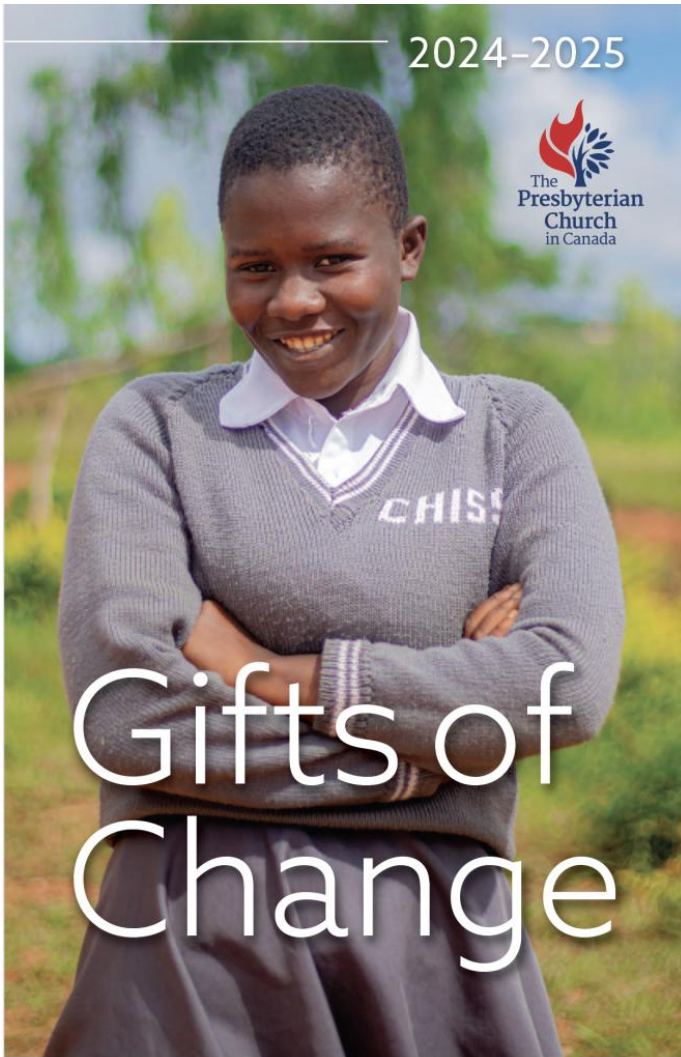


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Greeting and Welcome

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: *Melodie*

by Harry Hill

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter.

All: In the day of trouble;

One: You will conceal me under the cover of your tent;

All: You will set me high on a rock.

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

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty and everlasting One, your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love beyond our imagining. You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present. In a hectic world, you are peace and rest. In a harsh world, you are tenderness and

mercy. In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort, and so we bring you our worship, for you are the One who created us, the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life, our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing you know us through and through. You tell us that love is patient and kind, and you know when our patience and kindness fall short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insist on our own way. Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable.

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

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins. Thanks be to God whose love and forgiveness are steadfast. May we be steadfast in our forgiveness of one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalms 71:1-6 (with refrain 1)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

**Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's
womb.**

My praise is continually of you.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a, 10-14

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them

and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new." Also, he said,
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites: on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Sermon Appointed and Inscribed

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** I'm gonna live so God can use me **648**

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:** Called as partners in Christ's service **587**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro alla Marcia*

by J. Bahms
(Arr. H. Whitford)



St Giles Events

Monday, February 03 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, February 05 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St Giles Women's Association will be meeting by teleconference.

Thursday, February 06 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice is resuming, to God be the glory.

Friday, February 07 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Proverbs 22:17-23:28 Sayings of the Wise I

Wednesday, February 12 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting to discuss all matters relating to AGM

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#.



Year End Reports

Anyone who has a report or other input for the St. Giles Annual Report should provide a digital copy to the church office no later than Wednesday, February 5th. Please edit your submission before sending it. Contact the church administrator at office@stgilesottawa.org if you have any questions.

Centennial Anniversary

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Giles, we have invited two guest speakers: Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries on March 16, and Rev. Amanda Currie on May 11. Rev. De Vries is the principal of the Presbyterian College and will be sharing with us some exciting ministries of the College. Rev. Currie is the minister of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, and has served as the 145th Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (2019-2021) and is serving currently as the president of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Additionally, in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the PCC, the Presbytery of Ottawa is organizing a joint worship in the afternoon on May 4, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. More details to follow.

Archival Committee

In preparation for the Anniversary celebration of St. Giles, the Archival Committee is putting together 9 displays, highlighting significant ministries of the congregation over its history, including pictures and write-up for each. The displays are: The Choir Over the Years; Baptism/Marriages; Exhibition Booth; Stained Glass Windows; Our Ministers; St. Giles Bazaars; Camerons; St. Giles at Gracefield; World War II. Different individuals are being invited to contribute to the write-ups. If you have pictures you would like to contribute to these displays, please contact Don Tate.

Mission Moment

For more than 75 years, the church and PWS&D have been dedicated to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our partners, we are creating meaningful change in our shared world. Guided by faith, we are called to walk alongside those we serve—advocating for equality, sustainability, human dignity, peace, and care for God’s creation. Together, we are working toward a future that is sustainable, compassionate and just.



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