

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stained glass window in St. Giles, Ottawa
top pane: *I am the resurrection and the life*
bottom pane: *In loving memory of
J. Ezra Lewis and his wife Ena,
erected by their daughter Wanda 1960*

Easter Sunday
April 17, 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 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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 " rad ... inishnaabeg
 " Peop ... this land since
 " time immemorial. We are grateful to have the
 " opportunity to be present in this territory.

PRELUDE *Pastoral* by J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! 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. Hallelujah!

All: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

****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 you heavenly host, hallelujah!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious, life-giving God, maker of all things visible and invisible. On the first day of the world, you spoke and out of chaos came creation. Out of shadows came light. On the first day of the week, Christ was resurrected by your grace, and out of death came life. And you always come to us through the Holy Spirit, to shine light on our way forward, offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus. Praise and honour and blessing be to you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and every day, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

This Easter Day, God has turned our mourning into dancing! God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy! We are God's forgiven people. Let us be at peace with God, with one another, and with ourselves, through the undying mercy

of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem *Christ the Lord is ris'n again!* by Richard Shephard

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a
youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—

and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

*refrain 3: **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
**"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me severely,
but has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Now the green blade rises**

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**1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;**

**love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again like wheat new-springing green**

**2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
sure that he would never, never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.**

**3. Forth from the grave he rose, the living Lord is seen:
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.**

**4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.**

Sermon "Bull Sh*&%\$*%#^"

****Hymn: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more 522**
(tune of Sine Nomine, #611)

**1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more;
Embraced by futile death, he broke its hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**2. We share by water in his saving death;
This union brings to being one new cell,
a living and organic part of Christ:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**3. The Father's splendour clothes the Son with life,
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God;
Baptized we live with God, the Three-in-One:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood;
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Service of Confirmation

Preface

(The minister addresses the candidate who is seeking to be confirmed in faith.)

Nick Lussier, do you desire to confirm your faith in Christ..... **I do.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin which separate you from the love of God?..... **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ, accepting him as Lord and Saviour, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Do you desire, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to mature as a Christian in the church..... **I do.**

(The minister asks the congregation to stand and questions them saying:)

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Nick, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to follow the way of Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?.....**We do.**

Prayer

The Act of Confirmation

Declaration and Welcome

Blessing

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offering (invitation)

**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.**

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.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

...

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.

We praise you, most holy God,

...

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God

...

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

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

When we break the bread, it is a sharing in the body of Christ.
When we bless the cup, it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Let us feast together.

(Partaking of the communion elements together)

Prayer After Communion

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

***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.***

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune on 'Lyra Davidica'* by David Lasky

Our Events

Monday, April 18 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Thursday, April 21 ~ 3:00p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, April 22 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study is continuing the study of Tobit (chapter 14) by teleconference

Sunday, May 8 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Camp Sunday with Mark Hamilton (director of Gracefield Christian Camp) as guest speaker.

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

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