

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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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: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* Georg F. Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: All things of God, all the heavens,

All: Worship and praise your Maker.

One: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

All: Worship and praise your Maker.

One: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

All: Worship and praise your Maker.

One: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

All: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

****Hymn:** Christ is alive

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God our Maker, we come giving thanks for the wonder in your creation, the great theatre of your glory.

Glory to you, O Christ, we come praising you, for you

overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, we come praising you for your guidance, wisdom and inspiration.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity, source of all truth, love, hope and joy, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and Redeeming God, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. We are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised.

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

Friends, the risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and forgiveness to us this day. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 51:4–8

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,

but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Listen to me, you who know righteousness,
you people who have my teaching in your hearts;

do not fear the reproach of others,
and do not be dismayed when they revile you.
For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
and the worm will eat them like wool,
but my deliverance will be forever
and my salvation to all generations.

Psalm 16 *(with refrain 1)*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the LORD always before me;

**the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**You show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** There is a redeemer **358**

Sermon Imperishable Inheritance

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Saviour, like a shepherd lead us **485**

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:** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord **260**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro*

J. de Sousa Carvalho



St Giles Events

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

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

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

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 21, 22
Saul Pursues David

Funeral of Ken Lister

Ken Lister, longtime member of St. Giles, father of David and husband of the late Helen Lister, has passed away on January 23, 2026, at the age of 100. He died peacefully with David by his side. Funeral service is scheduled for April 21 (Tuesday), 3:00pm, at Pinecrest Cemetery (2500 Baseline Rd, Ottawa). May the Spirit of God be with the family in their time of grief.

Care Packages for Deployed Camerons:

This past week we packed and mailed care packages for 15 deployed Cameron soldiers. Special thanks to St. Giles members who baked and helped out. Since 2005, St. Giles has provided packages for all deployed Camerons.

PWS&D Global Partners this April

This April, two of PWS&D's global partners will be in Canada to share the work PWS&D is supporting in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. There will be several events throughout Ontario, as well as an online opportunity to learn more about our work in India. See more information here.

Dr. Rubel Manivannan is the project manager and palliative consultant for PWS&D's partner in India, Regions Beyond Medical Union Society – the Duncan Hospital. Since 2023, Dr. Rubel has been closely involved with the Karuna Project, supported by PWS&D, where she serves as the Project Manager. Under her leadership, the Karuna Project aims to reduce gender disparity in the community by empowering adolescent girls to enjoy their human rights. Dr. Rubel is a highly qualified dental and public health professional with extensive experience in managing healthcare projects and providing dental and palliative care.

Sunday School Leader and Volunteers' Event

The Presbytery Youth Working Group is hosting a Sunday School leader and volunteers' event on May 30th. We hope this event will give Sunday School volunteers of all types a chance to connect, share ideas, and learn new ways to engage children as they learn about Jesus. Fill the google form below to help us structure our time together. If you have any questions, email Sunjay at prezminimator@gmail.com or call/text him at 613-407-8075

Centretown Churches Social Action Committee

The AGM of CCSAC (Centretown Churches Social Action Committee) will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks Street. Our guest speaker is Kaite Burkholder Harris, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's Stittsville is hosting a concert

"Lost Pilgrims" concert will take place on Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Lost Pilgrims (Hugh Donnelly, David Linderman, Stephen Kendall and Scott Cooper) bring their eclectic mix of bluegrass, country, folk and rock to every gig they play. After years of playing together as part of the folk ensembles at Presbyterian Music Camp, the band has now passed its twentieth anniversary of playing regularly together.

This concert is a fundraiser for St. Andrew's Stittsville and will also be a bake sale! Come and enjoy an evening of great music, great food and great company. We now have "Tap" so you can pay with credit, debit, cash or e-transfer. All are welcome!

Tickets are \$15 – Concert and bake sale!

Can't make it to the show? For the first time ever, Lost Pilgrims will be livestreamed!

Contact the church to set aside your tickets for the night, or to buy your livestream ticket! (613) 831-1256 or email:

rev.doug@me.com

Mission Related Givings Up to March 31/26

Mission	Donations Rec'd	Percent of Goal Achieved	Goal for 2025
Operating Account	\$21,585.45	26%	\$83,000.00
Presbyterian Sharing	\$1,997.00	16%	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	\$615.00	n/a	n/a
Presbyterian College	1,000.00	20%	5,000.00

Mission Moment

World Health Day aims to raise awareness about global health issues and promote actions to improve health and well-being worldwide. However, due to substantial cuts to global health funding in 2025, many communities and individuals have lost access to essential health programs. PWS&D collaborates with partners to support health initiatives in difficult environments. In Haiti, for example, PWS&D, in partnership with the Center for Nutrition and Education for Women & Children, is supporting maternal and infant malnutrition treatment and women's mental health.



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