St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Throne of God with Elders and Four Evangelist Symbols**, ca. 1000, manuscript illumination from the Bamberger Apocalypse, Germany, 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: *Morning Has Broken* arr. Arlen Clarke

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God with all of our heart

All: We will praise the Lord with all of our strength

One: Let us love God with all of our soul

All: We will bow down and hail the Lord as king

One: Let us seek God all of our days

All: We will follow all the ways of the Lord

****Hymn:** Ye watchers and ye holy ones **607**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of life and blessing, you have created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So, it is our greatest joy to be united in the community of your people, stretching across the generations, throughout all time and space. We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, in heaven and on earth, who

worship and adore you, saying: All blessing and honour, glory and power, wisdom, riches and strength belong to you, O God, now and forever! Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

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 declared: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither

death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go. **Amen**.

Scripture

First Reading: 1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Psalm 34:1–10, 22 (*with refrain 2)*

I will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!

I sought the LORD, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

LOOK TO God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed are those who take refuge in God.

O fear the LORD, you holy ones,
for those who fear God have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
But redeemed are the lives of God's servants.
None will be condemned
who take refuge in the Lord!

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and

power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason, they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer **372**

Sermon All the Saints

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Give thanks for life, the measure of our days **613**
(tune of Sine Nomine, #611)

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:** Go Now in Peace **620**

Benediction

Postlude *Eternal Joy* Noël Goemanne

St Giles Events

Thursday, November 05 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, all are welcome!

Friday, November 06 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel, 13–14 Like Father, Like Son

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#.

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.

Mission Trip to Palestine

Justin Wu, as part of his work in the International Affairs Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been invited to take part in a mission trip to Israel/Palestine during the upcoming season of Christmas. Our denomination is fully funding this trip, and this is really the Presbyterians Sharing dollar at work. Once again, we encourage to give generously to Presbyterians Sharing, to support the collective ministries of the national church.

Walk to Bethlehem - An Advent Pilgrimage

In support of Justin's mission trip to Palestine, St. Giles is undertaking an Advent Pilgrimage, starting November 29, 2026. We commit to walking each day. As you walk, reflect on the biblical passages listed in the bulletin insert. They will remind you of the Advent promises that are ours in Jesus: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

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 Guatemala's Quetzaltenango region, many Indigenous farmers face food insecurity. Margarita is a single mother caring for her two nephews and her half-sister, who has a developmental disorder. Like many in her area, she must travel to access enough productive land to grow food. "What we harvest is not enough for the whole year," she shares. Margarita was chosen to help lead her community to greater food security through a program with Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, a locally-based association of indigenous women supported by PWS&D. The project helped her grow consistent food for her family and share new techniques with others. "Now I plant my vegetables, even if it's only a few, because Fraternidad is training me." Regina adds that she also raises chickens now, as well as growing vegetables and herbs at home.



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