

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Sand Sculpture on the beach in Ocean City, Maryland, 2007

April 10, 2022

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 sermon texts and 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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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. The Algonquin peoples have lived on this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

Prelude Fantasia (a giusto italiano), Josef Krebs

Call to Worship

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is our King
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

**All: Blessed is Jesus, our Saviour and our friend!
Glory to the Creator and the Spirit,
ever three and ever one!**

****Hymn: Hosanna, loud Hosanna 218**

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 sang 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!

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, Source, Saviour and Spirit of all life, Holy Three and Holy One. In you, we confront the mystery of mercy and the courage of compassion. As we face the Cross on which Christ gave himself, we confront your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life. As the Spirit speaks to us through the story of your amazing love, spilled out in the blood of Christ, our hearts are moved to praise you. Words cannot express our awe, the grief and the gratitude stirring within us, for all you have given us, and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love. We fall silent in wonder and praise, Holy God.

(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your purposes for us. We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up in your name. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our own cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is seemingly too high.

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 Apostle Paul wrote: “This saying is sure and worthy of our full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”. It doesn’t matter how big or how small our sins, God’s forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all. Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Scripture

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31: 9-16 (with refrain 1)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

**For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—**

**as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.**

But I trust in you, O Lord;

I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Luke 22:14-30

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you

is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Reader: This is the words of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: At the name of Jesus 340**

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis our God's good pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came.
Faithful, Jesus bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
3. Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as
death,
name with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
this is God the Saviour; this is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.
5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory and an angel train,
for all wreaths of empire meet up on his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Sermon "As One Who Serves"

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: My song is love unknown 220**

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but we made strange, and none the longed for Christ
would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.
3. Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
the "Crucify" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.
4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. 830
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you 635**

- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;**
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,**
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christlight for you**
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping;**
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven,**
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

- 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;**
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Benediction

Postlude In Memoriam, Denis Bedard

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Recommendation on Masking

The Session of St Giles, in consultation with the Finance & Maintenance Committee, is recommending that members and adherents of the congregation should continue to wear masks when attending services at St Giles, in our efforts to protect those who may be immunocompromised. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Session on a monthly basis.

Church Administrator

Pat Brush has been placed on leave by her doctor due to a recent car accident. She is expected to return after May 9th. Meanwhile, Ruth Ann Semple (daughter of Bob & Jan) has agreed to step in to help. Her office hour will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

St. Giles' Anniversary Sunday

The anniversary celebration is now scheduled to take place on **May 15, 2022**. Our guest speaker is the **Rev. Dr. Blair D. Bertrand**, a mission liaison between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Church of Central Africa (Presbyterian) in Malawi. Since 2017, he has been a Lecturer and the Director of Research and Educational Quality Assurance at Zomba Theological College. As well, he serves as an Educational Consultant to Theological Education by Extension Malawi. These two institutions train future ministers and lay leaders. Presently Blair serves from his home in Barrhaven with trips to Malawi expected soon.

Our Events

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

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, April 14 ~ 3:00p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, April 15 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Our **Good Friday Service** will be held jointly with the Bytown Community Church. Members of both congregations will take part and Pastor Dan Reid will be sharing the message.

Sunday, April 17 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday, celebrating the risen Lord with the Holy Communion.

Sunday, May 15 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St. Giles' **Anniversary Sunday**, with the Rev. Dr. Blair D. Bertrand as the guest speaker.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal

Thousands of refugees from across Ukraine are desperately trying to get to safety in other countries. The invasion of Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis. This devastating conflict has already displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The most urgent needs are for food, water and shelter. To help respond quickly to the escalating situation, PWS&D is receiving donations for Ukraine. As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we are well placed to provide urgently needed food and non-food support. ACT Alliance members have already begun setting up refugee support points and sending relief supplies to Ukraine. Canadian Foodgrains Bank members are also planning a response with urgently needed food assistance.

Please mark your donations: **PWS&D Ukraine**

Mission Moment

Penjani Sichinga holds a special place in his heart for the David Gordon Memorial Hospital (DGMH) in northern Malawi, where he has worked since 2004, though not everyone shares this passion. DGMH is a rural mission that serves a population of 120,000; and due to its remote location, poor accommodation and few incentives, the hospital sees a high staff turnover rate, especially among doctors. Penjani received encouragement and support from the Synod of Livingstonia Health Department to pursue medical studies to become a certified doctor. He finished his studies in 2021, and thanks to support from Presbyterians Sharing, is now working on completing an internship at the Livingstonia University Teaching Hospital in Zambia. After Penjani completes his final medical training requirement, he will return to work at DGMH—but this time as a fully certified doctor!

