

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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October 25, 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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Richard Shephard

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God;
and so we come to worship.**

One: God satisfies us every morning
with steadfast love;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Tell of God's glorious power
and praise God's holy name.

**All: We will offer God the work of our hands
and praise from the depths of our hearts.**

****Hymn:** Stand up and bless the Lord **411**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God, our God, you are gracious and loving, holy and eternal; your love is steadfast, your presence ever near. Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as

the morning dew. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. Holy God: Creator, Christ and Spirit, Three and One, we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation; refresh our understanding and nurture our readiness to serve you.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another and the times we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds; the times we focused on you and the times we pursued our own purposes. You know our bodies, the times we have served you and the times we have served only ourselves. Forgive us those times we went our own way and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.

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 in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures, to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others. Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace! **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbour is at stake: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."

Psalm 1 *(with refrain 1)*

Blessed are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they flourish.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Matthew 22:34–46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 'This is the greatest and

first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself. 'On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son, is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Come, let us sing of a wonderful love **706**

Sermon The LORD said to my Lord

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Great is thy faithfulness **324**

Passing of the Peace

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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:** With the Lord as my guide

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Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in C*

George Blake



St Giles Events

Wednesday, October 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting, in person.

Thursday, October 29 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome!

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

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel, 12 Prophet Nathan Confronts David.

Sunday, November 08 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Remembrance Day Service, all are welcome.

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



Remembrance Sunday

St. Giles will be observing the Remembrance Sunday on November 8, 2026, at 10:30am, to honour the memory of those from St. Giles who have served and sacrificed for the country during World War I & II. It is also a day to acknowledge the ongoing service of veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Representatives from the Cameron Highlander of Ottawa (with a piper and a bugler) will be joining us.

Supporting Caregivers In Pastoral Care

Tuesday November 3rd. from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom
Joy McLeod-Valle from the Ontario Caregiver Organization (OCO) leads an interactive presentation on Supporting Caregivers in Pastoral Care. She will explore practical ways to support caregivers in our communities, including navigating difficult emotions such as grief and guilt while building trust, listening without judgment, understanding empathy versus sympathy, resisting the urge to problem-solve or offer advice, and recognizing and affirming caregivers' strengths. This session will provide valuable insights and strategies for fostering meaningful, supportive connections with caregivers in the community.

For more information about the event and how to register, the program brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/F2026-Con-Ed-Brochure-Portrait.pdf>

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.

Mission Moment

In Mwanyesha, Malawi, Vincent Ng'ambi lives with his wife and five children. They previously struggled in a leaking thatched house and faced food shortages due to climate change, making farming unreliable. After joining the Lupembe food security project, they received training in climate-smart agriculture, self-help groups and household visioning. The training helped increase their maize production, enabling them to build a safe home. "We are grateful and proud. Thanks to household visioning, we dreamed bigger and set goals. Our new brick house with iron sheets symbolizes our hard work and a better future. We'll live in it and finish with cement flooring and windows next year," Vincent shared with tears. This project is an initiative of PWS&D's partner, the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department.



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