

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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January 19, 2025

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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: *My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff* Stewart Landon

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

**All: We will find refuge in the shelter
of God's wings.**

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

**All: We will drink from the river
of God's delights.**

One: For with God is the fountain of life;

All: And in God's light we will see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

**All: We will bring God our prayers
and our praise with hearts full of love.**

****Hymn:** Teach me, God to wonder

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of light and life, you shine into our lives in your Son, Jesus. Your Spirit strengthens us to face whatever this year will hold. And so, we come to praise you, for your love and grace which transforms our days and our lives, and for your wisdom which enlightens truth for our times. Shine through us, we pray, so that we may bear the light of Jesus in this world you love.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in 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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. No power in heaven or on earth can separate us from God's great love. Take heart, and know that you are forgiven

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1–5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty
in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36 5–10 *(with refrain 2)*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

**How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.**

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.**

**For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

O continue your steadfast love
to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to

understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** We are one in the Spirit

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Sermon For the Common Good

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Brother, sister, let me serve you

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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:** Lord of all power **626**

Benediction

Postlude *Trompette Jubilante* Craig A. Penfield



St Giles Events

Monday, January 20 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, January 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting in person

Thursday, January 23 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice is resuming, to God be the glory.

Friday, January 24 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Proverbs
20:1-22:16 The Proverbs of Solomon VI

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#.



Anniversary Committee

St. Giles is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025. The Anniversary Committee is planning a number of activities and events in the upcoming months and will be needing volunteers to participate in the work of the committee. Should you be interested, please contact the convener Kaye Tate or Rev. Paul Wu for more details.

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality (OSTS)

They are a multi-denominational Christian-based organization. Their lecturers are drawn from Ottawa's universities, clergy of various backgrounds, and other knowledgeable educators and individuals who give courses on theology, spirituality, philosophy, Bible studies, ethics, social justice issues, the arts and religion. Courses can be on Zoom or in person. Course details and further information can be found on the school's homepage at <https://www.osts.ca/>.

The poster for the winter term is on the bulletin board by the side entrance to the church.

The OSTS has been part of the Ottawa church and religious community since 1964.

Choir

St. Giles Church has history of choral singing and is blessed with a dedicated choir. Why do we sing? Singing is a very healthy activity. As one organist/choir director said, 'Music takes us beyond the words.' It is spiritual. The fun and friendships that comes from this are God's gift.

Come out to rehearsal and give it a try.

You can speak to me, Heather Rice at coffee hour or use my email: gowans978@gmail.com. Soli Deo Gloria



Mission Moment

Last summer, 12 young adults from PCC and UCC partner churches in Canada, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan met together to share their lives, cultures, and the present social context of the church in their home countries. Exploring both common and unique challenges, they made meaningful connections and developed a workshop for the *uplift2024: Audacious Hope* conference.



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