

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



# Presbyterians Sharing

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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.

Prelude: *The Bell Song* by Frances Macdonnell

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

**All: We will wait upon the Lord.**

One: Hope in the Lord!

**All: For with God there is steadfast love;**

One: With God there is great power to redeem.

**All: So we offer prayers and praise to God  
in whom we trust.**

**\*\*Hymn:** God of mercy, God of grace

**39**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Great and gracious God, your glory speaks in the beauty of creation, your majesty stretches to the depths of space. You are the wellspring of hope and the fountain of healing mercy. We marvel at your love that overflows in our lives and into the world you have made. We worship you in gratitude,

offering you our trust because you have come to us in Christ Jesus. Receive our love and loyalty, offered to you each day as the Spirit prays within us.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Great and merciful God, we confess we sometimes lose trust in you. When we feel desperate, we wonder where you are. In the face of tragedy or disaster, we ask how you could let such things happen. We forget to reach out to you. Forgive us, O God, when we give up on your love. Reassure us that your love in Christ Jesus will never let us go.**

### 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. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

## Scripture

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22–33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one’s mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),  
to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

Psalm 30 (with refrain 1)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

**O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone  
down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.

**For the Lord's anger is but for a moment;  
the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

**By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:

**"What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?**

**Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
**O Lord, be my helper!"**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you  
forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance

may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** God, whose giving knows no ending **663**  
(to the tune of Holy Manna, #534)

Sermon An Acceptable Gift

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** God who gives to life its goodness **334**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology:** **830**

**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:** Great is thy faithfulness **324**

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Air*

by Bert Van Der Hoek





## St Giles Events

**Monday, July 01 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** is taking a summer break and will resume in September.



**Thursday, July 04 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** all are invited to attend.

### **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 a passcode number which is 7455703#.
3. Make sure to press the # after the number.
4. You will then be asked to say your name. Say it.
5. Press the # again.

## **St Giles Presbyterian Women**

In June and December of every year, the St. Giles Presbyterian Women choose and donate to two missions.

This year we chose to give to the Well, a drop-in center for women in crisis. Supplies and women's necessities are always needed.

We also chose to give to the St. Giles Benevolent Fund.

## **Presbytery Ministry Animator**

The Presbytery of Ottawa, in conjunction with the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry have jointly hired Mr. Sunjay Henry as the Presbytery Ministry Animator. His primary task is to help engage and re-engage youth and young adults through digital platforms, and to provide support for youth leaders to churches trying to do the same. Sunjay can be reached by email at [prezminanimator@gmail.com](mailto:prezminanimator@gmail.com), or by telephone at 613-407-8075.

# Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2024

<b>July 07</b>	<b>Joint Services at St Giles</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>181 First Ave.</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Joint Services at Glebe St James</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>650 Lyon St.</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Joint Services at Southminster</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>15 Aylmer Ave.</b>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Joint Services at Southminster</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>15 Aylmer Ave.</b>
<b>Aug 04</b>	<b>Joint Services at Southminster</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>15 Aylmer Ave.</b>
<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>Joint Services at St Giles</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>181 First Ave.</b>
<b>Aug. 18</b>	<b>Joint Services at Glebe St James</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>650 Lyon St.</b>

## Mission Moment

After participating in the New Beginnings program that guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. James (North Yarmouth, ON) began a ministry to help address the social isolation of seniors and older adults, both within the congregation and the surrounding community. St. James adapted its service to become an interactive, conference-call worship model that allows people at home or in care facilities to participate more fully through prayer, reading scripture or singing. Community programming for seniors is also centred around encouraging greater social inclusion, through delivering hot meals and care packages, a weekly home visit program with the minister and elders, and even chartering a bus to sing carols and bring Christmas cheer to doorsteps during Advent. St. James receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.



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