

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Ascension, photograph of Cape Cod Bay, MA, 2007,
by Joanna Vaughan

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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: *Adagio*

Pietro Nardini
(arr. S. Drummond Wolff)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let every creature in heaven and on earth
shout to God and sing with joy!

**All: Blessing and honour, glory and power
be to our God for ever and ever!**

One: Let us raise our prayers and praises
to God in worship this day!

**All: Blessing and honour, glory and power
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

****Hymn:** Crown him with many crowns

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty, mercy and mystery, we lift up our
praise to you, for in Christ Jesus you came to live
among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. After he
suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and
took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things.

As the ascended Lord, he gives us hope in every generation and every situation. He sends us the Counsellor who softens our hearts and opens our minds. So we offer our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Unison Prayer of Confession

You desire us to share in the unity and be one as you are Three in One. We confess that such unity often eludes us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. The love you called us to offer one another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for marking our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity in Christ, so others may come to see your love in a divided world.

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. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a ministry of reconciliation for his sake. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Ezekiel 36:22–28

Therefore, say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations and which you have profaned among them, and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit

within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 93 (with refrain 2)

The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed and is girded with strength.

The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea,

majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house,

O Lord, forevermore.

Second Reading: Luke 24:44–53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah

is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** To God be the glory

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Sermon The Promise of God

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**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:** Rejoice, the Lord is King

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Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

Antonio Vivaldi
(arr. S. Drummond Wolff)



Monday, June 02 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Tuesday, June 03 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St Giles Women's Association will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, June 05 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, to God be the glory.

Friday, June 06 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study will be taking a break and resuming on Friday, June 13.

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#.





Emergent Congregational Meeting

By authority of the moderator, the Congregation of St. Giles is called to an emergent meeting on the Sunday of June 8, 2025 (immediately after the worship service) to deal with an un-budgeted replacement of the elevator door locks.

Help Needed

The Children Sunday School is growing. Praise God for blessing us with increasing number of new pupils, many of them French speaking. We are looking for new teachers and helpers to join this ministry. Training will be provided as long as you have a willing heart. Those interested, please contact Daisy Tsai for more details.

Food Pantry of St. Giles

The 'Food Pantry of St. Giles' is an initiative authorized by the Session. Member and adherents are encouraged to donate their excess non-perishable food items, to be organized and displayed on the pantry shelves in the basement hall. People are free to take any items from the pantry as needed, the same way as the 'free table'. May God pour out blessings onto the congregation, so we can truly experience what it means when the Lord Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Presbytery Youth Event

Join us on Saturday June 21st at 1 pm for Worship, Games, a talk and BBQ at Parkwood Church, 10 Chesterton Drive, Ottawa.

Ages 11-18. Please RSVP with your youth leader so arrangements can be made for food. Please note if there are any allergies or intolerances.

Hope to see you at our Prezzy Party.

Fundraiser Concert for Gracefield

Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre will be having a fundraiser Concert on Sunday June 1st, 2025, at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church. See poster on bulletin at side entrance for further details.

Mission Moment

When Tamala was invited to join a training session on modern farming practices and how to work with banana seedlings. Motivated and equipped with new techniques, Tamala began expanding her farm, applying the practices she learned to improve her yields. Reflecting on her journey with this PWS&D-supported project, Tamala explained, "The training opened my eyes to my potential as a banana farmer. It is now my pathway to securing a better life for me and my son. I will scale up my banana farming business to increase my income."



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