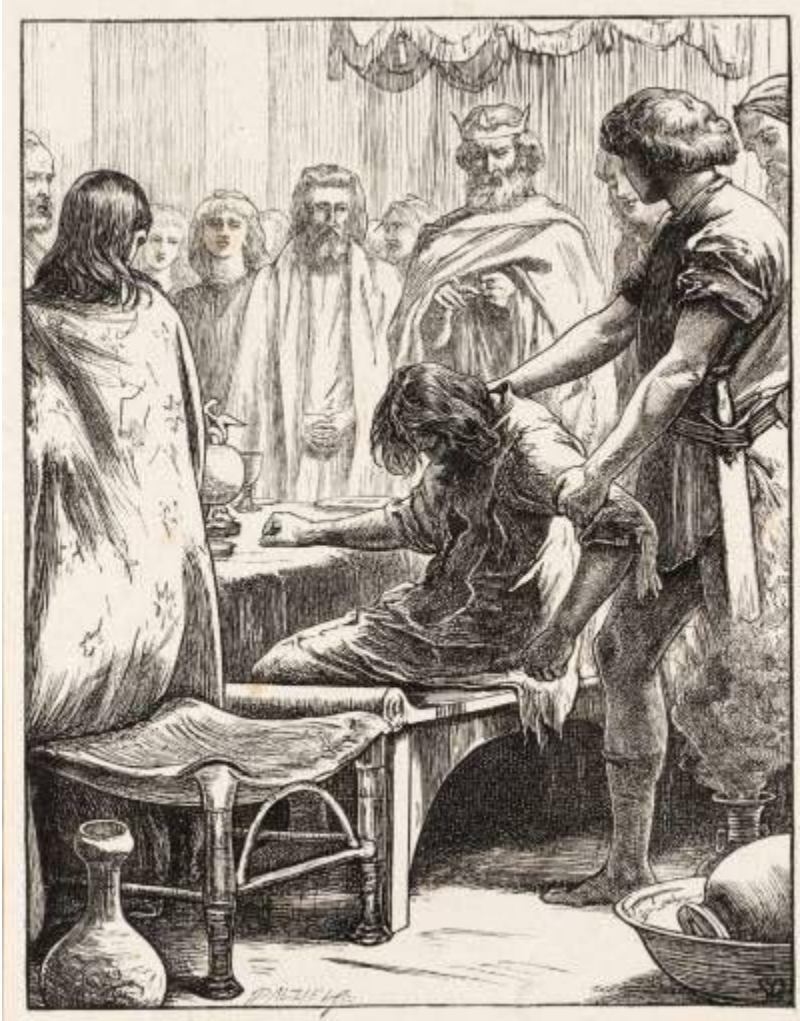


St Giles Presbyterian Church



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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: *This My Church Shall Be*

Text & Hymn Tune:
Borghild Jacobson
arr. Carol Muehlig

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather in God's holy presence,
where God embraces us with grace.

All: Here God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice
for the last and the least.

All: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

One: We give thanks to God
for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

**All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life
into our lives,
and so we will praise our God!**

****Hymn:** For the beauty of the earth

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

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 we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Exodus 32:7–14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'?

Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23 (with refrain 1)

Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,
or declare all God's praise?

**Blessed are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

Remember me, O LORD,

when you show favor to your people;

help me when you deliver them;

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
**that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.**

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;

**we have committed iniquity,
have done wickedly.**

They made a calf at Horeb
and worshiped a cast image.

**They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

**Therefore God would have destroyed them -
had not Moses, the chosen one,
stood in the breach before God,
to turn away the wrath that would destroy them.**

Second Reading: Matthew 22:1–14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his
slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again,
he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have
been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my
oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’
But they made light of it and went away, one to his
farm, another to his business, while the rest seized
his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king
was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those
murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his

slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** I hunger and I thirst

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Sermon Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** This is my Father's world

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**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:** For the fruits of all creation **802**

Benediction

Postlude *Choral Song* *Samuel S. Wesley*



St Giles Events

Thursday, October 15 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome!

Friday, October 16 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel, 8–9 David's Empire Expands.

Joining a Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study

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

Talk Film, Talk Faith

An opportunity to gather with other members of the downtown Presbyterian community (Knox, St. Giles, St. Andrew's). This month, *Fjord*, an intense drama set in Norway that explores the clash between a conservative Christian family and a progressive and secular community amongst whom they are newcomers. It was awarded the 2026 Cannes Festival and Ecumenical Jury prizes. As this will be opening night, you might wish to avoid a queue and purchase a ticket in advance.

<https://www.bytowne.ca/movies/fjord/> Friday October 16, 6 p.m. at the Bytowne Cinema on Rideau Street. Discussion will follow in the home of Andrew Johnston, a ten minute walk from the Bytowne. Please RSVP by Wednesday October 14, to Andrew at talkfilmtalkfaith@gmail.com

Director of Music,

Knox Presbyterian Church, Ottawa – Seeking a part-time Director of Music to enhance and uplift our worship experience and continue to build our music ministry. Knox has a SATB choir with paid section leads, a Casavant pipe organ and a grand piano. We incorporate a variety of styles of music, including contemporary, into our worship while preserving our strength in traditional organ and choral music. The detailed job description can be found at <https://www.knoxottawa.ca/news/director-of-music-search>

For questions or to apply, please contact
KnoxOttawaDirectorofMusic2026@gmail.com

Glebe St. James United Church presents

JEFF BIRD the Music of Hildegard von Bingen

Please join celebrated multi-instrumentalist and composer Jeff Bird as he performs his interpretations of the music of Hildegard von Bingen. Captivated with the sublime melodies of the 12th century mystic, Jeff Bird's luminous arrangements for harmonica, shruti box and electric guitar reveal his deep love and respect for the transcendent power of this 900-year-old music.

Saturday October 24 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary at Glebe St James United Church, 650 Lyon Ave. S., Ottawa. Tickets: \$30 Advance @ Eventbrite Tickets or \$35 at the door for more info: www.glebestjames.com

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Eckville, Alberta, has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Foodgrains Bank for more than 35 years. What began as a small growing project on donated land has expanded into a community-wide effort, with local farmers, families, and town leaders working together to plant, grow, and harvest grain. Through their commitment and generosity, the congregation helps provide food assistance to people facing hunger during crises such as conflict, drought, and natural disasters. Their growing project is a powerful example of faith in action and community partnership.



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