

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Love for One's Neighbour, carving from a choir screen, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, 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: *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Cindy Berry
Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Sing to God a new song.

All: We will worship God, our Maker!

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

All: For God is gracious and loving!

One: Let us bring God glory and honour,

All: Praise the Lord.

****Hymn:** Now that the daylight fills the sky **816**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining, your love is wider than the whole cosmos, your mercy is beyond the highest heavens, your wisdom is deeper than the seas. Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, walking the roads we take, experiencing the joys and frustrations of life, and preaching your kingdom in words and

action. Through your Spirit, you are present with us in every time and place to comfort and challenge us. For all that you have been, all that you are and will be, we worship you as Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a people divided; we harbour fears and jealousy which set neighbour against neighbour, group against group and nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and the wellbeing of all people. Have mercy upon us, O God. Set us free from our old ways to serve you as ambassador of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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 challenges us to lay aside actions and deeds that distance us from God and one another and

to put on the armour of light. Know that you are forgiven by God's grace and walk in God's mercy. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.
Amen.

Scripture

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7–11

So, you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus, you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119:33–40 (with refrain 3)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

**Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.**

Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** A new commandment **225**

Sermon Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** What a friend we have in Jesus **746**

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:** All the way my Saviour leads me

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Benediction

Postlude: *Lift Up Your Songs of Praise* Camille-Saint-Saëns

St Giles Events

St Giles Women's Association *postponed till further notice.*

Thursday, September 10 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome!

Friday, September 11 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel

Sunday, September 13 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School resumes.

Mission Related Givings Up to August 31/26

Mission	Received	% of Goal	2026 Goal
Operating Account	\$46,510.10	56%	\$83,000.00
Presbyterian Sharing	3,512.00	29%	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	1,410.00	n/a	n/a
Special Sunday	3,809.00	59%	6,500.00
Presbyterian College	1,000.00	20%	5,000.00

Bible Study Group

We are resuming the Bible Study Group via Teleconference (see instruction below), for the Friday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. We will be reading the Book of 2 Samuel, which tells the history of King David's reign over Israel. This reign is characterized by a time of great success and blessing followed by the painful consequences of his personal moral

failures. Throughout the study, we will be keeping in mind the question: what is so special about David that he is called a man after God's own heart? Come and join us and experience for yourself the wonder, and the power of the words of God in the Scripture.

Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study

1. Three to five minutes before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. You will be asked to enter the passcode number 7455703#.

Lacing Up for Our Neighbours:

Join us on Sunday, October 4th, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM for the annual Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC) walkathon. We will gather and begin our walk at Canadian Martyrs Church on Main Street, following a 2 km or 4 km route along the Rideau Canal. This is a wonderful, family-friendly event, so please feel free to bring strollers and leashed dogs! 100% of all funds raised go directly to the Centretown Community Food Centre. To register, volunteer, or make a donation, please visit www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon—donations can also be made at the walk or mailed to CCSAC at 507 Bank Street, Ottawa, K2P 1Z5.

Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality

The OSTS has been part of the Ottawa church and religious community since 1964. We operate only to cover our costs and offer a variety of faith orientated courses online except for two in person courses. Our lecturers are drawn from Ottawa's universities, and clergy of various backgrounds. There are no exams and no homework assignments. For further details see the poster on the side-entrance bulletin board or visit the school's homepage is at <https://www.osts.ca/>

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Course & Presentation

Evening online Basic Training program or Monday afternoon in person from September 14 to November 23, 2026.

Supporting Caregivers in Pastoral Care Zoom presentation November 03 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. led by Joy McLeod-Valle from the Ontario Caregiver Organization.

For more information see the brochures on the side-entrance bulletin board or visit www.ottawapastoralcare.com

Mission Moment

Children living at Samuel House as well as some disadvantaged local children in Micske, Romania, play, study and enjoy nutritious meals together in a loving family-like Christian environment. Without state support, Samuel House depends on domestic and international donations, and this is where your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing come in. Csilla Bertalan, Director of Samuel House, writes, "Thank you for holding the children in our care in your prayers. And thank you for sharing your resources with us so that they may live their lives in fullness."



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