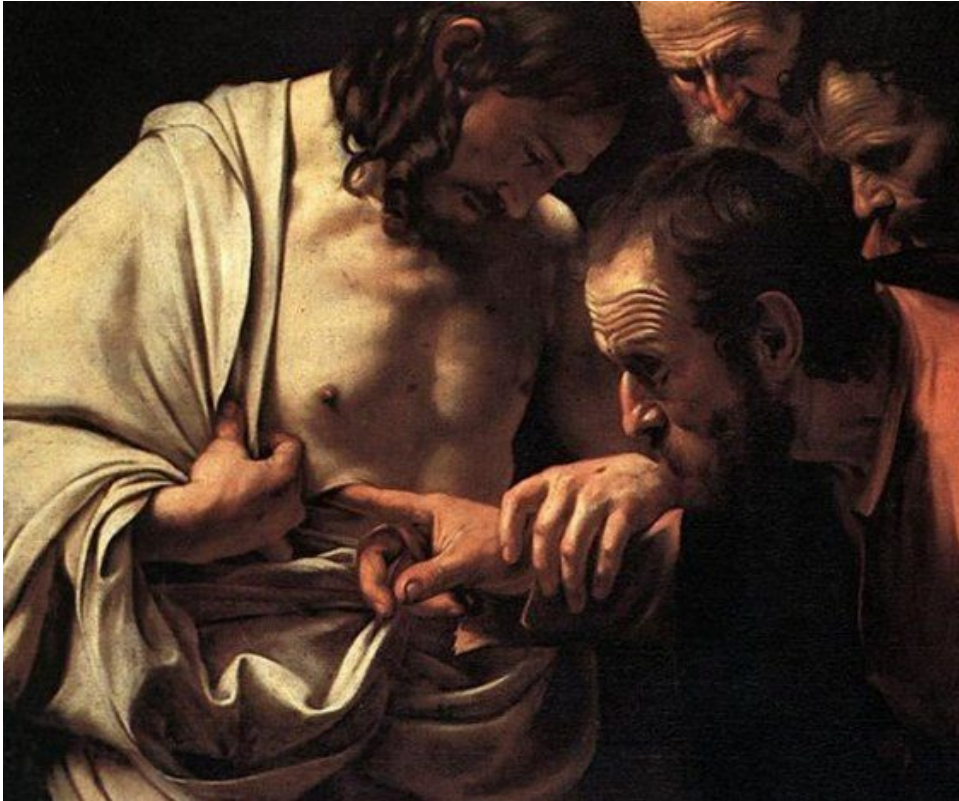


# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 11, 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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Soloist: Sharon Haidenger

Prelude *Folk Song* by Norman Warren

Call to Worship

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

**All: Locked doors have been opened  
and fear has turned to peace.**

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

**All: Doubts have been erased  
and uncertainty has turned to faith.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

**All: Let us offer our prayers and our praise  
with humble, hopeful hearts.**

**\*\*Hymn: Thine be the glory**

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**1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.**

*Refrain*

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting. *Refrain***

**3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

Prayer of Adoration

God of new life, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him. We marvel at your constant love, your victory over evil and death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every place and time. Strengthen us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and bless us with your peace through Christ, our Risen Lord.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess there are times when our trust in you weakens, and we become anxious about many things. We talk about love, but we are gripped by fear of those who differ from us. We cling to our personal agendas and forget you call us to live as a community of believers. Forgive us for seeking our own interests before the needs of others. Open our eyes to the many signs of your love for us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, rekindle our passion for you, so we can work together to witness to your love.**

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

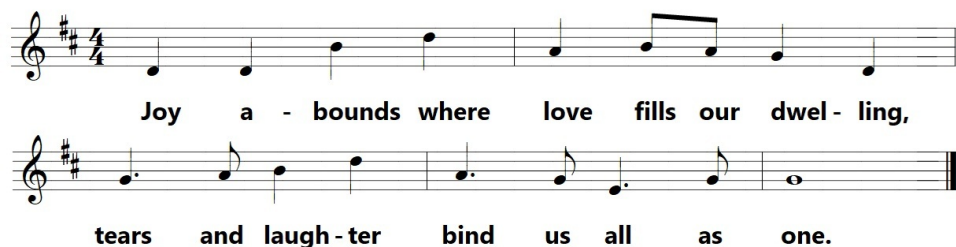
Hear the words of the risen Christ: Peace be with you. Receive the peace and forgiveness of Christ, and rejoice in his gift of new life this day and every day. Thanks be to God.

## Scripture

First Reading: Acts 4:32–35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133 Refrain 1



Joy a - bounds where love fills our dwell - ling,  
tears and laugh - ter bind us all as one.

