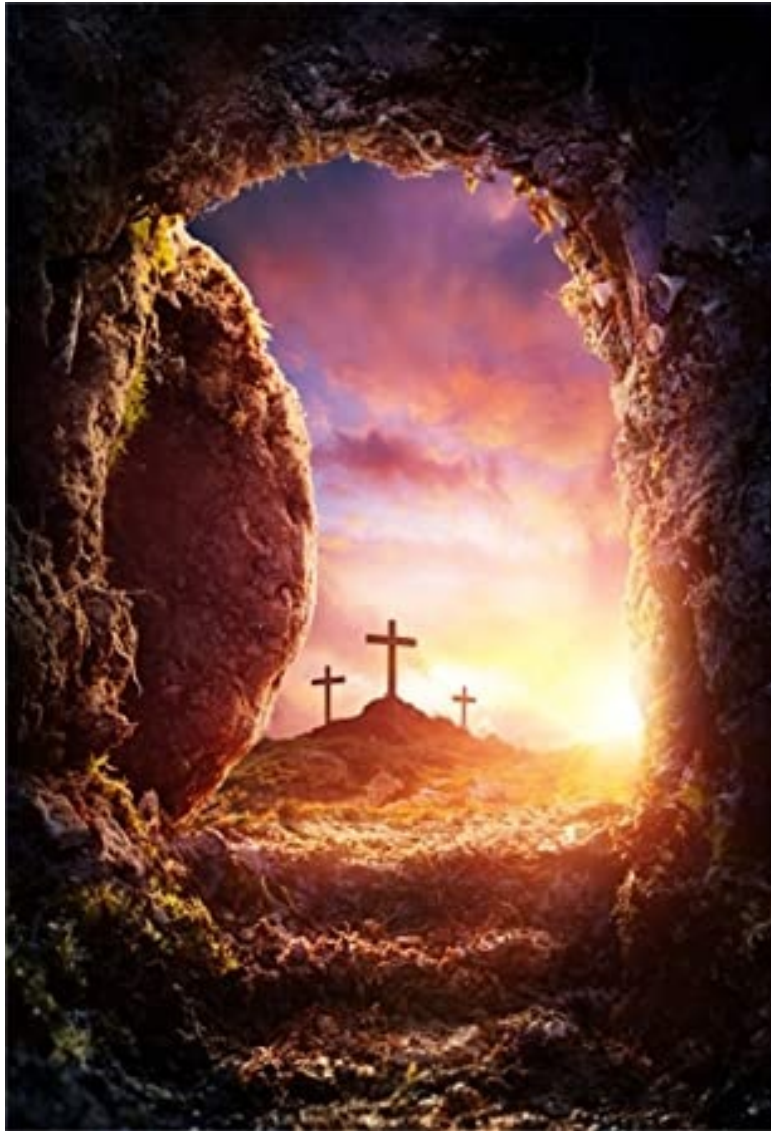


# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter ~ April 4, 2021

## 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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Prelude *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* by G. F. Handel  
arranged by Robert J. Hughes

Call to Worship

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

**All: Christ has led us from death to life.**

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

One: Christ has risen from the dead.

**All: He has risen indeed.**

One: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah, this day and always!**

**\*\*Hymn: Now let the vault of heaven resound** 255

**1. Now let the vault of heaven resound  
in praise of love that doth abound,  
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah";  
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
repeat their song of glory here,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2. Eternal is the gift he brings;  
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!"  
now doth he come and give us life;  
now doth his presence still all strife  
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**3. Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above,  
that we conquer through the triumph,  
grant grace sufficient for life' day,  
that by our life we ever say,  
"Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!"  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**4. Adoring praises now we bring,  
and with the heavenly blessed saying,  
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
thine the glory never ending!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of life and love, maker of all things visible and invisible. On the first day of creation, you spoke, and out of chaos came life; out of darkness came light. On the first day of the week, you raised Christ from the tomb, and out of death came new life. On the first day of this week, you call us to gather in Christ's name, to rejoice in the power of resurrection and claim your gift of new life in the Spirit. Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave, and shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, and bound to habits that hold us back from enjoying new life in Christ. Indifference deadens our hearts, and we seek comfort rather than justice. We**

**cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the joy and new possibility promised to us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ — and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

### Scripture

First Reading      Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow,  
of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people  
he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 136: 1–6, 23–26    *Refrain 1*



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

O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

who alone does great wonders,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**who by understanding made the heavens,**  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**who spread out the earth on the waters,**  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.  
and rescued us from our foes,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

who gives food to all flesh,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**All:**

**O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**



Second Reading: John 20:1–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**\*\*Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today**

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- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save hallelujah!**
- 3. But the pains which he endured hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's king, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing hallelujah!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!**

Sermon I have seen the Lord

**\*\*Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord 260**

**Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, , give praise to his name.**

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation: Refrain**
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen: Refrain**
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live forever: Refrain**
- 4. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour: Refrain**

Reception of New Members

*(adopted from the Book of Common Worship, p.152)*

*The minister addresses candidates:*

\_\_\_\_\_, are you prepared to become a professing member of St Giles Presbyterian Church, as part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada?

**I am.**

Do you desire, in dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit, to mature as a Christian in the church, to seek the guidance of Christ as you listen for his Word, to celebrate his death and life at the table he provides, and to engage in his mission to the world?

**I do.**

*The minister asks the congregation to stand and questions them and the sponsors saying:*

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture \_\_\_\_\_, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him / her (them) to follow the way of Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**We do.**

Announcements

Offering (invitation)

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830**

**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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*(prayer continues.....)*

Therefore with apostles and prophets,  
and that great cloud of witnesses  
who live for you beyond all time and space,  
we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(prayer continues.....)*

Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus  
Christ, we take this bread and this cup  
and give you praise and thanksgiving  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*(prayer continues.....)*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,  
for ever and ever.

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**

The Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

**\*\*Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore you**

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- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All your works with joy surround you;  
earth and heaven reflect your rays;  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
join to praise you joyfully.**
- 3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest.  
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,  
all are yours who live in love.  
Teach us how to love our neighbour;  
lift us to your joy above.**

4. **Morning stars, awake the chorus;  
mortals, join with every part,  
for what joy is set before us  
as Christ's love joints heart to heart!  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

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 *The Strife is O'er* by Carl Simone



I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by G. F. Handel arranged by Robert J. Hughes  
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## Events

**Monday, April 5 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.

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

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

**Friday, April 9 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

The **Bible Study** group will be starting a new unit on the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 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 guide our journey. The Bible Study group will meet over teleconference. If you are interested to join us, contact the Re. Paul Wu at 613-276-2551 for more information.

**Sunday, May 9 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

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

