

- TODAY'S SERVICE -

We Gather

Prelude: *Summertime*

Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

* *Lighting the Christ Candle*

* Responsive Call to Worship

We give thanks to God with all our hearts,

for God's faithful love endures forever.

We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

for God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.

We place our trust in in God with full confidence,

and we come to worship with hearts full of 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 strayed from your purposes.

You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world.

You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom,

but we wait for others to do what needs doing.

Forgive us for taking the easy way out, and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 124:1-8

* Hymn of Gratitude: 635 *Brother, sister, let me serve you*
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

We Listen

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Exodus 1:1– 2:10
Romans 12:1-12
Gospel of Matthew 1:13-20

Youth Message & Sermon – Rev. Chandra Mannix

Time of Meditation

We Respond

The Confession of Faith – Living Faith (4.3.4, 8.2.6 & 7.3.2)

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

* 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*

* *Commission and Benediction*

* Choral Amen

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

Postlude: *For all the Saints*

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 4.3.4

The Spirit blesses us with various gifts. We seek to discover those gifts and to use them for our Lord. Faithful loving service is a sign that the Spirit is present. The presence of the Spirit is evident where people are made whole, encouraged, and enabled to grow in Christ.

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.

Section 7.3.2

Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship, God sustains the life of the church. We worship God as Lord offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing that we have been brought from darkness to light.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR REFLECTION

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.”

(Psalm 124:8, 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. 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.

TODAY: Wear White Potluck Picnic (Rain or Shine!)

You are invited to our third annual Potluck Picnic 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!

St. Giles Orchestra – Season Subscription Now Available!

Celebrate our ministry of music with four performances throughout the year. Purchase before September 15th to get 4 shows for the price of 3, plus two complimentary tickets to share! See the poster in the narthex or visit Eventbrite for details: <https://rb.gy/9689rh>

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. Purchase tickets for the full-day workshop or register for the free public lecture through Eventbrite: <https://lnk.ink/h2W0m>

Speaker Series Resumes, September 6

For the next installment in our Speaker Series we welcome Rev. Layne Kilbreath and elder Alphonse Nepoose as our guest speakers. They are excited to talk about what God is doing here on Treaty 7 lands and their role with the *Walk as We* ministry. *Walk As We* is an independent, ecumenical and relational urban ministry that supports Indigenous initiatives, fosters cross-cultural friendships and promotes reconciliation. Sunday, September 6th, 11:20 – 12:00 in the Park Room.

Sunday School Returns after Summer Break

Please note that regular classes for Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 6. Until then, activity sheets are available in the narthex, and our younger members are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 10:15am

Next Week {Preacher: Rev. Chandra Mannix
August 30th {Greeter: Connie H.
{Counters: Rick and Susan C.



**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**

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**August 23, 2026
13th 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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