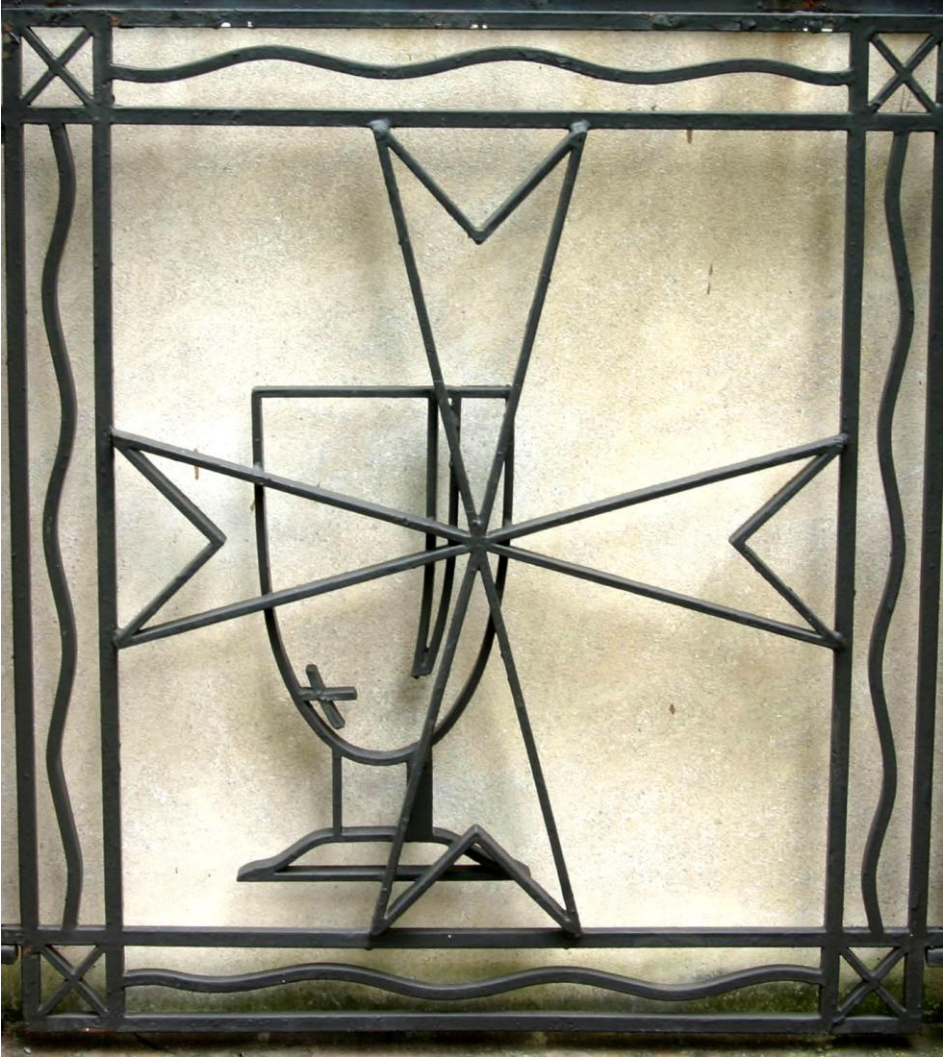


St Giles Presbyterian Church



Greek Cross with Chalice, 1969, exterior iron work, Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, U.S.

June 14, 2026

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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: *Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan
(arr. Arlen Clarke)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Holy and generous is God,
the Creator of all things.

**All: Loving and gracious is Christ,
the Bearer of healing and hope.**

One: Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit,
the Breath of new life.

All: God of Trinity, we call on you today.

One: Come and worship the One who made us
and loves us all!

