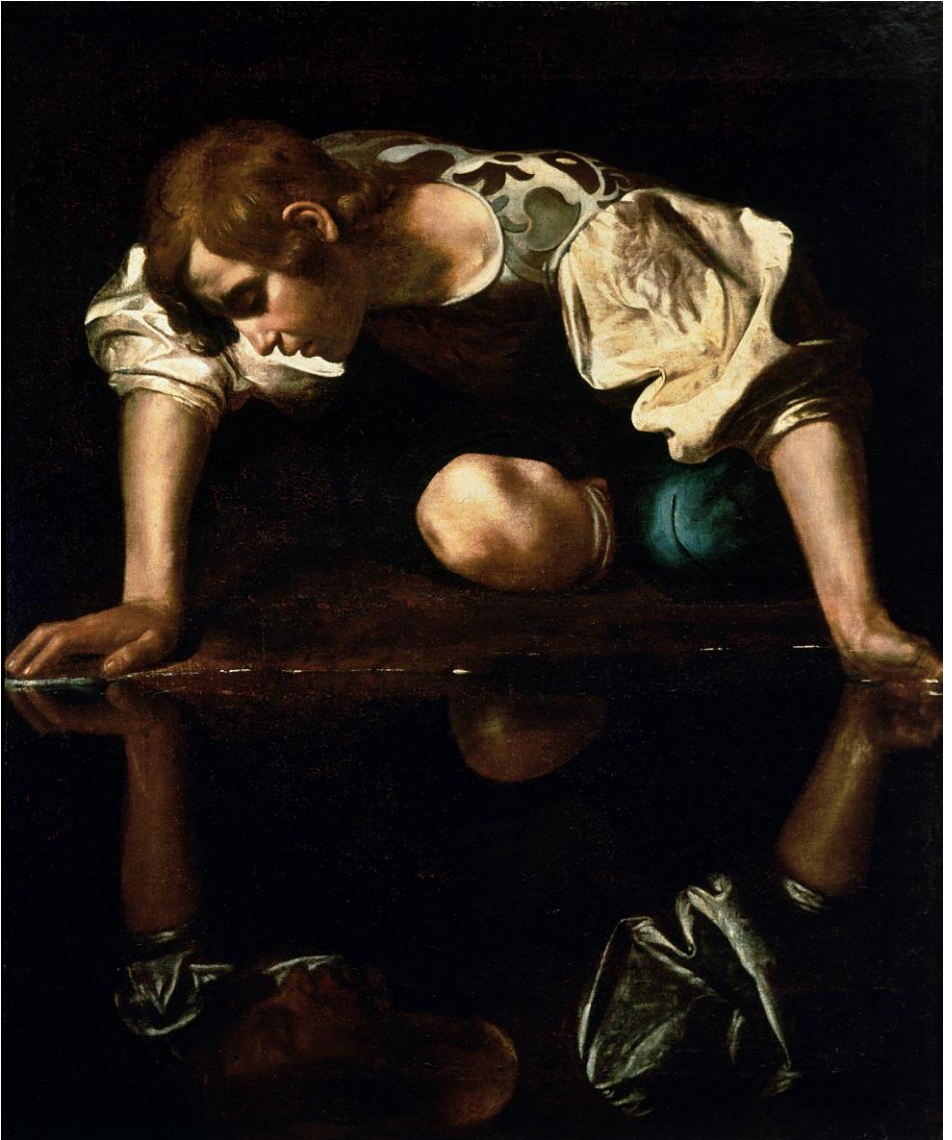


St Giles Presbyterian Church



Narcissus, by Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610, from
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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: *Adagio*

by Charles M. Widor
Arr. V.D. Thompson

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Holy God, you call us to worship.

All: In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

All: In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you'
with heart, body, mind and soul.

All: So we gather to offer you our prayer and praise with joyful thanks.

****Hymn:** New every morning is the love

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Prayer of Adoration

Faithful God, in your creation, you have made the seasons to change, the sun to shine and the rain to fall, the vines to bear fruit and the fields to produce good things. You alone are our strength and security;

you alone bring us rest and comfort. So, we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, for you are the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who brings us life.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, even though we know you are the Source of our lives, we confess we often turn our backs on you. We hear your Word but follow our own ways. We see others in need but prefer to meet our own needs first. We harbor anger and say things that cause others pain. In your mercy, forgive us, and restore us to right relationship with you and with one another.

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

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. When we seek the mercy of God in

humility, God will grant us grace. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

“So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Psalm 15 (*with refrain 1*)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading: James 1:17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose, he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and

welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Seek ye first

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Sermon Doers of the Word

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** God of grace and God of glory

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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:** Brother, sister, let me serve you

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Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

by Gertrude Richolson



St Giles Events

Monday, September 02 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Thursday, September 05 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir practices will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 5:30pm. **Come and join in the song!**

Friday, September 06 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will resume in September.

Sunday, October 06 ~ 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Walk for the Centre 2 or 4 km walk to raise funds for the Centretown Community Food Centre.



Children Sunday School

The Children Sunday School at St. Giles is restarting on the Sunday of September 8, 2024. Please keep in your prayer the team of teachers and helpers, and pray also as Keon, Hanga, Anika, Aaron, Lennix, Ethan, Cedra, and Nova grow in stature so would their love for God. May we faithfully make Jesus known so our students will walk humbly before the LORD all the days of their lives.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Tenor Banda and Comfort Sowah, for tying wedding knot on August 24, 2024. May the LORD bless them and keep them. May the steadfast love of God surround them all the days of their lives.

Condolences

We are saddened by the news of the passing of Roger White, on August 23, 2024. Condolences to Nancy. Our prayers are with you.

Walk for the Centre

The Annual "Walk for the Centre" – Sunday, October 6, 2024
from 1:30-4 pm

All the proceeds of this event go to support the Centretown Community Food Centre. We are looking for walkers for the St. Giles team. The Walkathon begins and ends at Ottawa City Hall. Walkers can do the short walk 2 km or the longer 4 km distance along the Rideau Canal path.

Please speak to Stan or Jean Currie if you would like to join us as a walker. We will take donations up until the day of the Walk.

Posters and pledge sheets are posted at the side door of the church and by the kitchen entrance in the basement area.

Mission Moment

In an Indigenous community in Guatemala, Mercedes



(Photo from PCC via Flickr)

Coronado (36), a teacher and mother of eight, shares her transformative journey as the vice president of the agroecological group Los Arbolitos. The community women once faced challenges, including violence and a lack of decision-making power within their households. With the support of

PWS&D's local partner, the Maya-Mam Indigenous Association for Development, Mercedes and the women are experiencing positive change through education and training programs, enabling them to advocate for themselves and future generations. Mercedes is grateful for her husband's strong support in her career pursuits, emphasizing the importance of gender equality in fostering harmonious relationships and eliminating discrimination.



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