



St Giles Presbyterian Church

A caring Christian faith community in the heart of the Glebe

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Thanksgiving Letter

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love
endures forever.**

(Psalm 136:1, NRSV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Giles,

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded of Psalm 136, of the multitude of ways that we ought to give thanks to God, for His greatness (v.2-3), for creation (v.4-9), for salvation and deliverance (v.10-25), for guidance (v.16), for provision (v.25), and for personal care (v.23-24). Structure as call and response, each of the 26 verses in this psalm ends with exactly the same refrain: “His love endures forever”. Such repetition is not just poetic, it is formative—it helps to imprint the truth of God’s enduring love deep into our hearts.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I thank the Lord God as my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. Through the work of the Archival Committee and the Centennial Anniversary Committee of St. Giles, we come to witness over the past 100 years of this congregation, not just in the blessing we can see, but in the enduring love and faithfulness of our God. God’s goodness is evident in the life of St. Giles: in the way you have care for one another, in your commitment to worship, in your acts of service, and in quiet, faithful prayers offered for the church and community.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, perhaps more than ever, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is not just about abundance, but about presence — the presence of God in our lives and in this caring community of faith in the heart of the Glebe. Your generosity, encouragement, and the long faithfulness in the same direction continue to be a testimony to God’s enduring love.

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On behalf of the Session of St. Giles, thank you. Thank you for being part of this church family, for walking together in faith, in dying and in living. Let us all be drawn back to the deep truth of Psalm 136. Let us give thanks, not just for what we have, but for who God is—His steadfast love endures forever!

Enclosed with this letter is an offering envelope. If you are able, and moved to do so, we ask that you make a special donation towards the ongoing ministries of St Giles. Check out St. Giles' website (stgilesottawa.org/donate/) for various ways you can give to the congregation. The offerings of your time, prayers and generous giving enable us to collectively fulfill Christ's mandate to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and to make disciples of all nations.

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