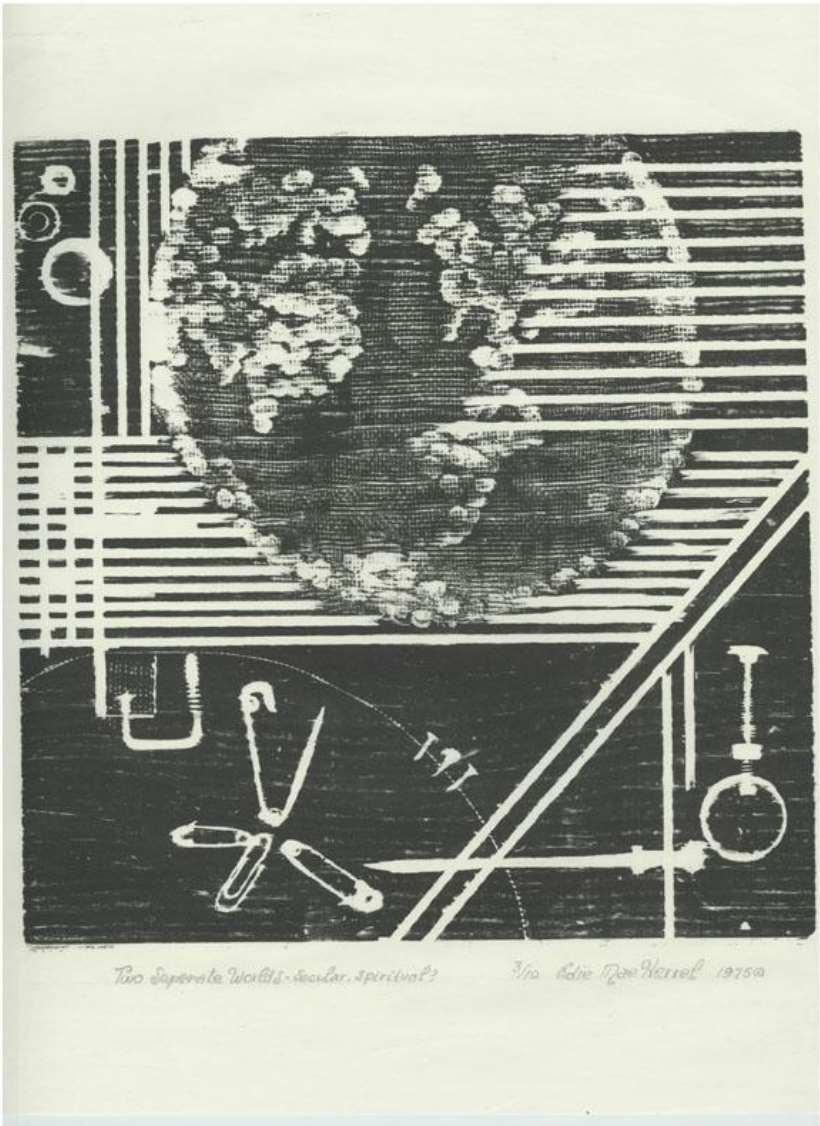


St Giles Presbyterian Church



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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: My Lord, What a Mornin
Welcome

Spiritual

Call to Worship

One: Let us be joyful before God!

All: We will sing praises to God's holy name.

One: Let us lift up a song to the One
who rides upon the clouds,

**All: who protects orphans and widows
and gives the desolate a home.**

One: Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

All: We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

****Hymn:** New every morning is the love

815

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of life, we praise you for your love which fills creation from the beginning and calls all life into being. We worship you for Christ who reveals your loving purpose for all people. We bless you for your Spirit who guides and inspires us and draws us into

the circle of your lovingkindness. So we come before you, acknowledging that you are the Alpha, the Omega, the first and the last, author and finisher of our faith.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess the times when we forget you and are divided from one another, and how often our thoughts, words, and actions betray your goodness and our calling. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken, heal our wounded relationships and convert our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

While it is true that we have all fallen short in our call to follow Jesus, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through his grace. Remember the Good News! In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 (*with refrain 1*)

Let God rise up,

let God's enemies be scattered;

let those who hate God flee.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

as wax melts before fire,

let the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God;

let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;

lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds;

exult before the One whose name is LORD.

In the holy habitation, God is father of orphans,
and protector of widows.

God gives the desolate a home to live in;

and leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious live in parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it;

in your goodness, O God,

you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord,

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

listen, God's voice goes forth,

a mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel'

and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary,

the God of Israel;

who gives power and strength to the people.

All: Blessed be God!

Second Reading: John 17:1–11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** The church of Christ, in every age **486**
(Tune of Winchester New, #217)

Sermon In the world but not of it

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Seek ye first **625**

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:** I have decided to follow Jesus

570

Benediction

Postlude Rigaudon

Andre Camera
(arr. E. Power Biggs)



St Giles Events

Thursday, May 21 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, May 29 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study will take a break for one week. Next meeting by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 30, 31, Saul's Demise.

Saturday, May 23 ~ 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Great Glebe Garage Sale

Sunday School Leader and Volunteers' Event

Calling all Sunday School teachers volunteers and assistants: The Youth Working Group is hosting a workshop on Saturday May 30th from 9am-11am at St Paul's Church, located at 971 Woodroffe Ave. Our workshop will be facilitated by Christine Ball the former regional resource worker for the Synod of Eastern Ontario & Quebec. We hope this event will give Sunday school teachers of all types, an opportunity to meet and connect with one another, share ideas and learn new ways to engage children and youth with the gospel and love of Jesus. Parking is available on site. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sunjay Henry at prezminimator@gmail.com or by phone at 613 407 8075. We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Recreational and Leisure Activities Position

Facilitated by a grant under the Canada Summer Jobs program, Parkwood Church, Ottawa has a position opening for summer 2026 for a Youth Recreational and Leisure Activities Program Co-ordinator. Please see poster at side entrance for further details. Please note that applicants must be either Canadian citizens or have permanent residency in Canada or be protected refugees; must be legally entitled to work in the Province of Ontario; and between 17 and 30 years of age. International students are not eligible.

Hymn Sing at St Andrew's United Church May 24

Hymn sing event to be held at St. Andrew's United Church in Cumberland, 2557 Old Montreal Road, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. The hymn sing will feature favourite hymns led by Lynda and Ernie Cox along with special guest Garth Hampson "The Singing Mountie." There will be special music, duets, solos, and the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. There is no charge, but free-will offering will be appreciated for St. Andrew's outreach programs.

Mission Moment

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