

- TODAY'S SERVICE -

We Gather

Introit – Malcolm Edwards, Choir Director

Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

* **Lighting the Christ Candle**

* Responsive Call to Worship

We come to worship because we love God.

All creation praises God's goodness and love.

We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world. Let us worship God together!

Call Hymn: 399 *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* (verses 1 & 4)

Prayer of Adoration

Private and Communal Confession

All-embracing God, in recalling all that you are and all that you have done, we recall then who we are and what we have done or failed to do. We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and failed to stand with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect. We confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families and resulted in participation with the genocide that was perpetrated on the Indigenous peoples who lived within the nation of Canada. We repent of our past sins and pray for the wisdom to walk in a new way with you and with one another. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 78: 1-8 (as in Red Book)

* Gratitude Hymn: 381 *Holy Spirit, hear us*
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

We Listen

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 8:6-8, 12, 16-17
Philippians 2:1-15
* Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32

Youth Message & Sermon – Rev. Chandra Mannix

Time of Meditation

We Respond

The Confession of Faith – Living Faith (8.4.1, 8.4.6,
8.5.1, 8.5.2b)

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: *As Longs the Hart*

* Offering Hymn: *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: 717 *We cannot own the sunlit sky*
(verses 1 & 3)

* **Commission and Benediction**

* Choral Amen

Hymn of Blessing – *Go now 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,
Joanne Watson, Wendell Siddall, Gerry Machum, Jenn Hauck,
Anna Munro, Mary Westcott, & Lorraine Marcott.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF: 'LIVING FAITH'

Section 8.4.1 We God is always calling the church to seek justice in the world which reflects the divine righteousness revealed in the Bible.

Section 8.4.6 Justice opposes prejudice in every form. It rejects discrimination on such grounds as race, sex, age, status, or handicap. Justice stands with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect and demands the exercise of power for the common good.

Section 8.5.1 Christ, the Prince of Peace, also calls his followers to seek peace in the world.

Section 8.5.2b The tragic evil that comes with war, including the slaughter of men, women, and children, must rouse us to work for peace.



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



SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR REFLECTION

"[I]n humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others."

(Philippians 2:3b-4, NRSV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian College – Sharing the Word (online course)

Offered online through the Presbyterian College, this fall study course will help to hone skills and competencies for preaching: reading the text for proclamation, connecting the message to the

congregation, thinking about preaching as mission, and linking God's word with our daily lives. It can be taken as part of the Certificate in Lay Leadership or as a standalone course. Thursday evenings, October 15 – November 19. \$135 registration fee. See the poster in the narthex or visit presbyteriancollege.ca for details.

Communion Service and Special Communion, October 4 & 8

Join us next Sunday, October 4 for World Communion Day, where Christians across denominations celebrate unity in Christ through the shared act of Communion. This will be followed by a special Communion for our homebound members on October 8.

Activities at Knox Presbyterian, Thursdays 9 am - 3 pm

Find ministry opportunities and connect with other members every Thursday! Come for yoga at 9:30 am (\$7 drop-in fee), coffee and conversation at 10:30, prepare meals for the Avenue 15 youth shelter at noon, or join the crafting circle at 2:00 pm. Contact office@knoxcalgary.ca for more details. All activities take place at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3704 37 St SW.

Online Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7pm, starts September 30

Join Rev. Chandra for a 7-week bible study, held virtually over Zoom. If you do not receive a link from the office on Tuesday and would like to participate, please contact office@stgiles.ca.

Bible Study with Denis Mascardlli: Wednesday 10:15 am

Everyone is welcome to join as we continue our learnings together from the Gospel of Matthew in the Park Room at St. Giles.

Join the Knox / St. Giles Choir!

All singers and music-lovers are invited to join the Knox/St. Giles choir, stewarded by Malcolm Edwards. Practices are held weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm. Voices of all kinds are welcome – truly.

We gather at Knox / 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 10:15am

October 4th {Greeter: Kathy M.
Rotations {Counters: Toby and Jason G.
{Readers: SungWoo K., Ian M.,
Kelly M., Jacob M.

Our worship, fellowship, and ministries
proclaim God's grace in Jesus Christ.



OUR VISION

We are an intercultural & intergenerational community reaching out to grow new generations of Christian leadership.

Presbytery Report to the Congregation

Presbytery met on Tuesday, September 15 at St. Paul's, Banff. A more fulsome report will be provided soon however Rev. Chandra, Moira and Sandra wanted to share the good news that presbytery adopted a recommendation that the Amalgamation Plan for Knox and St. Giles churches be approved. As well, the presbytery adopted a recommendation that the congregation of Knox and the congregation of St. Giles be amalgamated as of September 15, 2026. Now the work to bring the vision to fulfilment begins.

The presbytery also formally confirmed the dissolution of the Shared Ministry between St. Giles and Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church, approving the Final Terms Governing the Dissolution of the Shared Ministry. While we will continue to look for opportunities for informal shared ministries, this finalizes the formal relationship between St. Giles and CKPC..

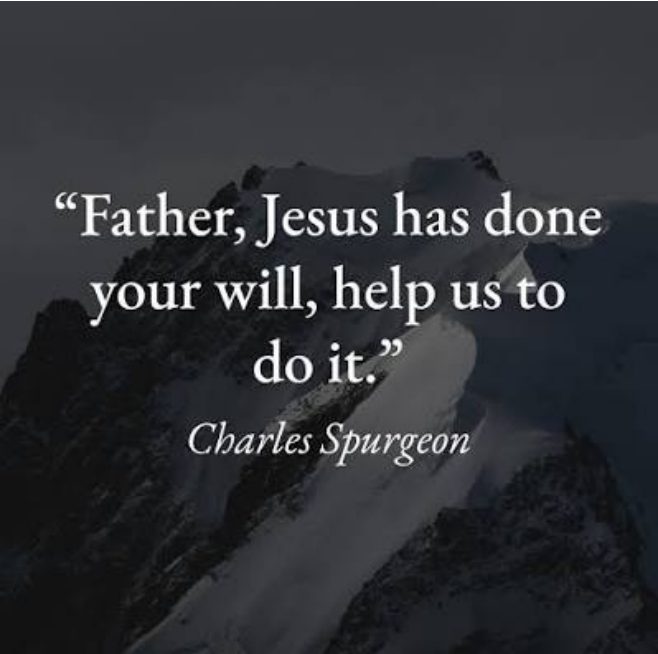
Knox / St. Giles creates circles of friendship open to ALL, regardless of age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, physical ability, mental ability, or language. We invite people to participate in ministry and encourage generosity of time, energy and money. We see God's work in our congregations through several lenses aware of the great number and diversity of gifts among us.

KNOX / ST. GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES



Sept 27, 2026

18th 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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