

- TODAY'S SERVICE -

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

* Lighting the Christ Candle

* Responsive Call to Worship

We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

God calls us by name because we are beloved.

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

God's name be praised!

* Call to Worship Hymn 115 –Hail to the Lord's Anointed (1,3&5)

Prayer of Adoration

Private and Communal Confession

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life.

We confess that we often prefer our old ways.

We resist the new opportunities you set before us.

We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges,
failing to forgive one another.

Have mercy upon us, O God,
and guide us to live with more grace and generosity
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon and Sharing the Peace

* Hymn of Gratitude 342 – All who the name of Jesus bear (all)

We Listen

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Matthew 3:13-17

Youth Message & Sermon – Rev. Bruce Clendening

We Respond

Time of Meditation

Confession of Faith – 7.5.1, 7.5.2 & 7.5.3 – *Living Faith*

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Come Unto Me

* Hymn#79- *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth

* Sending Hymn 722 – Lord, whose love (1, 3 & 4)

* Commission and Benediction

* Choral Amen: Hymn #780: *Amen*

Postlude

Please stand for the sections marked with an asterisk (*)

Welcome to St. Giles Presbyterian Church



STATEMENT OF BELIEF – “LIVING FAITH”

7.5.1 In obedience to our Lord's command and example we observe two sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion. These are visible expressions of the Gospel given as means of entering and sustaining the Christian Life

7.5.2 In Baptism and the Lord's Supper, there is a sacramental union between the sign and the thing signified. Water signifies forgiveness and new life in Christ; bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord.

7.5.3 The grace effective in the sacraments comes not from any power in them but from the work of the Holy Spirit. Rightly received, in faith and repentance, the sacraments convey that which they symbolize.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR REFLECTION

“Behold, the former things have happened,
and now I, the Lord, declare new things.
Before they spring forth
I proclaim them to you.”

(Isaiah 42:9)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates on December Fundraising and Donations

We are blessed to be able to shine the light of Christ, live into our callings, support St. Giles, and help our surrounding community! **Thank you very much** for everyone who donated, volunteered, baked, and organized for each of these events:

Christmas Bake Sale: \$903 raised for St. Giles

Christmas Basket Sale: \$796 raised for St. Giles

Veteran Foodbank: 64 lbs of food plus \$165 cheque donated

Mitten Tree: Over 80 items were donated to 'Inn From the Cold' and SungWoo's weekly downtown ministry

Labyrinth Café: Friday, January 9th @ 10:30 am-12:30 pm

"A Wee Bit of Scotland" – Thank you to all who came and heard more about this wonderful country! It was truly lovely.

Bible Studies: Wednesday @ 10:15 – Resumed on Jan 7th

A warm invitation to all who have not yet attended a study, and to returning participants! Come study the weekly scriptures with your brothers and sisters in the faith.

Bible Studies: Sunday @ 11:30 am – Resumes January 25th

The first 5 weeks of the study will be learning more about the hymns we sing in the service, the scriptures that inspire them, and how they can inspire and inform daily life.

Sunday School Teachers – please speak to Susan C.

Four Sunday School teachers are being sought to teach once per month with the current teachers. God has answered our prayers and blessed us with children... **please discern if you are called to spend one Sunday per month with our children.**

St. Giles Orchestra – Sunday, February 8 @ 7-8:30 PM

Come celebrate a night of Classical Music in Cinema, with pieces from **Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Haydn and more!**

Tickets are on sale on Eventbrite, or directly from the St. Giles treasurer via e-transfer payments. Volunteers for various tasks would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Carmen or Jim to sign up!

WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM

Sunday Bible Study: Resumes January 25 @ 11:30

January 18 Service: Rev. Chandra Mannix
January 18 Greeter: Donna H.

We gather at St. Giles in the gracious and loving presence of God, the maker and lover of creation. We are called here to worship and to work; and this is holy ground. We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, which is also home to the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nations, and the Calgary Nose Hill Metis District of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that the practices and spiritualities of all of these people are tied to the land.



WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE, ENABLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, SAVED BY GRACE AND NOURISHED BY SCRIPTURE.



MISSION OF ST GILES

- ✓ *To nurture a vibrant Christian life;*
- ✓ *To seek to grow in our relationship with God;*
- ✓ *To care for the community;*
- ✓ *To dare to follow Christ into the world.*

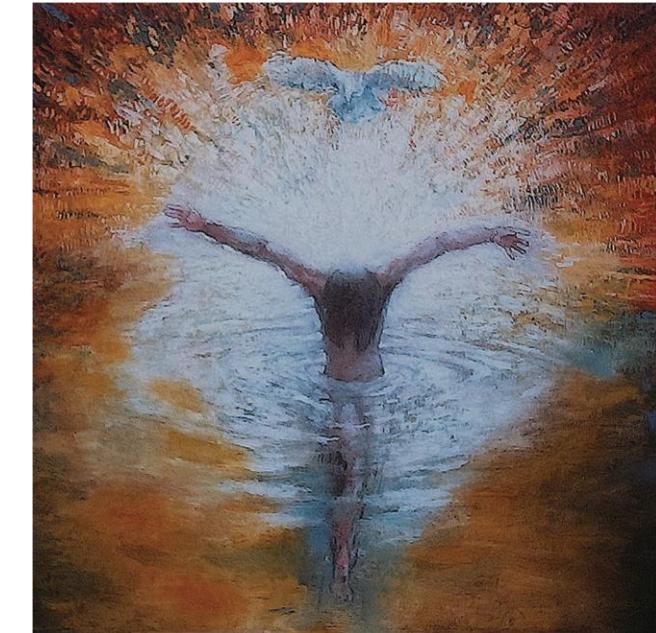
Prayers are invited by the Pastoral Care Committee for: Teuny Howarth, Bernice Poon, Isa Tieken, Joanne Watson, Wendell Siddall, Anna Munro, Gail Wearmouth, Gerry Machum and Jenn Hauck.

ST. GILES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 11th, 2025
1st Sunday after Epiphany



May you receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive the hope to which he has called you, the riches of God's glorious Kingdom, and the immeasurable goodness of God.

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