

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship is our minister, the Rev. Paul Wu. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God.

There are large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and a properly-appointed washroom.

A Note on Our Worship

The symbol ** means please stand if you are able

Forward in Faith — Our Vision

St Giles Presbyterian Church seeks to be a welcoming, fully-alive faith community, which shares Christ's vision for the world and responds in a Christ-like manner to the present-day challenges of our society and world in partnership with all who seek to make Christ's vision for the world a present reality.

St Giles Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Prelude *Hosanna Filio David* by Lani Smith

Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let the people of God say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Behold, Jesus Christ is coming.

All: Hosanna!

One: He comes to us riding on a donkey.

All: Hosanna!

One: Let us praise him with shouts of joy!

All: Hosanna to the King of Kings!

****Hymn: Hosanna**

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1. **Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!**

2. **Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!**

Prayer of Adoration

God of all people and all places, God of all situations and all times, you are the light of the minds that know you, and the

strength of those who serve you in times of challenge and times of joy. We come to worship you this day, setting aside our work and responsibilities, our relaxation and pastimes, to listen for your voice and reflect on the wisdom and courage we witness in Jesus. As tension mounts for him and for us, we turn to you for hope and healing, for courage and compassion, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we confess that we prefer darkness to your light, and our ways to yours. We do what is easy rather than what is right. Our attention spans are short, our truths often relative, we have been dishonest with ourselves and each other. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and shallow commitments. As we witness again the story of Jesus confronting destiny, strengthen our desire to follow him and serve you with courage like his.

The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

St John records Jesus' words: I do not call you servants any longer, but I have called you friends. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Dear friends, Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Rejoice in his redeeming love and share it with each other day by day.

Scripture

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29 *Refrain 1*



This is the day of days: God made it!
and we are glad, we praise God's name.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
he righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.**

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**All:
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**



This is the day of days: God made it!
and we are glad, we praise God's name.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Refrain

**All glory, Laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

1. **Thou Art the king of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lords name comest,
the king and a blessed one.** *Refrain*
2. **The people of the Hebrews
with palms before the went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before the we present.** *Refrain*
3. **To the before the passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
or melody we raise.** *Refrain*
4. **Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious king.** *Refrain*

Sermon The Lord Needs It

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Ride on, ride on in majesty**

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1. **Right on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**
2. **Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
or captive death and conquered sin.**
3. **Right on, ride on in majesty;
the angel hosts beyond the sky
look down was sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**
4. **Ride on, right on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy father on the sapphire throne
expects thee, loved, anointed Son.**
5. **Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, oh God, thy power and reign.**

Announcements

Offering (invitation)

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: Hosanna, loud hosanna**

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1. **Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his breast,
the children saying their praises, the simplest and the best.**
2. **From Olivet they followed amid the shouting crowd,
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and
loud; Messiah, God's anointed, rode there in humble
state, "Hosanna, in the highest!" rang out their praises
great.**
3. **"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and
voice,
and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!**

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* by Michael Burkhardt

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Events

Monday, March 29 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, April 2 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St Giles will be holding a **Good Friday Service**. All are welcome to join in remembering the death and sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Easter Sunday, April 4 ~ 10:30 a.m.



Holy Communion will be observed during the service, in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, April 7 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The **St Giles Presbyterian Women** will meet for our monthly business meeting by teleconference.

Friday, April 9 ~ 10 a.m.

The **Bible Study** group will be starting a new unit on the Psalms of Ascend (Psalm 120-134). Over 15 weeks, we will be studying these psalms, much like the people of God in their ancient pilgrimage to the city of Jerusalem, to the temple of the Lord. We will be using the book "A Long Obedience, in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society" by Eugene Peterson as the main reference material to guild our journey. The Bible Study group over teleconference. If you are interested to join us, contact the Rev. Paul Wu at 613-276-2551 for more information.

Sunday, May 8 ~ 10:30 p.m.

Anniversary Sunday — We will welcome the Rev. Dr Roland De Vries, Principal of the Presbyterian College.



Mission Moment

Providing Clean Water and Sanitation

Today, there are 4.2 billion people in the world who do not have access to sanitation services and 2.2 billion people who do not have safe, clean water to drink. Consequently, many people are at risk for waterborne diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us even more aware of the importance of clean water, as handwashing is a crucial way to help curb the spread of disease. Presbyterian World Service & Development works with local partners to bring clean water and sanitation services to vulnerable communities. Clean water allows people to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

