

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Pentecost, 1964, painting by Peter Koenig, UK, from Art in the Christian Tradition.

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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: *Come, Thou Fount*

American Folk Hymn
arr. Jack W. Burnam,

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

All: and transform our thoughts and actions.

One: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

All: and fill us with your wisdom.

One: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**All: and refresh our commitment to serve
in repentance, love and renewal.**

One: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

All: as we worship and witness to God's love.

Credit: PCC

****Hymn:** On this assembled host

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy Spirit, Creator, In the beginning you moved over the waters and from your breath all creatures drew their life.

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets bore witness to the Word of God; you prepared Mary to become the mother of the Lord; you descended upon Jesus on the day of his baptism; you led Christ into the desert; you assisted him in proclaiming the Kingdom.

Holy Spirit, Christ promised you would always be with us and in us; you came down upon the apostles to gather them into a new communion, the Church.

Holy Spirit, Comforter, you bring us to birth as God's children and you make us a living sign of God's presence.

Holy Spirit, you pray within us.

(Credit: Taize community, Pentecost 3, adapted.)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force
of your Spirit among us.**

**We do listen to your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,**

**or live as people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power
of your Spirit,
fill us with a flaming desire to be your
faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

Amen.

(From the Book of Common Worship, PCUSA, 1993. Adapted.)

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

Hear the good news!

God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.

We are no longer scattered or divided,
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on
this earth.

Thanks be to God!

(Credit: Rev. Mary Nelson)

Scripture

First Reading: Genesis 2:4–8

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Second Reading: Ezekiel 37:1–6

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord, Thus says the Lord God to these

bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Psalms 104:27–32 (*with refrain 3*)

These all look to you

**to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with
good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in all these works
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Third Reading: Acts 2:1–4

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had

chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** I am the church! You are the church! **475**

Sermon Eden 2.0

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness **399**

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:** Lord, you give the great commission **778**
(tune of Abbot's Leigh #470)

Benediction

Postlude *Rondeau*

Jean J. Mouret



St Giles Events

Thursday, May 28 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

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

Bible Study will meet by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 30, 31, Saul's Demise.

Mission Related Givings Up to April 30/26

Mission	Received	% of Goal	2026 Goal
Operating Account	\$27,404.36	33%	\$83,000.00
Presbyterian Sharing	\$2,292.00	19%	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	\$750.00	n/a	n/a
Special Sunday	1,818.00	30%	6,500.00
Presbyterian College	1,000.00	20%	5,000.00

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

Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability, worries about his malnourished daughter. “We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough,” he shares. “When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve.” PWS&D works with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya’s who are facing worsening food insecurity.



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