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: *He That Is Down Need Fear No Fall*
Ralph Vaughn Williams

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us praise the God of Truth!
All: Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.

One: Let us praise the God of Peace!
All: Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.

One: Let us praise the God of Love!
All: Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!

****Hymn:** Let us with a gladsome mind **96**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Transforming God, you take the night and give us day. You take our strife and give us peace. You take our sadness and give us joy. You take our fear and give us courage. You take death and give us new life. O God, you give and you give and you give. So we

come to praise you and offer our love and loyalty as your willing servants: in the name of Christ who enriches our lives with grace, and in the power of the Spirit who prays within us when we cannot find the right words to honour you.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Trusting God, you placed your mission in our hands and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things in Jesus' name. We confess sometimes we've taken credit for what your love has done. Sometimes we've called our own desires your will. Sometimes we've stepped back and let others carry responsibilities, due to resentment or discouragement. Forgive us when we've failed to honour your trust in us.

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us, Christ

rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. So, trust God's promise. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a new start by God's generous grace. **Amen**.

Scripture

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–16

Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Psalm 90:1–8 (*with refrain 2, in the Book of Psalms)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Will your anchor hold **744**

Sermon The Terrible and Wonderful Day

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning **378**

Passing of the Peace

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****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 **699**

**Benediction

Postlude *Engelberg* C.V. Stanford



St Giles Events

Thursday, November 19 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, November 20 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel, 15-16 Absalom's Rebellion

Saturday, November 21 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Fayer, more details to come. Volunteers needed.

Friday, December 04 ~ 07:30 p.m.
Camerons Christmas Concert

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#.



Becoming A Member of St. Giles

On the Sunday of December 13, St. Giles is planning to receive new members through a public liturgy of Baptism / Confirmation / Reception of New Members. If you would like to take the next step in your faith journey in Christ, please talk to the Rev. Paul Wu.

Christmas Fayre

St Giles' Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 21st. Please reserve that date and help in any way you can. We need volunteers for the bake table, deli, preserves, coffee bar, advertising, greeters, and elevator guides. Watch for updates in the up coming bulletins. Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625 and Laura Brandon at laura@laurabrandon.ca

Camerons Christmas Concert

The Pipes and Drums of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert at St. Giles, on Friday, December 4, at 7:30pm. The pipe band will be joined by other groups including the Vocestra Choir. An article in the November edition of The Glebe Report is to outline the history of this concert and the programme for 2026. This is also a benefit concert in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. There is no admission charge, but St. Giles will be collecting dry food and donation for the food bank.

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.

Christmas Concert featuring The Four Choirs

Choirs from Knox United, Jesus is Lord Church, St. Remi Roman Catholic, and St. Stephen's Anglican, along with pianist Andrew Jahn, will perform on Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 pm, at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 2821 St. Stephen's Street just off Pinecrest Road. All are welcome. Admission is free with a free will offering at the conclusion of the concert (all donations of $25 or more are tax-receipt able). The church is wheelchair accessible.

Mission Moment

"Our hope and passion for the future of the PCC can lie in international partnerships!" Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, 24-year-old Sophia Kim had the opportunity of a lifetime to work in Japan as a Young Adult Intern for the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ). While there, she heard many stories of adversity and courage told by Korean-Japanese Christians. Overwhelming gratitude was expressed by the KCCJ for the PCC's mission work in Japan, and continued support. The PCC and KCCJ are approaching the 100th anniversary of their partnership in 2027.



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