St. Giles for working with them during these trying times and that they were happy to be working with us.

Upcoming work on the rectory was presented by Father Court and after a brief discussion was approved by all present.

Interior blinds for the sacristy were discussed. They were never replaced after the windows were repaired last year. This will be brought up to Bob Schultz to see if he can recommend a company to do this work.

The only other topics at this time were bookkeeping & financial matters pertaining to the changeover in the Vestry.

The meeting ended with the compline led by John Hanzel.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Glenn R Hunt

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### *Thank you, Tree of Life!!*

Tree of Life Community Church members were kind enough to repaint our metal picnic table. Here are the before and after photos.  
It sure looks better!

Before:



*After:*





## *Sr. Warden's Report:*

Greetings All Saint Gileans,

Our Community Garden is like a beacon of natural beauty and growth. It's such a wonderful testimony to the hard work and dedication of our gardeners (some from our parish, some from the Northbrook community). It makes me appreciate all of the produce in our numerous grocery stores.

I wish we could grow our Vestry team as easily as we grow peas and tomatoes! In June we lost two long-time members from the Vestry. Lewis Kirkwood stepped down due to health issues, and John Hanzel stepped up to become our second warden (filling the vacancy left by Kay Okoli). **This means we need two more Vestry members to fill John and Lew's positions until January, when we'll elect two new members to full terms.** Please let Court know if you are interested and available to join the **Vestry now!** We are having a Vestry retreat on July 17, a great opportunity to welcome two new members.

Speaking of Kay's departure from the Vestry, I want to include some words of appreciation. When Kay asked me to become senior warden in January 2019, we both had no idea what kind of road lay ahead of us. Cynthia resigned as our rector, and our parish embarked on a search for a new rector. Kay and I worked closely with the Diocese and our own search committee to ensure that we would find a suitable person to replace Cynthia.

Working with Kay has been a pleasure and a privilege. She is so responsive and responsible, and between the two of us, I think we dotted most "I's" and crossed most "T's" that were required. Kay served on the Vestry, as a member and as a warden for the past five years, which may be a record. Even if it's not a record, it's an impressive length of time that she gave to our church, and I just want to recognize her for this dedication and consistency. She is a wonderful person to work with, patient and open and flexible and generous. I know she will continue to help our parish grow and thrive, and I only wish there were some more parishioners like her who would join the Vestry now to keep our "ship" on course for growth and success (hint-hint!).

Another parishioner deserves recognition for her continuous dedication to "tidying up" our Memorial and Community Gardens. Meredith Brooks spends untold hours in these gardens, wielding her red clippers with a sharp eye (and sharper blades), pruning bushes and trees. Take a few minutes to walk among the plants and trees in the Memorial Garden. You may be surprised to see all of the attractive rocks that have been hidden by overgrown trees and bushes. Our Community Garden also looks neater around the perimeter where she has been removing weeds and other overgrown plants.

If you were in church in mid- and late June, you may have heard something unusual: Singing! Yes, the Diocese announced that parishes may once again sing in church. Hallelujah! Our choir will be rehearsing and performing again this fall.

When you read this bulletin, rectory renovations may have begun. When this work is completed, we may be able to enjoy "cocktails with Court" on the new patio!

Let's all have a wonderful, safe summer!

**Please remember St. Giles in your will and charitable giving plan. Thank you.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
James Brooks, Senior Warden



The Northbrook Garden Club is visiting our Garden of Feedin' on Thursday July 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us for a presentation about the garden. The gardeners will be speaking informally about their own garden plots and the ones dedicated to the Northfield Township Food Panty.

This is an opportunity for all of us who are curious to share the experiences of the vegetable and flower gardeners. Come and hear about the garden and growing successes with this group that has been very generous with our garden, donating most of the perennials surrounding our "rabbit-proof" fence.

Contact Jim Brooks for more information.



(Photo by John Hanzel)



# ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • Late JULY/AUGUST

| Sun   | Mon                               | Tue                           | Wed   | Thu       | Fri                               | Sat   |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>July 11</b><br><b>7 Pentecost</b><br>Outdoor Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM      | <b>12</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>13</b>                     | <b>14</b><br>Campanella 5:00-5:45 PM<br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>17</b><br>Vestry Retreat 9 AM—3 PM (at St. Gregory's)                      |
| <b>July 18</b><br><b>8 Pentecost</b><br>In-Person Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM    | <b>19</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>20</b><br>(NO Vestry Mtg.) | <b>21</b><br>Campanella 5:00-5:45 PM<br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>24</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM |
| <b>July 25</b><br><b>9 Pentecost</b><br>In-person Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM    | <b>26</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b><br>Campanella 5:00-5:45 PM<br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>31</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM |
| <b>August 1</b><br><b>10 Pentecost</b><br>In-person Holy Eucharist—10:00 AM   | <b>2</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>3</b>                      | <b>4</b><br>Campanella 5:00-5:45 PM<br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>7</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM  |
| <b>August 8</b><br><b>11 Pentecost</b><br>Outdoor Holy Eucharist—10:00 AM     | <b>9</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>10</b>                     | <b>11</b><br>Campanella 5:00-5:45 PM<br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>14</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM |
| <b>August 15</b><br><b>12 Pentecost</b><br>In-person Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM | <b>16</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>17</b><br>7 PM-Vestry Mtg. | <b>18</b><br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court                            | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>21</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM |
| <b>August 22</b><br><b>13 Pentecost</b><br>In-Person Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM | <b>23</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b><br>6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court                            | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>28</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study<br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM |
| <b>August 29</b><br><b>14 Pentecost</b><br>In-person Holy Eucharist —10:00 AM | <b>30</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>31</b>                     | Tree of Life Community Church uses the church 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Sundays. |           |                                   |   |



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