

# St Giles Presbyterian Church

I Know that My Redeemer Lives



**October 13, 2024**

# **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 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: *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff* Stewart Landon  
by Stewart Landon

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God blesses us with gifts of love,

**All: In relationships that bring joy and gratitude.**

One: God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,

**All: All we need for faithful living.**

One: God protects us in times of danger,

**All: And guards us from the time of trial.**

One: So we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

**All: Praise be to God for all good things,  
now and always!**

**\*\*Hymn:** Come, ye thankful people, come

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all creation, in this season of harvest thanksgiving, we are struck by the beauties of autumn, leaves in bright colours, birds flying south in

formation, fields ripe with produce. Such beauty speaks of your goodness that provides what each beloved creature needs. On this Thanksgiving weekend, renew our gratitude for what you give to us in the fruitfulness of creation, and in Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk wisely on the earth you made. For all your good gifts we honour you with thanks and praise, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of our lives, even in these challenging times, we know we enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine. Yet we confess we do not always recognize these blessings. We worry about the future, and whether our families can flourish. Forgive our fears of going without and show us how to share the goodness that is already ours.**

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

Be at peace this day. Jesus, our High Priest, knows the temptations of the human heart. From the throne of grace, he offers us mercy in our weakness, to renew us in faithfulness. Thanks be to God.

## Scripture

First Reading: Job 19:1–22

Then Job answered:

“How long will you torment me  
and break me in pieces with words?

These ten times you have cast reproach upon me;  
are you not ashamed to wrong me?

And even if it is true that I have erred,  
my error remains with me.

If indeed you magnify yourselves against me  
and make my humiliation an argument against me,  
know then that God has put me in the wrong  
and closed his net around me.

“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my redeemer lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

If you say, 'How we will persecute him!'  
and, 'The root of the matter is found in him,'

be afraid of the sword,  
for wrath brings the punishment of the sword,  
so that you may know there is a judgment."

Psalms 22:1–15 (with refrain 2)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me,  
from the words of my groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**To you they cried and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12–16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Solo: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by G.F. Handel

Sermon My Redeemer Lives

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Precious Lord, take my hand

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology:**

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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:** Let all things now living

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Benediction

Postlude *Choral Song*

by Samuel S. Wesley



## St Giles Events

### Sunday, October 13 ~ After service

**Quick Bites** Grab a coffee and a snack. Then join us in a Bible Study orientation. What we do and how we do it.

### Monday, October 14~ 11:00 a.m.

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

### Thursday, October 17 ~ 5:30 p.m.

**Choir practices** Come and join in the song!



### Friday, October 18 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Bible Study** by teleconference will resume with the Book of Proverbs 1:8–2:22, Theme 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> speech

### Sunday, October 20 ~ After service

**Quick Bites** With a snack and coffee in hand, join us in learning how we set-up coffee hour. What's needed and how it's done.

### 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 the passcode number 7455703#.

## Mission Related Givings

Missions	Donations So Far	Goal
Presbyterian Sharing	\$3,783.00	\$10,657.00
PWS&D	1,630.00	n/a
Presbyterian College	500.00	5,000.00

## **Birthday Celebration**

Larry Kempffer has been the supply organist/pianist at St. Giles Church. He is also the Archivist for the Ottawa Centre of the RCCO (Royal Canadian College of Organists). This month Larry will have his 90th birthday!

We will celebrate with Larry on Friday, October 18 at 7pm here at St. Giles. The evening will begin in the church with some of Larry's favorite hymns, and memories. Larry will speak of his time as pianist and archivist. Then we will go downstairs for birthday cake and to sing Happy Birthday! Please bring your own reminiscences to share. This is a joint event with St. Giles Congregation and the RCCO Ottawa Centre.

## **Quick Bites**

Quick Bites is a St Giles 100th Anniversary project that will run weekly from October to June 2024-2025 during Sunday Coffee Hour. Its goal is to introduce St Giles folk to the church's regular programs, activities, governance, and history. Each Quick Bite is half-an-hour long and the leaders are members of the congregation. The entire schedule is available on the St. Giles website. Take a look and see what you might want to learn about. It's optional. Each week's Quick Bite also will be announced in the church bulletin.

## Church News

### **Brother Emile of Taizé visits Ottawa.**

As part of a series of visits to Canada and the United States, Brother Émile will be in Ottawa on October 17, at Sacré-Coeur Church, 591 Cumberland, Ottawa, at 7:15pm. He will say a few words during the evening, which will be punctuated by songs and prayers in several languages, in the ecumenical spirit of the Taizé Community. For further information, contact Sr. Marie-Pierre 613-241-7515 [taize@le460.org](mailto:taize@le460.org).

### **Talk Film, Talk Faith**

An opportunity to gather with other members of the downtown Presbyterian community (Knox, St. Giles, St. Andrew's) to view and discuss a film. This month, Conclave, a thriller screened at TIFF with an all-star cast that explores dynamics in an imagined selection of a Pope as head of the Roman Catholic Church, <https://www.bytowne.ca/movies/conclave/> and surely raises questions about leadership in Christian communities in general. Saturday October 26, 6:45 p.m. at the Bytowne Cinema on Rideau Street. Discussion will follow in the home of Andrew Johnston, a ten-minute walk from the Bytowne. For further information, speak to Stan Currie or Andrew. RSVP requested by Friday noon October 25 (space limited to two dozen) to Andrew at [talkfilmtalkfaith@gmail.com](mailto:talkfilmtalkfaith@gmail.com)

## Mission Moment

November 26, 2023, was a day of great joy and celebration for the Pinuyumayan Church District, one of the Indigenous groups of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. They gave thanks for 65 years of mission history and the publication of their very first New Testament translated into the language of their heart. It was the fruit of labour for the Pinuyumayan Bible translation team and the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean who worked on the project for eight years. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Paul works with 12 Bible translation teams preserving endangered Indigenous languages, promoting literacy, and when the Bible is read, proclaiming the Gospel.



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