

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Job and His Daughters, by William Blake (1757-1827), Rosenwald Collection, National Gallery of Art.

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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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord in every time and place.

All: We will tell of God's goodness each day.

One: Boast only in the Lord.

All: We will praise God's wonderful deeds.

One: Spread the news of God's greatness.

**All: We will give God glory everywhere we go.
So let us worship God together here and
now, now and always!**

****Hymn:** Great Shepherd of your people hear **450**
(to the tune of New Britain, #670)

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, Loving God, we gather as your servants, shaped by the faithfulness of those who went before us, and taught us the name of Jesus. In Christ, you call us together to praise you and to serve your world

in his name. With the kindness of you Spirit, feed the roots of our faith, and renew our vision for the church in this generation. Fill us with courage and confidence to reach out to others with your mercy and grace, for you are our God, ever faithful, ever true.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of love and mercy, you are the source of every good and perfect gift, but we confess our gifts to you are less than perfect. We honour you when it fits into our schedules. We forget that your love should set our priorities, and pursue our own desires. Forgive our wavering hearts and reawaken our commitment to you.

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

Friends, we are promised that those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Claim

your hope in this Good News: God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

Scripture

First Reading: Job 42:1–6

Then Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak;

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

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself

and repent in dust and ashes."

Psalm 34:1–8 (*with refrain 2*)

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

**Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

**The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.

Second Reading: Job 42:10–17

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women so

beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Be still, my soul **749**

Sermon Now My Eye Sees

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Open my eyes, that I may see 500**

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:** Be thou my vision **461**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Alla Marcia* by Johannes Brahms



St Giles Events

Monday, October 28 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, October 31 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, November 01 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference, the Book of Proverbs
4:10–5:23, Theme 6th, 7th, and 8th speech

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#.





Quick Bites Suspended for Now

The Session of St. Giles is temporarily suspending Quick Bites. We are reviewing how we could organize this initiative better, and to achieve the goal of imparting congregational know-how to a broader based of members and adherents. Stay tuned.

Bible Study Time Change

Starting November 1st, the Session of St. Giles is moving the Friday Bible study from its original time of 10:00 am to the new time of 12 noon till 1:00 p.m. We hope with this change, more people may be able join in during their lunch time. We will continue with the Book of Proverbs as scheduled.



Church News

Healthy Aging

A no-cost presentation on healthy aging by Dr. André Moreau BA, MD. Learn how to help prevent: cardiovascular disease, cancer, Alzheimer's disease and dementia, through lifestyle changes with exercise, nutrition, and better choices.

Join us at St Andrew's, Richmond on Wednesday, October 30th 10:00 a.m. – noon in the church hall. Refreshments will be served.



Community News

Petition: Let Ottawa taxpayers decide on \$493 million for Lansdowne

The Glebe Community Association has endorsed the Better Ottawa Lansdowne Petition, which calls for the City of Ottawa to hold a binding referendum before approving the demolition and rebuilding of the stadium at Lansdowne. The cost of this reconstruction will be an estimated \$493 million — a staggering amount given that Mayor Sutcliffe has declared the city to be in a financial crisis. City Council will make a final decision on the stadium in late 2025 so there is still time to have a say in how our tax dollars are being spent. In the interests of greater financial transparency and public consultation, the GCA encourages you to read the petition and support this initiative.

Mission Moment

To address the issue of gender inequality in Guatemala, PWS&D is supporting a project that speaks to the problem of violence against women. Adolescents and young women participate in workshops where they learn about their rights and build their self-esteem and dignity. The project also raises awareness among young men through workshops where they learn about machismo, identify what violence against women looks like and promote commitments to eliminate it.



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