

St Giles Presbyterian Church



*Image captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, of **NGC 6302**, known as **the Butterfly Nebula**, a binary-star system in its death throes that has cast off layers of gas over the past couple thousand years.*

October 20, 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: *Litany of the Bells* by Walker Baylor

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, for the Lord our God is very great.

All: God is clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in brightness like a garment.

One: God stretches out the heavens like a tent, riding on wings of the wind.

All: O Lord, in wisdom you have made each unique creature. With all of them, we come to praise you.

One: Let us praise God's holy name together!

****Hymn:** Holy, holy, holy

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Praise be to you, O God, for the wonders of your creation. You spin the galaxies and stretch out the seas to the furthest horizon. You lift the curtain of

dawn to end the night. You give the earth its seasons and each creature its lifespan, breathing life into each precious soul. And so, we come to praise you, knowing human greatness is a mere shadow of yours. Breathe your Spirit into us once again and inspire us to serve you with creativity and commitment, and the honesty and humility we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to walk your way in the world, serving our neighbours and loving our enemies. We confess these are not easy choices for us. We seek acknowledgement for our own achievements and enjoy being served. Forgive us for seeking our own way rather than your way.

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, forever. 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 for us in Jesus Christ. Humbly seek the mercy of God, and so be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Job 38:1–7

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without
knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Psalm 104:1–13, 35 (*with refrain 3*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;
you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.

**You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

**You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,**

giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Job 38:34–41

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God
and wander about for lack of food?

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** When long before time **295**

Sermon I Am the Lord, You Are Not

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Bring many names **310**

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:** Immortal, invisible, God only wise **290**

Benediction

Postlude *Sing Praise*

by Lani Smith



St Giles Events

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.

Monday, October 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, October 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting in person.



Thursday, October 24 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir practises Come and join in the song!

Friday, October 25 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference, the Book of Proverbs 3:1–4:9, Theme 3rd, 4th, and 5th speech

Sunday, October 27 ~ After service

Quick Bites With a snack and coffee in hand, join us in learning how we clean up after 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#.

Church News

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

Mission Moment

In Malawi, Rose and her family moved into her brother's house in 2023 when Cyclone Freddy destroyed their home. Struggling to make ends meet, their main concern was the lack of income opportunities, often leaving them hungry. However, their situation changed when Rose received cash assistance to buy food, as well as agricultural items like fertilizer, maize and vegetable seeds, and sweet potato vines. This was part of the Cyclone Freddy Resilience and Recovery project, introduced by PWS&D's local partner. This aid not only provided food security but also significantly improved her family's health within three months. Rose and her family are deeply grateful for the support that has made a substantial difference in their lives.



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