

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God...**, painting by Schnell, Sister Maurice (1839-1902), at Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.*

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# **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: *Canção - Lied*

by Yepes

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord, all you saints!

**All: Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!**

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord:

**All: For the name of God is above all names!**

One: Let us praise the Lord as long as we live;

**All: We will sing praises to God now and evermore.**

**\*\*Hymn: Oh worship the King**

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the Fountain of life, and you refresh us. You are the Light of the world, and you show us the way. You are the Spirit of life, and you move in us each new day. So, we join our voices with the angels and archangels, with the saints and disciples of every time and place, to worship you as Creator, Healer,

and Source of our hope and our joy. Praise be to you,  
God most holy, ever Three and ever One. Unison  
Prayer of Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we have heard your call to put our faith into action, but fear holds us back. We stay silent rather than speak up when things go wrong. There is work to be done in the name of Jesus, but we often seek an easier way. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment to serve as your saints in this time and this place, whatever the challenges may be.**

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 saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Know that you are forgiven by God's great mercy, and have the grace to forgive each other, just as you have been forgiven. Amen.

## Scripture

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1–9

“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days maybe long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 119:1–8 (*with refrain 3*)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong  
but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!**

**Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: Mark 12:28–34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no

other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Word of God, across the ages **497**

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**\*\*Hymn:** I’ll love the Lord **573**

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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:** One more step along the world I go

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Benediction

Postlude *Allegro*

by João de Sousa Carvalho





## St Giles Events

**Monday, November 04 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.



**Wednesday, November 06 ~ 12:30 p.m.**

**St Giles Presbyterian Women** in person meeting. Bag lunch (bring your own) at 12:30. The business will begin at 1:00 p.m. See announcements for further details.

**Thursday, November 07 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** in person. All are welcome.

**Friday, November 08 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference, the Book of Proverbs 6:1–7:27, Theme 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> speech

**Sunday, November 10 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Remembrance Sunday** with the participation of the Cameron Highlanders. Regiment members will read the lessons and a piper, as well as a bugler will take part in the act of remembrance.

### **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#.



## News from Session

The Session of St Giles is setting aside the Sunday of December 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. If you wish to become a member of St Giles or are interested to learn more about this process, please contact the Rev Wu.

## St Giles Presbyterian Women

The next meeting of the St Giles Presbyterian Women will be in person on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. (bag lunch). Business will begin at 1pm. We welcome all women who attend St Giles to come. We have much planning to do regarding upcoming events. We need everyone's help and ideas.

## Bible Study Time Change

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



## **Community News**

### **A Conversation with Future Indigenous Leaders**

Join us for a virtual conversation with two young Indigenous scholars as they challenge us to act on their research findings. Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6132360617?pwd=QIJZdlp0dW9ac zBYdjFYNVVo3QTdmZz09&omn=84661549380>

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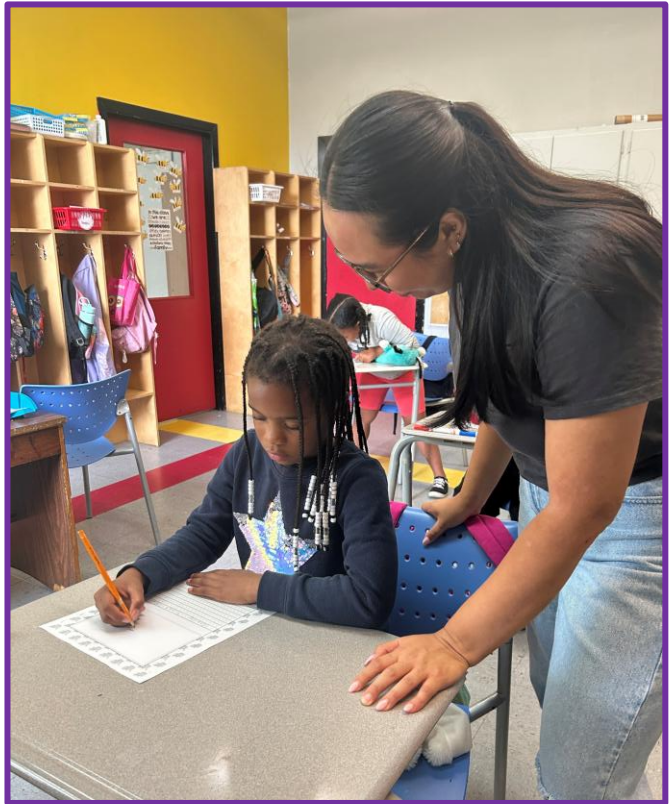
This event is hosted by ReconciliAction Working Group of Glebe-St James United Church as part of our Investing in the Future program.

### **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

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission by proclaiming love, hope and grace through the words we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together we are stewards of gifts from God, and through the power of God, we are accomplishing far more than we could ever imagine.



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