

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



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# **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: *Sing Joyfully to God*

Michael Joseph

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

**All: We praise you for your gift of life.**

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

**All: We thank you for your gift of new life.**

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

**All: We worship you in holiness,  
Ever Three and Ever One.**

**\*\*Hymn:** All things bright and beautiful

**435**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, you are Three in One and One in Three. Praise to you, Source of life, maker of Heaven and Earth, who created us in your image and called us good. Praise to you, Jesus Christ, born in our flesh to teach us how to love and offer us grace and mercy. Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring

us to greet each day as a gift. Holy God, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you for your mystery and mercy. Reveal to us how to live as your people and witness to your wonder and grace.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we fit into the world around us and how we rub each other the wrong way. We confess we do not always see what you see.**

### 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 teaches us that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace! **Amen.**

## Scripture

### First Reading: Genesis 1:1–23

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So, God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every

kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So, God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Psalm 8 (with refrain 1)

O LORD, our God

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Your splendor is chanted above the heavens  
by the mouths of babes and infants

**you have set up a defense against your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels,  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works  
of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O LORD, our God,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Second Reading: Genesis 1:24-2:3

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and

the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So, God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day

from all the work that he had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** God, who stretched **305**

Sermon All that is in between

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Give us, O God, the grace to see **335**  
(tune of Maryton, #642)

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

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**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:** Let all things now living **338**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro*

*João de Sousa Carvalho*



## St Giles Events

**Thursday, June 04 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**, all are welcome.

**Tuesday, June 09 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Session**, meeting in person.

**Wednesday, June 10 ~ 12:30 p.m.**

**The Presbyterian Women**, will meet and have a bag lunch before the meeting. Please note the change to the second Wednesday of the month.

**Sunday, June 14 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

### 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

## **Bible Study**

The Bible Study has completed the Book of 1 Samuel. We will reconvene in early September and likely studying the Book of 2 Samuel.

## **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.

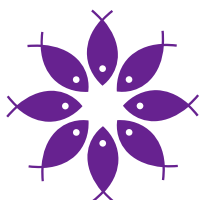


## Mission Moment

Ruth Chatelera and Ndindase Jere, ordained ministers of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, recently defended their dissertations. They are in the first cohort of women in the Master's in Contextual Theology program at Zomba Theological University, a four-year program intended to raise women scholars. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide full support for 10 women in the program and are building up women leaders in Malawi.



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