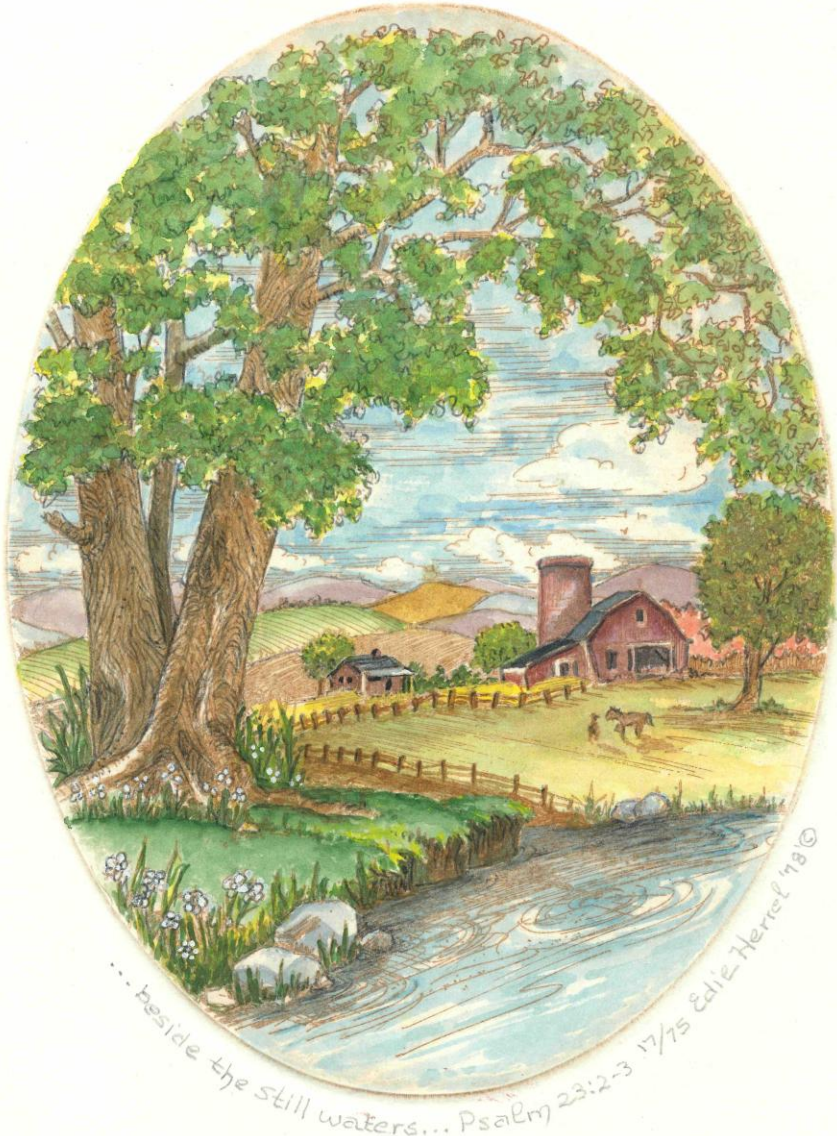


# St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Beside the Still Waters***, 1978, colour etching by Edie Mae Herrel, Ohio, U.S. from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

**April 26, 2026**

# **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: *In the Garden*

C. Austen Miles

(The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

**All: For you are with us!**

One: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

**All: For you restore our souls!**

One: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**All: For we will not be afraid!**

One: God, our Shepherd, we praise you

**All: For your goodness and mercy with us every day.**

**\*\*Hymn:** When morning gilds the skies

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Children's Story

## Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, we come together into your presence, trusting that your love has the power to defeat evil in the world. We come together into your presence trusting that Christ shows us that your love defeats even the power of death. We come together into your presence trusting that your Holy Spirit guides us through the darkest valleys. So, we worship you with glad hearts, praising you in the name of our Risen Lord, praying with the breath of your Spirit in us. Renew our strength and courage to face whatever each day holds, so our lives will bring you honour and glory now and always.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that too often we let the events around us shake our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth gets lost among misleading claims, we wonder if love can prevail over lies. Forgive us, O God, when we lose our trust in the power of your love so soon after it raised Jesus from death's grip.**

## 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

The Apostle Paul asked: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No! he declared. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, God's gracious and forgiving love will never let us go. **Amen.**

### Scripture

First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the

people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 (KJV in unison *with refrain 1*)

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me**

**in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil:**

**my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell**

**in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Second Reading: John 10:1–10

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate

is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** My shepherd is the King of love **691**

Sermon Abundant Life Through Jesus

Prayers of the People

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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:** All the way my Saviour leads me

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Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

Gertrude H. Richolson



## **St Giles Events**

**Wednesday, April 29 ~ 12:30 a.m.**

**St Giles Women's Association** in person meeting. Bring your own lunch and bring a friend. **All Women Welcome!**

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

**Choir Practice**, all are welcome.

**Friday, May 01 ~ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 25  
David and Abigail

**Sunday, May 3, ~ 10:30 a.m.**

Anniversary Sunday Service, Aditi Gowri will play the violin for our Anniversary Service.

### **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](mailto: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.

## **Centretown Community Food Centre**

CCSA is the reason we started and the reason we are still here helping all our neighbours. The Food centre is currently serving approximately 1,500 people each month. We focus on fresh produce, meat, milk, eggs, bread and essential non-perishables such as tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, toilet paper and soap.

Since 2023, our location in the City's Social Services Hub at 370 Catherine Street has reshaped our service. Our clients have access to the wide range of social services, free Wi-Fi, computers, printers and phones available at the Hub. As well, as of January, we have begun offering home delivery to about 9 clients a week (36 per month) who are unable to visit the food centre in person.

None of this would be possible without the generous support from CCSAC churches. St Giles Presbyterian Church donated \$1,933.00 in 2025. Thank you for your very generous and continued support!

## **Shabraque Celtic Fundraising Concert**

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Grace Church, 1220 Old 10<sup>th</sup> Line Road, will be hosting a fundraising concert. Dessert, coffee and tea are included. Tickets are \$15.00. Join us for a fun family-friendly night of music to sing along and move your feet. 100% of the ticket price goes directly to Grace Church.

## Mission Moment

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as “an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves.” Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. He describes “the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing.” With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



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