

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 25, 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

Call to Worship

One: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

All: We have come to follow him.

One: We gather in the name of the One
who leads us by still waters.

All: We have come to be restored in him.

One: We gather in the name of the One
who prepares a banquet for us.

**All: We have come to be fed by his love,
so let us worship God.**

****Hymn: Come sing, O church, in joy!**

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**1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O Church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!**

Refrain

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! *Refrain***

**3. Let courage be our friend,
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! *Refrain***

**4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
o'er the ages long! *Refrain***

Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, our good and loving shepherd, You nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures. You restore our souls with rest and peace. You give us true joy so our cup overflows with goodness. You walk with us through the darkest valleys, offering us courage and compassion. At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us, Creator, Redeemer and Guiding Spirit, so we praise you, Holy One, now and always. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient God, your mercy is abundant and your love endless. Trusting in your mercy, we confess that often we have not shown your love to others, even though we claim it for ourselves. You have called us to show compassion, but too often we are quick to judge others. You have been called to follow Jesus, yet we are distracted by our own plans and desires. Forgive us for falling short of your hopes for us and renew a right spirit within us.

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

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. The Lord is our shepherd, and under God's care and guidance, we are forgiven and set free. Let us give thanks for God is good, God's love endures forever.

Scripture

First Reading: Acts 4:5–12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23 Refrain 1



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

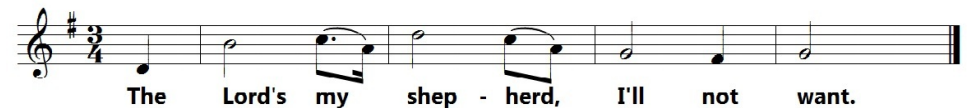
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.



Second Reading: John 10:11–18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they

will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd**

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- 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
- 2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
even for his own name's sake.**
- 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me, and they rod
and staff me comfort still.**
- 4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.**
- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.**

Sermon No Other Name

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Come, rejoice in God 417**

**Come, rejoice in God; praise him all the earth.
Serve your God, serve your God, gladly serve your God!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, gladly serve your God;
hallelujah, hallelujah, gladly serve your God!**

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: Saviour, like a shepherd lead us 485**

- 1. Saviour like a shepherd lead us:
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus; blessed Jesus!
You have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
You have bought us, yours we are.**

**2. We are yours; in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock from sin, defend us;
seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.**

**3. Let us always seek your favour;
let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour,
with yourself our spirits fill;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.**

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



Hymn 757 ~ Music: John Darwall, Words: Brian Dill

Hymn 417 ~ Words: Psalm 100 Music: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Hymn 485 ~ Words: Dorothy A Thrupp Music: William Batchelder Bradbury

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Services of Worship

The Session of St Giles has resolved to suspend in-person worship services on Sundays, according to the latest health directives. If you do not have the capability to join us online by livestream via Zoom, or by teleconference, or to watch the recorded service on YouTube, please contact the Rev. Paul Wu to make alternative arrangement. For more information, visit St Giles's website at stgilesottawa.org

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 26 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.



Friday, April 30 ~ 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 30, please read Psalm 122 and Chapter 4 "Worship".

Tentatively rescheduled to June 20 ~ 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/

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: Arising

ARISE Ministry offers compassionate outreach and spiritual care to survivors of sexual exploitation living in the Greater Toronto Area.

Inspired by Jesus' healing of the woman who was afflicted for 18 years with a condition that kept her bent over (Luke 13:10-17), ARISE aims to help those who have been living "bent over" by exploitation, trauma, abuse and addiction. Staff and volunteers work with vulnerable women, youth and children by providing one-on-one, goal-oriented support. As relationships strengthen, hope and empowerment are fostered, making it possible for futures to be reclaimed. Like the woman in the gospel of Luke, several women that ARISE has helped are now standing straight and tall, and God continues to do amazing things in their lives. This is a reason to rejoice!

