

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



**ICHTHUS**, wood carving in the chancel area of Trinity Church, Boston, MA. The word for fish in Greek is ICHTHUS, which represents the first letter of each Greek word of 'Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour'.

**June 15, 2025**

# **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: *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Ascribe to the Lord all glory and honour.

**All: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!**

One: Come and worship God in holy splendour.

**All: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!**

One: To the Creator, Christ, and to the Holy Spirit,

**All: Be all honour and glory,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Immortal, invisible, God only wise **290**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, who is One in Three and Three in One, we praise you this day as the Source of all life, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

You created us and called us good, shepherding us with your steadfast love. Jesus Christ, we praise you

this day, born into our midst to show us the way of goodness, mercy and grace. Holy Spirit, we praise you this day for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift and serve in the world with gladness.

Holy God, Three in One and One in Three, reveal to us this day what it means to live as your people so that we may honour your holy name, now and forever.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Merciful God, you are slow to anger and swift to forgive. You have shown us the depth of your love, yet we are reluctant to love others who differ from us. You have shown us compassion and forgiveness, yet we walk away from one another without concern. You have offered us hope in Christ Jesus, yet we lose that hope when life is challenging. Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us the endurance and character which help us trust in the power of your forgiving love.**

### 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 gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with one another, and with yourself, through the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Scripture

First Reading: Proverb 8:22–31

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

when he had not yet made earth and fields

or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his  
command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker,  
and I was daily his delight,  
playing before him always,  
playing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

Psalms 8 (with refrain 1)

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
Your splendour is chanted above the heavens  
by the mouths of babes and infants  
**you have set up a defence against your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels,  
**and crowned them with glory and honour.**  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**  
**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our God,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1–5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** O God, whose fire lit the stars

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Sermon Standing in Hope

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** In the bulb there is a flower

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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:** All my hope on God is founded **462**

Benediction

Postlude *Hail, Blessed Trinity* Roger C. Wilson





## **St Giles Events**

**Monday, June 16 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Thursday, June 19 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**, to God be the glory.

**Friday, June 20 ~ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Revelations  
10–11 Vision of the Seven Trumpets II

**Sunday, June 22, ~ 10:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion Sunday Service



### **Joining a 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#.



# 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

No one is a refugee by choice. Refugees and internally displaced people are forced to abandon their homes out of fear for their lives and liberty. PWS&D's refugee ministry is a response to Christ's call to serve and defend those who are persecuted. Each year, churches continue to show their support by sponsoring refugee families, helping them rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. This ministry is not just about providing hope but about living out the biblical call to love and serve others, demonstrating Christ's love to those who are suffering.



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