All: We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

****Hymn:** Joyful, joyful, we adore you

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy Creator, you are holy and mysterious, you were before all things, you are above all things and beneath all things; by your Word all things were made by your steadfast love you redeem all things. Holy Christ, you came that we might have life and in you we know the full extent of God's love. Day to day, your grace

sustains us. Holy Spirit, you are eternally pouring forth wisdom, vision and direction. You abide with us in fellowship, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the Good News: in Christ we are a new creation: the old life is gone and the new life has come. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage, strength and grace to forgive one another.

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be

my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites. “So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Psalm 100 *(with refrain 2)*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into God’s presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

The Lord made us; we belong to God.

We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

**Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,
and God’s courts with praise.**

Give thanks to the Lord, bless God’s name.

For the LORD is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever,

God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon While We Were Still Sinners

****Hymn:** Take time to be Holy **638**

Service of Confirmation

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

**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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

...

we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God,

...

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God,

...

almighty God, for ever and ever.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

****Hymn:** Let us break bread together **548**

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn:** Sent Forth by your blessing **775**

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Finale*

Tommaso Albinoni
(arr. S.Drummond Wolff)



St Giles Events

Thursday, June 17 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

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

Holy Communion



General Assembly

The 151st General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada took place at York University (Keele Campus) on Sunday, June 7 until Thursday, June 11, 2026. The GA is the highest decision-making body of our church, voting on matters of theology and polity that affects the whole denomination. Chrissie Kalonga, an elder of St. Giles, attended the GA as a commissioner representing the Presbytery of Ottawa. Justin Wu, a member of St. Giles, will be serving on the International Affairs Committee (three-year term). Rev. Paul Wu will also be serving on the Board of the Presbyterian College (2nd three-year term).

Interested in Hospital Visitation?

All members of the Presbyterian churches in Ottawa are invited to attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Parkwood Church, 10 Chesterton Drive, Ottawa to help us reflect on and serve the current needs of the presbytery regarding hospital visitation. This program has been mostly dormant since COVID-19 shut it down and we would like to know if there is a desire to get it started up and volunteers to help do so. If interested, please attend the meeting, or contact Chris Clarke at cclarke@mywestminster.ca

Glebe-St. James Shared Services

Glebe St James is having roof work done this summer. The parking lot will be closed off. Access on Sunday morning will likely be through the First Avenue doors (rainbow stairs and the ramp) but there may be times when these doors are not accessible. The Lyon Street door should be available throughout the summer and there is a lift at that door.

Confirmation Service

The Session of St. Giles has approved the request of Scott Lancaster, to be confirmed in faith in a public worship service. He is a former member of Cushman Memorial Church who was baptized shortly after his birth in April 16, 1970. He has recently completed the education component of the confirmation process with Rev. Paul Wu. The Confirmation Service is schedule to take place on the Sunday of June 14, 2026.

BBQ Announcement: CALLING ALL YOUTH and YOUTH LEADERS IN THE PRESBYTERY

The Youth Working Group invites you to their year-end barbecue. We will meet at The Trolley Station at Britannia Park on Thursday June 25th, 2026, from 5pm - 8pm. We will eat some delicious food, play some games, and celebrate our graduating students. RSVP with Sunjay at prezminanimator@gmail.com. Be sure to include any dietary restrictions with your RSVP.

Strawberry Luncheon St. Andrew's Church

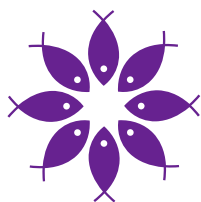
St. Andrew's Church, Stittsville is having a Strawberry Luncheon on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 1 to 3 p.m. All congregations within the presbytery are invited.

Mission Moment

One of the eight Indigenous ministries supported through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church is among the oldest Presbyterian Indigenous ministries on a Canadian reserve. The congregation is renewing this sacred space for the future, adding new shingles, aluminum siding, and their first air-conditioning system to make the building welcoming and strong for generations to come. Recently, they celebrated several new baptisms and anticipate more, as they nurture faith, knowledge of the Bible and Indigenous traditions within their congregation.



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