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**      *Refrain*

Second Reading: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: He is Lord** *Sing 3 times* 252

**He is Lord, he is Lord;  
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Sermon Unless I . . .

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: The day of resurrection** 249

- 1. The day of resurrection — earth, till it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there-in;  
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn: At the dawning of salvation** 248

- 1. At the dawning of salvation,  
in the morning of the world,  
Christ is raised, a living banner  
by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the darkness,  
Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners  
he has gathered on his way.**
- 2. He is risen in the morning;  
he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness;  
he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered; he has triumphed;  
life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once, he gives it  
evermore, that we may live.**
- 3. For the glory of salvation  
in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father;  
we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.  
Lead us on, your great array,  
saints and sinners celebrating  
your triumphant love today.**

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 *Allegretto* by L. van Beethoven arr. by George Black

Hymn 248 ~ Music: American Folk Words: Jock Curle  
Hymn 258 ~ Words: Edmond Budry translation: R. Birch Hoyle  
Music: George Frederic Handel  
Folk Song ~ Music: Norman Warren  
Allegretto ~ Music: Beethoven arr. George Black  
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## Services of Worship

The Session of St Giles has resolved to continue with in-person worship services on Sunday, adhering to the 15% of capacity rule and other strictures imposed by Ottawa Public Health. Should there be changes in the direction to Ottawa Public Health guidelines impacting in-person worship the Session would hold an emergent meeting to re-assess the status of in-person services.

## Office Hours

The office hours of the minister and church administrator will remain unchanged for the duration of the stay-at-home order. Should you wish speak to either in-person, please phone ahead to make an appointment.

## Donations to PWS&D for Malawi Support

At this week's Session meeting, it was decided to extend the opportunity to donate to Malawi support until the end of April. Our financial support will be given in memory of the late Sam Banda, a longtime, dedicated member of our congregation. PCC has, for many years, supported our mission in Malawi. The country, today, is facing serious struggles with Covid19. Session also decided to match donations given by congregation members with funds coming from the operating account. Please mark your envelopes: Malawi Relief.

## We've Got Mail

To Edna's Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your loving gesture, and kind generosity in providing a piper for Mom's funeral, and a Cameron Highlander at that! And a big thank you as well to the Women's Mission of St Giles for honouring Edna in memoriam with donations to both the Pauline Brown Association and the Dementia Adult Day Program at Abbotsford House; two programs my mother held very close to her heart. Living with dementia was horribly challenging for Mom, and took its toll on her self-worth and dignity. St Giles and Abbotsford House were two places she always felt welcome, safe, and loved.

She called going to Abbotsford House "going to work". It instilled and maintained a sense of purpose in her, restoring as much as possible her self-worth and dignity, and allowing her to give back to her community, as she so selflessly did all her life. She needed to feel like she was contributing.

Just before COVID shut us down, I remember one of the last times being at church with Mom. She wouldn't let me turn to the correct page in the hymn book. I surrendered to her, while she sang along with the rest of the congregation. She may not have been able to remember who we were, or what our names were all of the time, but she knew her hymns by heart; she didn't need a book!

Peace and love and gratitude to all of you,

Love, Laurie



## Events

**Monday, April 12 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** will meet by teleconference.



**Friday, April 16 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

The **Bible Study** group will continue with the 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 Rev. Paul Wu at 613-276-2551 for more information. For April 16, please read Psalm 120 and Chapter 2 of the book.

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

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



## Community Events

**Wednesdays ~ 12:00 noon**

Southminster United Church continues its noon-hour concerts albeit virtually. You can watch live or you can go to their website to see previous concert videos.

[https://www.facebook.com/MusicatSouthminster/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/MusicatSouthminster/live_videos/)

**Wednesday, April 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

The **Centretown Churches Social Action Committee** (CCSAC) is holding its **2020 Annual General Meeting** over Zoom. With a current membership of 22 churches, CCSAC unites Christians of all denominations through joint participation in social

projects and prayer. The AGM is open to the general public.

<http://centretownchurches.org/news/>

**May 17 to May 20**

**Seeking Justice Together Virtual Conference** is hosted by Citizens for Public Justice. It will explore how we are called to seek justice together through intersectional, interpersonal, interconnected approaches. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice and refugee rights. For more information or to register, visit [www.cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together](http://www.cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together).

## Mission Moment

### Annakala Finds Answers at Shining Hospital

In Nepal, Annakala Nepali was living in significant discomfort. Severe problems with her fingers, along with loss of sensation in her legs and tingling in her body were followed by vision problems. In Annakala's community, many people prefer traditional healers to address their medical problems —Annakala decided to do the same. However, she still suffered after the visit. Her daughter-in-law, on seeing her in pain and suspecting that it might be due to leprosy, encouraged Annakala to visit the Shining Hospital which is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. Once she was admitted to the hospital, she was officially diagnosed with leprosy (Hansen's disease) and started treatment, which has improved her symptoms and pain. Annakala is very grateful for the Shining Hospital's care, love and support.

