

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 18, 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 *Thoughts of Simplicity* by Quentin Thomas

Call to Worship

One: We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

All: The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

One: Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

All: Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

All: O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

****Hymn: Christ is alive**

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1. **Christ is alive! Let Christian sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**
2. **Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.**
3. **In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**
4. **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the spirit, hear the call,
and find the life, the way, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

5. **Christ is alive and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Prayer of Adoration

O Creator God, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. O Might God, in you we know the power of redemption, as you stand among us in the shadows of our time. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning, when in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people, and treasured as your children.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your presence, unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us. Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

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

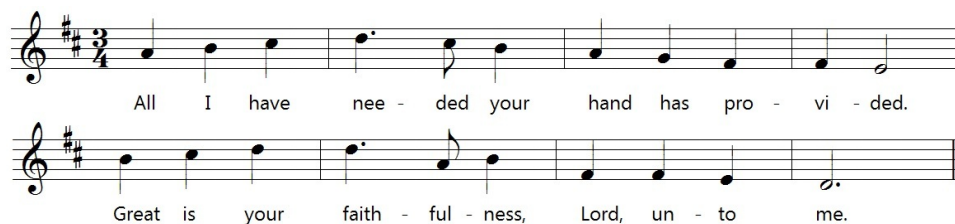
Scripture tells us that there is a time for every matter under heaven. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. In confessing our sins to God, we have offered God our tears of regret. Now is the time to rejoice in God's mercy: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we have time to make a new start. Thanks be to God.

Scripture

First Reading: Acts 3:12–19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Psalm 4 Refrain 1



All I have nee - ded your hand has pro - vi - ded.
Great is your faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

**But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful
for God's own; the Lord hears when I call.**

When you are angry, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

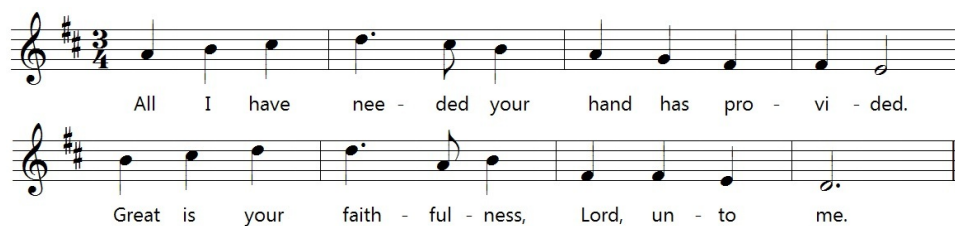
**Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

**You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.**

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**



All I have nee - ded your hand has pro - vi - ded.
Great is your faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Children of Jerusalem**

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1. **Children of Jerusalem**
sang the praise of Jesus name:
children now, in every place
join to sing the Saviour's praise.

Refrain

**Hark! hark! hark! The children's voices sing.
Hark! hark! hark! The children's voices sing
loud hosannas, loud hosannas,
loud hosannas to our King.**

2. **Teach us now to love you, Lord;
teach us how to read your word;
teach us all the ways of heaven.
Joyful praise to God be given.** *Refrain*

3. **Parents, teachers, old and young,
all unite to swell the song,
higher and yet higher rise,
till hosannas fill the skies.** *Refrain*

Sermon Children of God

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Jesus is risen from the grave**

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1. **Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!**
5. **Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!**
6. **Jesus is here in bread and wine;
Jesus is here in bread and wine;
Jesus is here and bread and wine. Hallelujah!**
7. **Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!**

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: The strife is o'er, the battle done 257**

- 1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Hallelujah!**
- 2. Deaths mightiest powers have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has disbursed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Hallelujah!**
- 3. The three sad days have quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Hallelujah!**
- 4. Lord, from your wounds God's blessings spring:
free us, we pray, from deaths dread sting
that we may live, and ever sing Hallelujah!**

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 *Voluntary in D minor* by William Croft

Hymn 251 ~ Music: Psalmodia Evangelica 1789 Words: Brian Wren

Hymn 254 ~ Words and Music: Iona Community (Scotland)

Voluntary in D minor ~ Music: William Croft

Thoughts of Simplicity ~ Music: Quentin Thomas

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Services of Worship

The Session of St Giles has resolved to continue with in-person worship services on Sundays, 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.

Events

Monday, April 19 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, April 23 ~ 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 Re. Paul Wu at 613-276-2551 for more information. For April 23, please read Psalm 121 and Chapter 3 "Providence".

Sunday, May 9 ~ 10:30 a.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/

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, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice and refugee rights. For more information or to register, visit www.cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together.

Mission Moment Equipping Farmers to Thrive



Andrew and Flora successfully grow rice, cassava, maize and groundnuts on their two acres of farmland in Malawi as a result of adopting conservation agriculture practices to help their farm flourish and better cope with droughts. Last year, Andrew and Flora attended a training supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development to learn how to rotate crops and protect the soil. In addition to conservation agriculture workshops, they also attended gender training where they learned the importance of working together. With these tools, Andrew and Flora now enjoy the rewards of conservation agriculture.