

St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Roman Coin of Caesar Augustus, 1st century coinage,
Bibliothèque nationale, Paris, France.***

October 18, 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: *Come Worship the Lord*

J.S. Bach
(arr. CM)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

All: We will bless God's name from day to day.

One: Let us declare God's marvelous deeds
among all the people;

All: For God is great and greatly to be praised.

One: Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

**All: We will bring God honour and glory
as we worship God's holy name.**

****Hymn:** O Lord, thou art my God and King

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe, yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus.

In him, you walk beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. We praise you that your love embraces the whole creation, yet you find a place and a purpose for us mortals. Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we are humbled in your presence. In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we confess we need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways. Forgive us, O God, Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be, for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

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

Friends, God knows us and still God loves us. This is good news!

By God's grace, we are forgiven, loved and set free to start again. Thanks be to God!

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm 96:1–9 (*with refrain 3*)

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,
**the Lord's marvelous works
among all the peoples.**
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are in God's presence,
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
bring an offering,
and come into the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth

Second Reading: Matthew 22:15–22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Creator God, creating still

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(tune of New Britain, #670)

Sermon Give to God things that are God's

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Lord of all power

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology:

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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:** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary*

John Stanley



St Giles Events

Tuesday, October 20 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session meeting, in person

Thursday, October 22 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome!

Friday, October 23 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel,
10–11 David Sins – Adultery and Murder

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#.



Mission Related Givings Up to September 30/26

Mission	Received	% of Goal	2026 Goal
Operating Account	\$52,014.71	63%	\$83,000.00
Presbyterian Sharing	3,822.00	32%	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	1,555.00	n/a	n/a
Special Sunday	3,809.00	58%	6,500.00
Presbyterian College	1,000.00	20%	5,000.00



Presbyterian College - Certificate in Lay Leadership

Fall 2026 **Online** Study, “**Sharing the Word**”, offered either as a stand-alone course or as part of the Certificate in Lay Leadership program. The course begins **October 15th** and runs through **November 19th** on Thursday evenings, from **6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, \$135/participant. Led by Principal Roland De Vries.

Certificate in Lay Leadership, supporting and equipping church members and elders who play a vital leadership role among us. Building competencies for preaching, prayer, pastoral visitation and administration for the flourishing and renewal of the church.

Harvest & Holiday Craft Fair

St. Andrew’s Church, 3529 McBean Street, Richmond is hosting a fall craft fair on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discover a wonderful selection of local artisans, crafters, makers, bakers, and homegrown products. Simple snacks and sandwiches available. Admission is Free.



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

Journey for Hope is a Canada-wide fundraiser for PWS&D food security work around the world. This year marks the sixth year that participants from coast to coast have raised funds to support food security in the world. Teams walk, roll, bike or take part in other activities their communities love. Ultimately, Journey for Hope is about partnership—people across Canada working together to plan local events that raise funds for the church's work to ensure that marginalized families in places like the Sudan, Gaza, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia have reliable access to nutritious food. Journey for Hope is just one way to get involved.



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