

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



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# **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

## **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 and large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. 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: *Mélodie* by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to seek justice:

**All: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.**

One: God calls us to show kindness,

**All: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.**

One: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

**All: Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.**

One: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

**\*\*Hymn: Praise the Lord with the sound**

**466**

Children's Story

## Prayer of Adoration

God of wisdom and blessing, on this cold day we come into the warmth of your presence. Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises; here we find welcome in your tender care. Grateful for the protection you provide, thankful for the comfort of your community, we offer our praise to you. For you give blessing when the world condemns; you bring freedom when the culture confines. Embrace us with your love in this hour of worship as we offer you our love in return. Through Christ our Lord we pray.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of the ages, we confess the world's wisdom attracts us, in advertisement and argument. We fail to measure messages according to the wisdom in your Word. We find calls to do justice too demanding, for the world has taught us to look to our own interests first. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you and each other day by day.**

## 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.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Though God knows our failings, forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be glad for his renewing love.

## Scripture

### First Reading: Micah 6:6–8

"With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15 (*with refrain 1*)

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and  
persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: What does the Lord require** **710**

Sermon Blessed

Prayer of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Blest are they** **624**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology: 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: **Lord of all power**

**626**

Benediction

Postlude *Guigue* by Elisabetta de Gambarini



### **Annual Reports**

For those with the responsibility, your Annual Reports must be in the office by February 15. Email is preferable.

### **Pancakes and Ash**

St Giles is partnering with Bytown Community Church to put together 'Pancake Tuesday' dinner (Feb. 21) and Ash Wednesday service (Feb. 22). We hope these events will foster closer cooperation between the two churches, engage the wider community, and mark the beginning



## **St Giles Events**

**Monday, January 30 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, February 1st at 10:30 am**

**The Presbyterian Women** will meet by teleconference.

All women who attend St. Giles are automatically members, and are always welcome.

**Thursday, February 2 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, February 3 ~ 10 a.m.**

**Bible Study** will continue the study of Ezekiel.

Please read chapters 38 and 39.

**Sunday, February 5**

**PWS&D Sunday**

**Sunday, February 12 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

**Tuesday, February 21 ~ evening (TBA)**

**Pancake Tuesday** in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

**Wednesday, February 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday** in partnership with Bytown Community Church.

# Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program

We are pleased to announce our programs for spring 2023. Check out the pink and yellow brochures on the table at the back for program details including registration and payment information.

This spring, we are again offering the afternoon Basic Training Course in-person as well as the evening Basic Course via Zoom. Both courses begin Monday, March 20, 2023 and run weekly until May 15, 2023 (including Easter Monday).

We are also excited to present a Continuing Education event on Tuesday, April 18 from 7– 9 p.m. by Zoom. This session will feature Lisa Boulay as she leads us in a conversation we call “Let's Talk about Families”. Together we will explore how challenging events can shift family dynamics and how pastoral care can bring support to family members.

We invite you to share this information with your friends. For more information about these and other programs, visit our website's home page at [www.ottawapastoralcare.com](http://www.ottawapastoralcare.com)

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## Mission Moment

One day, a neighbour asked the Rev. Tim Choi, Executive Director of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry (EUNM) in Alberta: "What difference has the ministry made after all these years?" This prompted the Rev. Tim to think about the impact the ministry has had on Indigenous people in Edmonton's Eastwood community. He reflected that the journey towards healing and reconciliation must be like a long and flowing river. The harm caused by generations past requires many future generations to heal. In this sense, EUNM is like a little brook that runs alongside this river. God has shaped this ministry into a place of hope for all who gather here.



Gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** are helping us on the path to healing and reconciliation through Indigenous ministries like EUNM.