

- TODAY'S SERVICE -

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

* *Lighting the Christ Candle*

* Responsive Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,
For God guides us all with justice and equity.
Let the people praise God, for how we have been
blessed;
**Come let us worship and offer all honour and
praise.**

Call to Worship Hymn: 321 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

Prayer of Adoration

Private and Communal Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as
you have taught us.**
**Forgive us those times we have not welcomed
others into our community;**
**and those times we have avoided others
because of our fear and prejudices.**
**Forgive us the ways we have judged people
unfairly.**
Reveal to us your ways,
**and show us how to see your goodness in those
who seem different from us.**
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 67:1-7

* Hymn of Gratitude: 633 *Who would true valour see*
(all verses)

We Listen

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel of Matthew 15:1-20

Youth Message & Sermon – Rev. Chandra Mannix

Time of Meditation

We Respond

The Confession of Faith – Living Faith (3.6.1, 8.2.1 & 8.2.6)

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

* Offering Hymn: 79 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

* Prayer of Dedication

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth

* Hymn of Sending: 648 *I'm gonna live so God can use me*
(all verses)

* *Commission and Benediction*

* Choral Amen

Hymn of Blessing – *Go in peace* – Choir only

Postlude

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

Prayers are invited by the Pastoral Care Committee for:
Teuny Howarth, Bernice Poon, Isa Tieken, Gail
Wearmouth, Anna Munro, Joanne Watson, Wendell
Siddall, Gerry Machum, Jenn Hauck, Moira Brownlee,
Mary Westcott, Rev. Chandra, Rick Timlick, and Jean
Timlick.

*Welcome to St. Giles
Presbyterian Church*



STATEMENT OF BELIEF: 'LIVING FAITH'

Section 3.6.1

Salvation comes from God's grace alone received through faith in Christ. From all eternity, and through no merit on our part, God calls us to life in Christ. Here is the good news of the Gospel! Jesus Christ is the elect one, chosen for our salvation. In him we are made acceptable to God. Before the world was made we were chosen in Christ to be part of the family of God.

Section 8.2.1

All Christians are members both of a human family and of the church, the household of God. We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church which has nurtured us in the faith.

Section 8.2.6

The church is the family of God. Here all should be valued for themselves. We are one body in Christ: together rejoicing when things go well, supporting one another in sorrow, celebrating the goodness of God and the wonder of our redemption.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR REFLECTION

"Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people God loves because God chose their ancestors - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn."

(Romans 11:28-29, BSB)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knox–St. Giles Amalgamation Plan Review and Meeting

After months of discussion and discernment, we are pleased to share the updated Amalgamation Plan with members and friends of our congregation. Our amalgamation process requires that this plan be reviewed and accepted before it is sent to presbytery for final

approval. We encourage all members to read the plan and prayerfully reflect on its vision for our future ministry. Comments and questions may be directed to the Knox Clerk of Session, Rob Smith (clerk@knoxcalgary.ca), St. Giles' Clerk of Session, Toby Gaskarth (tobygaskarth1970@gmail.com), or to Elder Sandra Cameron Evans (sandracameronevans@gmail.com).

Amalgamation Plan Review & Congregational Vote, August 30

A congregational meeting is being called by Session for August 30 immediately following the morning worship service, and a vote to accept the Amalgamation Plan will be taken at that time. Hard copies of the Amalgamation Plan are available in the Narthex or through the office of St. Giles.

CHANGE OF DATE: Wear White Potluck Picnic, August 23

You are invited to our third annual Potluck Picnic in the backyard for a “fun raiser” and a “fund raiser” supporting the St. Giles Progress Fund. Wear white and come ready to play games, visit and share your favourite potluck dish. We will also be celebrating “Church Officer Appreciation Day” with cake to recognize Wayne for all his hard work. Invite your friends and family to join the fun! Sunday August 23, 4-6pm.

Preaching Grace @ Grace Presbyterian, September 18-20

What is our ambition costing us – and is there a better way to pursue a meaningful life? That’s the question Miroslav Volf will explore during Preaching Grace 2026: The Cost of Ambition, drawing on his work on ambition, comparison, and the good life. Purchase tickets for the full-day workshop or register for the free public lecture through Eventbrite: <https://lnk.ink/h2W0m>

Weekly Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 10:15 am

Our faith, and our Lord, encourages us to know the Word of God that we may understand and follow as disciples of Christ. Please join us to deepen your understanding of God’s word for us. If there is interest in an evening online study, please speak to Rev. Chandra to discern days and times.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 10:15am

Next Week {Preacher: Rev. Chandra Mannix
August 23rd {Greeter: Toby G.
{Counters: Curt and Nichola S.



**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.*

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.

**KNOX / ST. GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**



August 16, 2026

12th Sunday of Pentecost



**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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