

St Giles Presbyterian Church



The Healing Hands, 1980, by Leonard McMurry, free standing bronze sculpture, at the entrance of Oral Robert University.

September 29, 2024

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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: *Offertory on 'Slane'* by William France

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We are called together

All: To worship God as the people of God.

One: God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds and our hearts, and calls us:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

One: We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

One: God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people and together:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

****Hymn:** O God beyond all praising

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy and loving God, blessed are you in all the universe: your goodness is seen in creation, your holiness is incomprehensible, your truth and wisdom are radiant, your justice rolls down like waters, your love is wider than all the universe and your mercy greater than the heights of heaven. And so, with our lips we sing your praises, and we join with your good creation in joyful praise of you as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

(Written to commemorate the National Day
for Truth and Reconciliation)

We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not sought peace or worked for justice. And we confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We confess that in our cultural arrogance where there was laughter, we stifled it; where families lived warmly together, we broke them up, and where there was dignity, and we stole it. We repent of our past sins and pray for the strength to walk a new good way with you and 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

The Apostle Paul assures us through Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Hymn:** Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works **301**

Scripture

First Reading: James 5:7–11

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and

sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about, for the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Psalm 124 (with refrain 1)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away;
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters.**

Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the hunters;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.**

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: James 5:13–18

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Take time to be Holy

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Sermon Patiently Praying

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Those who wait on the Lord 662

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**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:** All my hope on God is founded **462**
(verse 1, 3, 5)

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in G* by George Blake

William France, composer of today's Prelude, was the Organist and Choir Director at Dominion Chalmers United Church, Ottawa from 1950 to 1980.



St Giles Events

Monday, September 30 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, October 03 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir practices Come and join in the song!



Friday, October 04 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Service for Roger White.

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.

Friday, October 11 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study will resume October 11.

Memorial Service

St. Giles is organizing a memorial service for Roger White, on October 4 (Friday), at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception after the service at the banquet hall. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted (Matthew 5:4)

Friday Bible Study

We are restarting our weekly Bible Study on the Friday of October 11, planning to study the Book of Proverbs. Written and collected by Solomon, Proverbs was initially a manual for training the future kings of Israel. Its purpose has since been broadened to install wisdom in God's people that is grounded in the fear of the Lord. Proverbs contains many advice and instructions on how to live out covenant life in practical details, that is still relevant in today's world. Come, join us, and feast in the words of God.

Church News

Remembering the Children

To commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30, 2024, a series of events will be taking place at the Parliament Hill in Ottawa, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. The Rev. Karen Dimock of St. Andrew's and the Rev. Paul Wu of St. Giles will be representing the Presbyterian Church in Canada in those events.

URGENT NEWS Walkathon changes.

There will be a pro Palestinian Demonstration at the time of our Walk. The City Hall will be locked down.

We will meet at Ascension Church 253 Echo Drive for music, guest speakers and the Sons of Scotland piper band. We will Walk the Rideau Canal pathway going north to Laurier St and back.

We are thankful to be able to continue our Walk for the Centre plans. Thank you for your support. Please donate online in support of St. Giles Walkers. To donate by cheque to CCSAC or cash, please speak to Jean or Stan Currie at 613-233-0538. More information and pictures are available at the Walkathon information page at

<https://www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon>

Presbyterian College

On-line Climate Change, Theology, and Church Study: This study is a great opportunity for individuals to reflect on vital issues and for local church leaders to start the climate change conversation by forming a small group of members that would participate in the study together.

To register, please go here:

<https://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2024/08/28/climate-change-theology-and-church/>. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian at alangdon@pcmtl.ca

Prevent Elder Abuse ~ What is Your Role?

Learn the signs, eliminate the risks at free info session at Trinity Presbyterian Church, (1817 Richardson Side Road) on Monday, September 30, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Author and industry expert on elder abuse, Sabby Duthie, will share her knowledge on physical and mental abuse and an Ottawa Police Community Officer will provide key information on fraud scams and adult safety.

Peter Bryce Indigenous Scholarship in Medicine

The Presbytery of Ottawa has endorsed the Dr. Peter Bryce Indigenous Scholarship in Medicine, first established by Knox Presbyterian Church (Ottawa). To date, one scholarship has already been awarded, and just over half of the planned endowed amount of \$60,000 has been raised. To find out more about this scholarship, check out this link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/fundraising/72eb5294-deb9-4798-b276-f99d56065ef5>

Community News

Centretown Community Food Centre Job Posting

Manager needed for the 4-day/week operation of the Food Centre. The Manager will report to CCSAC through a Management Committee (MC). The primary responsibilities of the manager include program management, fundraising and community engagement. See posting at side entrance of St Giles and in the basement.

Mission Moment

Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday—a day to celebrate the mission and ministry we do together. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support a wide range of mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. Through these gifts, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God’s love around the world. Together, we provide hospitality for people who are homeless and help those involved in the sex trade reclaim their lives. We help congregations discover new and unique ways of renewing their ministry and provide many resources (printed and digital) for congregations to use in worship and study. We help translate the Bible into Indigenous languages in Taiwan and bring hope and love to prisoners in Malawi. And so much more! When we put our gifts in God’s hands, God does remarkable things.



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