

St Giles Presbyterian Church

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WORKING PEOPLE THE UNEMPLOYED AND BUMS. ALIEN —
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MAN' - 'LIGHT OF THE WORLD' &c &c PROFESSIONAL AGITATOR
RED BEARD, MARKS ON HANDS AND FEET THE RESULT OF
INJURIES INFLICTED BY AN ANGRY MOB LED BY RESPECTABLE
CITIZENS AND LEGAL AUTHORITIES.**

W. Young

October 26, 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: *Hiding In Thee*

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

All: we have come to worship God.

One: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

All: we have come to worship God.

One: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

All: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

One: For we trust in God's power and presence,

**All: so let us worship God with heart, mind,
soul and strength.**

****Hymn:** New every morning

815

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Creating God, the mountains you raised reflect your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees coloured with autumn glory sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the depth of space, even dark matters as theorized in quantum physics, give a

glimpse of your infinity, yet in Christ you have walked the humble earth. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone are worthy of our hope. You alone are worthy of our faith. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, we lift up our hearts and join our voices to those of every precious thing to wonder at your mystery and majesty.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim smallness when you set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet every sin offends your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray and grant us a truer picture of ourselves.

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

Friends in Christ, God is gracious. Christ has promised that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Having confessed our sin, let us trust the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Joel 2:23–27

O children of Zion, be glad,
and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army that I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
and that I, the Lord, am your God
and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 65 *(with refrain 1)*

Praise is due to you,

O God in Zion;

And to you shall vows be performed,

O you, who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.**

Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,**

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

**You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.**

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;

**You make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;

**The river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

You water is furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,

Softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

Second Reading: Luke 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was

beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** I heard the voice of Jesus say **671**

Sermon Who is Justified?

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Those who wait on the Lord **662**

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:** Christ, you call us all to service **585**
(tune of Hymn to Joy, #410)

Benediction

Postlude *Jubilation March*

R.M. Stults



New Every Morning John Keble, author of our opening hymn was a Church of England priest and poet. Based on Lamentations 3:22,23 (His Compassions fail not; they are new every morning) it has 2 basic themes: if we face each day with God, it will take on new meanings and hallow our thoughts; we serve God not only in religious activities but in the commonplace things of life.

Austen C. Lovelace



St Giles Events

Tuesday, October 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session meeting in person.

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

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, November 14 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study will resume.



Remembrance Sunday

St. Giles will be observing the Remembrance Sunday on November 9, 2025, at 10:30am, to honour the memory of those from St. Giles who have served and sacrificed for the country during World War I & II. It is also a day to acknowledge the ongoing service of veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Representatives from the Cameron Highlander of Ottawa (with a piper and a bugler) will be joining us.

Taizé Service at St. Giles

St. Giles will be holding a Taizé worship service, on November 19 (Wednesday), at 7:00 pm. Taizé is a meditative service characterized by simple, repetitive chants, with periods of silence, Scripture readings, and prayer of intercession. It seeks to foster a deeper personal connection with God, while praying for others and the world. Come and join us. All are welcome.

Position Opening at the Gloucester Church

Gloucester Church seeks someone with gifts in administration, bookkeeping, communication, Christian faith, and compassionate efficiency, to serve as part-time Administrative Assistant. By fostering collaboration with church leaders, staff, and volunteers, the Admin. Assistant helps to advance Christ's mission in this neighbourhood. For a job description and details on how to apply, contact the church office:
officegpchurch@gmail.com

Mission Moment

In Guatemala, PWS&D supports a project through local partner, AMMID, to implement rainwater harvesting tanks as a sustainable and efficient solution to water shortages in rural communities. "In my community, we have had problems with our drinking water for two years," shares Catalina Pérez Aguilón. "Water is life; without water, we will all perish, so it is important to take care of water to ensure the future of the next generations."



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