

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is our minister the Rev. Paul Wu. We welcome Aditi Magdalena to St. Giles and thank her for singing while Katie Gratton is away with her family.

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: *Angels Among Us*

Aditi Gowri

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

All: We will not be afraid.

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**All: God will shelter us on any day of trouble
and set us high upon a rock.**

One: Let God's people shout for joy!

All: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

One: Come and worship in unity and love!

****Hymn:** Thou whose almighty word

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

O most gracious God, you are our light and our salvation, you are peace and grace, you are healing

and love. You spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth.

Unison Prayer of Confession

O most merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways.

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, forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

God calls to us in love and forgiveness and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27:1–6 (with refrain 1)

Refrain: **The Lord's my light and saving health;
I shall not be afraid.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh –
my adversaries and foes –
they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter
in the day of trouble;
you will conceal me under the cover of your tent;
you will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd **356**
(to the tune of Picardy, #542)

Sermon Same Mind and Same Purpose

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Let there be light **727**

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:** We've a story to tell to the nations **765**

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Air*

Bert Van der Hoek



Canadian Hymns Today

The text of hymn 356 is by Sylvia Dunstan. She was an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada and a prison chaplain. During her short life she became one of the leading hymn writers in North America.

The text of hymn 727 is by Frances Wheeler Davis. Born in Winnipeg she was a graduate of the University of Manitoba and the University of Toronto. Robert Fleming wrote the music for hymn 727. He was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Fleming was the director for the National Film Board, a professor at Carleton University and an organist at churches in Toronto, Montreal as well as at Glebe United Church and St Matthias Anglican Church in Ottawa.



St Giles Events

Thursday, January 29 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, January 30 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Samuel
10:17–27, 11 Saul Defeats the Ammonites.

Year End Reports

Anyone who has a report or other input for the St Giles Annual Report should provide a digital copy to the church office no later than **Wednesday, February 04, 2026**. Please edit your submission before sending it. Contact the church administrator at office@stgilesottawa.org if you have any questions.

Mission Related Giving at December 31/25

Mission	Donations So Far	2025 Goal
Operating Account	\$81,600.59	\$83,000.00
Special Sundays	5,390.75	7,500.00
Presbyterian Sharing	\$4,034.00	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	3,180.00	n/a
Presbyterian College	2,580.00	5,000.00

Corner Stone Donations

The St Giles Women give a donation in June and December to local charities. This time we have chosen Corner Stone - a shelter for women., located on Booth Street.

As we are a small group, we invite anyone in our church family to add to our donation. These contributions will be received by Kaye Tate. and the deadline will be the end of February. Thank you in advance for joining in this project.

Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat

As we prepare for the upcoming camp season, we are seeking the support of partner churches who share our heart for reaching the next generation. Financial gifts from churches help keep camp accessible, support training young

adult staff, maintain safe and welcoming facilities, and ensure that no child is turned away due to financial need.

Registration is now open for various summer camp adventures. See poster at the side entrance for rates and dates. Subsidies are available upon request. Please contact Reverend Paul Wu for more details

Presbytery Youth Event

Join us on Saturday, January 31st from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa (82 Kent Street) for an afternoon to bust the winter blues and exam stress. Come and try a Winterlude Scavenger Hunt with friends old and new. Snacks and hot chocolate provided for warming up afterwards at St. Andrew's. Parking is available at the Supreme Court or on the street. Youth groups can enter through the green doors on Kent Street. Waivers must be signed in order to attend.

For your convenience a physical waiver can be found on the side entrance bulletin board and a digital waiver can be found at the following link.

<https://forms.gle/gZZ9chogz1z9V2zYA>

Presbyterian College

The Presbyterian College is offering a six-week online course, starting March 10, 2026, on Pastoral Visiting and Care. This study will introduce you to important themes around care, visiting, grief, life transitions, to build your comfort and confidence in visiting and care for others. For more information, please contact the Rev. Paul Wu (or check out this link:

<https://presbyteriancollege.ca/2025/12/15/pastoralvisiting/>)

Mission Moment

Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, MB continues to grow despite many losses experienced by those attending and connected to this special congregation. Each Sunday afternoon, the hall at St. John's Presbyterian Church is filled with children, music, caring and joy. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the connections this ministry has made provide a place of hope and true belonging for its membership.



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