

Announcements

Sunday, September 22nd – Welcome Back Picnic!

After the service on **September 22nd**, we will be having our annual Fall picnic. This year it will be a potluck! Bring sandwiches or sweets to share and plan on staying for a time of fun and fellowship!

Hello, everyone; Just wanted to provide you with a brief update on our budget status to Aug.31/24. Thanks to additional support over the summer, along with some extraordinary special gifts, our year to date offerings have increased by \$15,178.65 over last year, ---- an amazing accomplishment! We've had some necessary building and property repairs over the same period bringing our current deficit to \$17,162.54 which includes \$8,143.00 to cover the cost of those repairs. Those repair costs may be transferred to our building fund if necessary, once final year end adjustments are made. We're very happy to share this encouraging news as we move forward. Thank you all, Finance & Property



Have you signed up to receive emails from the church?
It's a quick and easy way to stay connected with your church family!
Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more information.

Mission Moment

After participating in the New Beginnings program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON, is exploring innovative ways to engage with their community. The congregation is turning faith into action by fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities and their families. They have created a multi-sensory space where individuals with sensory sensitivities can find comfort and engagement. They hope to offer respite programming and support groups for caregivers who demonstrate a commitment to walking alongside them in their journey. The New Beginnings program receives funding from *Presbyterians Sharing*.

We give thanks for congregations like St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON that engage in intentional ministry to support children with special needs and their families.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.
We will worship the One who hears us.

Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.
We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.

Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.
We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.

Hymn: #39 God of mercy, God of grace

Opening Prayers

***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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn: #373 Jesus loves me

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Mark 8:27-38
Psalm 116:1-9, refrain #2
James 3:1-12

Ministry of Music: "Be Aware of Wonder"

Message: "Following"

Hymn: #342 All who the name of Jesus bear

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.*** ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: #472 We are God's people

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the God of hope go with us**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



"Discipleship is not a sprint. It's a marathon. Perseverance is an essential element." ~ Francis Chan

Think of a time when you wanted to hide the fact that you were a Christian. What made you want to keep quiet?

How should a Christian's life be different from a non-Christian's life?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for those who have taken on new roles of leadership within the life of the church. In particular we pray for the Rev. Torrey Griffith who was recently inducted as the new moderator of the Presbytery of PEI and for Susanna Hamilton as she assumes the role of presbytery Clerk.

We pray for congregations in transition, and for those who serve as their ministers and interim moderators. May God's Spirit guide them as they continue in their journey of discernment.

We pray for members and leaders of the Atlantic Mission Society as they hold their Annual Meeting from Sept. 20-22 in Truro, NS.

This Saturday (September 21st) is the **International Day of Prayer for Peace**. We pray that love and compassion drive out senseless violence around the world and ask God to protect PWS&D partners delivering humanitarian aid to uprooted families.



Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-38 (NIV)

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12 (NIV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.