

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Happy Pentecost!, altarpiece at Church of the Holy Spirit, Singapore, 2009, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

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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: *Come, Holy Ghost*

Thomas Attwood

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

One: Let us sing praises to God as long as we live;

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

One: May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.

All: Let us praise the LORD!

****Hymn:** On this assembled host

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, at the dawn of creation, you sent your Spirit to bring life. Over the centuries, your Spirit equipped your people to proclaim your love and justice. Through the flames of Pentecost, your Spirit

gave birth to the church with energy and wonder. Today, your Spirit is at work in the world, bringing renewal and hope here and everywhere. Transform us by your Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples and empower your church with gifts for ministry. We confess we often resist the Spirit's guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ's love for the world. Forgive us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit to us again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us in Jesus' name.

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 and believe this promise of the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old life has passed away and new life has begun. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are set free to live life anew in the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Joel 2:28–32

Then afterward, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalms 104:24–35 *(with refrain 1)*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the sea, great and wide;

**creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships

and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you

**to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in all these works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord,
in whom I rejoice.**

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness **399**

Sermon New Wine, New Spirit

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Breathe on me, breath of God **389**

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:** In your pentecostal splendour **279**

Benediction

Postlude *Stately March*

Ellen Jane Lorenz



St Giles Events

Monday, June 09 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, June 12 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, to God be the glory.

Friday, June 13 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Revelations 8:6–9 Vision of the Seven Trumpets I

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.

Schedule of Joint Summer Services, 2025

July 06	Joint Services at St Giles Presbyterian	10:00 a.m.	181 First Ave.
July 13	Joint Services at Glebe St James United	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
July 20	Joint Services at Southminster United	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.
July 27	Joint Services at Southminster United	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave.
Aug. 03	Joint Services at Southminster United	10:00 a.m.	15 Aylmer Ave
Aug. 10	Joint Services at Glebe St James United	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
Aug. 17	Worship at St Giles Presbyterian	10:00 a.m.	181 First Ave.
Aug. 24	Joint Services at *Glebe St James United*	10:00 a.m.	650 Lyon St.
Aug. 31	Joint Services at **St Giles Presbyterian**	10:00 a.m.	181 First Ave.

***St. Giles is open for the Sunday of August 24**

****Joint service with Holy Communion Sunday of August 31**





Fundraising for Earthquake in Myanmar

On March 28, Myanmar and Thailand were struck by a devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake, with death toll well over thousands, and entire communities destroyed, leaving thousands homeless. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through trusted ecumenical networks including ACT Alliance, to meet urgent needs and to offer critical support. The session of St. Giles, working with the United Christian Church of Ottawa (the afternoon Burmese congregation), designated the month of May to fundraise for this cause. Total amount raised was **\$840.00**.

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.

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.

Mission Moment

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times, equip leaders to serve and lead the church, and work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination and advocate for and act to protect and restore God's creation. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things.



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