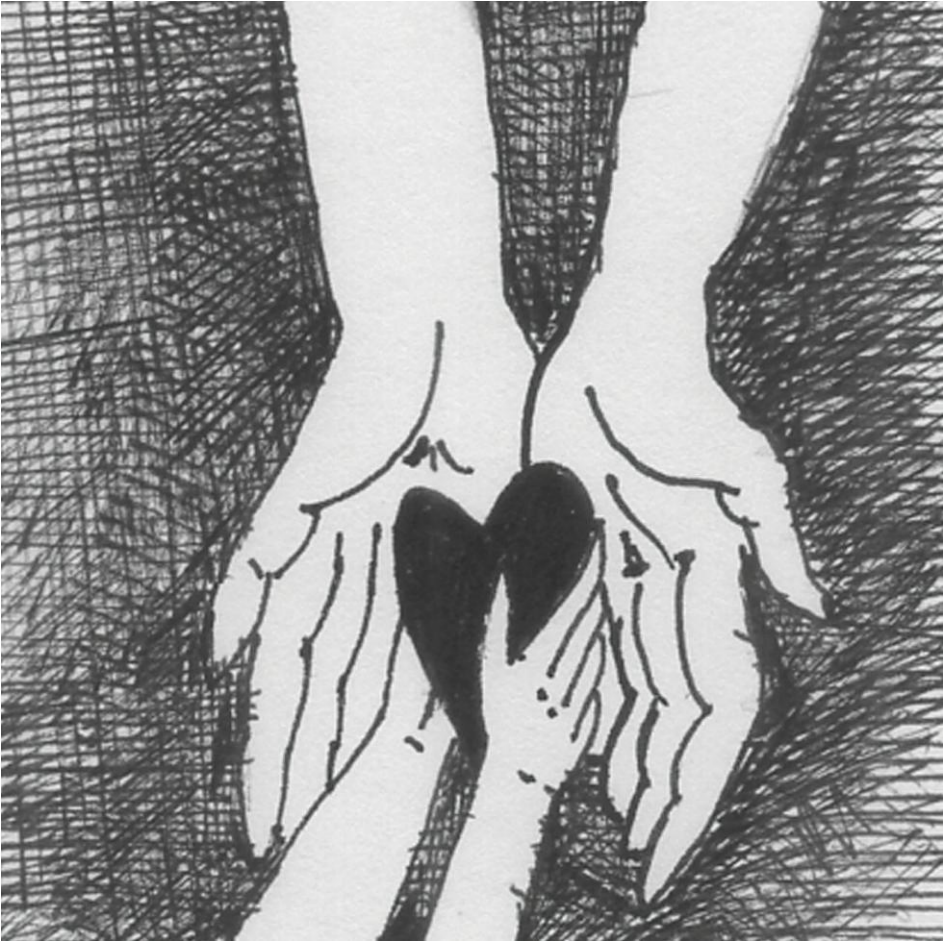


St Giles Presbyterian Church



***My Heart for the Lord**, 2021 drawing by Liz Valente, from Art in the Christian Tradition.*

October 12, 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: *We Gather Together* arr. Rachel Aarons

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: We will worship the Lord with gladness
and come into God's presence with song.**

One: Know that it is the Lord God who made us,
and we are God's people.

**All: We will enter God's gates with praise
and thanksgiving.**

One: Let us give thanks to God this day
and bless God's holy name.

****Hymn:** All creatures of our God and King **433**
(verse 1,4,5 and 6)

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your

goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs. As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us.

Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Living and loving God, we acknowledge that we enjoy life with an abundance many nations cannot imagine. Yet, we confess we do not always recognize the blessings we share. We worry about our futures and ignore the present needs of those around us. Forgive us our fears and narrow vision and our failure to care for creation as you intended.

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

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. At this time of Thanksgiving, let us give special thanks for God's most generous love.

Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Psalms 111 (with refrain 1)

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord,
whose righteousness endures forever,
who has gained renown by wonderful deeds.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful.

The Lord provides food for the faithful,
ever mindful of the covenant.

**The LORD has shown the people works of power
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

The Lord sent redemption to the people;
**the Lord has commanded a covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
**all those who live by it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8–15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

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Sermon Build Houses, Plant Gardens

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** All Are Welcome

Two Oaks, Marty Haugen

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.**

**A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.**

**Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign a new.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness and
as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

- 3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;**

**A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us;**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone,
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and
live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face,**

Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

- 5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.**

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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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:** For the fruits of all creation

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Benediction

Postlude *Choral Song*

Samuel S. Wesley



St Giles Events

Thursday, October 16 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, October 17 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. Recap of the Book of Revelations.



Talk Film, Talk Faith

An opportunity for folks of the downtown Presbyterian community (Knox, St Giles, St Andrew's) to view and discuss a film together. This month, 'Colours of Time' (La Venue de l'Avenir), exploring family dynamics through the story of cousins who inherit an old house in rural Normandy and explore the lives of their ancestors in 19th century Paris. French language with English subtitles. <https://www.bytowne.ca/movies/colours-of-time-la-venue-de-lavenir/> Sunday October 19, 5:45 p.m. at the Bytowne Cinema on Rideau Street. Discussion will follow in the home of Andrew Johnston, a ten minute walk from the Bytowne. For further information, speak to Stan Currie or email Andrew. RSVP requested by Friday October 17 to Andrew at talkfilmtalkfaith@gmail.com

Do You Know of a New Space for House to Home? (CCSAC)

The organization 'House to Home: Furnishing Homes for Refugees' is on the lookout for a new space for their warehouse. They are currently in Westgate Mall which has been sold so this charity needs a new place from which to operate. They will have to leave by October 31st and are desperately in search of another space. Does anyone in our member churches know of a suitable space for this organization? If anyone knows any possible warehouse space that can be used, that would be very helpful too. The lady in charge is Suzi Shore Sauve and the email for the organization is fromhousetohomeottawa@gmail.com

Mission Moment

For Sigere Medison, a single mother in the Balaka District in Malawi, life took a harsh turn when an El Niño weather phenomenon affected her community. Relief came when PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank implemented an emergency response with the help of local partner CARD, and Sigere received monthly cash transfers for five months. "Since November, life has been smooth. My family has been able to eat throughout the day. I am forever grateful," Sigere shares with a smile.



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