

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



Residents of Leipzig with candles outside the Stasi headquarters, three days after the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989.

**April 2, 2023**

# **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

## **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 an accessible 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.

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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: *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion*

by George F. Handel  
Vocalist: Katie Gratton

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

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

One: Therefore God has exalted him and given him  
the name above every name.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Servant Lord.

## Children's Story

### Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and mercy, we worship today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler who came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus. We come in humility, knowing you have given us your all, and we can never offer enough for such overwhelming love.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Holy God, your mercy and forgiveness is a mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of our expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right, even when your Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness, O Holy God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him.**

## 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. Amen**

## Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

## Scripture

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9–10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (*with refrain 3*)

Second Reading: Matthew 21:1–11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large

crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn: All glory, laud and honour**

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Sermon: The Mighty Palm and the Wonder Cloak

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Hosanna, loud hosanna**

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**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: Ride on, ride on in majesty**

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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: *Fantasia* by Josef Krebs





## St Giles Events

**Monday, April 3 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Wednesday, April 5 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

**Prayer Group** (Lectio Divina) will be meeting in person at St Giles. All are welcome.

**Wednesday, April 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**The Presbyterian Women** will be meeting by teleconference.

**Thursday, April 6 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, March 31 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** (teleconference) the Book of Job 1:6-2:13.

**Friday, April 7 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Good Friday Service** in partnership with Bytown Community Church.





## **From The Session**

Our minister, the Rev. Paul Wu, will be joining the Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on a mission trip to Taiwan, from April 16 to 27. Issues that will be discussed include truth telling and healing with Indigenous people, the movement toward fuller inclusion of 2SLGBTQI+ people, and the challenging situation of Taiwan on the global stage. Please keep this trip in your prayer. Please keep this trip in your prayer.

On the Sunday of April 16, we have invited Ryan Farrell as supply preacher. Ryan a chaplain of the University of Ottawa. He also leads the ministry of Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy, and soon to be ordained into the Christian Reformed Church.

On the Sunday of April 23, we have invited Daniel Crepault as supply preacher. Dan is the program director of Harvest House Ministries, providing a Christ-centered home for young men struggling with addiction to alcohol and drugs.



## **Condolences**

With deep sadness, we regret to inform you of the passing of Robert (Bob) Fourney, in the morning of March 23, 2023. He died peacefully in his sleep, while surrounded by family members. Bob has been a long time member of St. Giles, who had blessed many others in his life. He will surely be missed. Further updates on funeral arrangement to come.

## **Centretown Emergency Food Centre**

The support of CCSAC churches is essential to the operation of the Food Centre. The donation of \$348.22 made by our congregation at **St Giles Presbyterian Church** will be used to purchase healthy food choices, such as fruit, vegetables, ground beef, chicken, milk, and eggs.

## **The Ottawa Mission**

The Ottawa Mission is very grateful for the donation of \$210 received from **St Giles Women's Association**. This donation touches the lives of many in our community and provides programming and hope to those working through abuse, addiction and instability. **Thank You!**

## **Community Event**

### **Support for Uyghurs Minorities**

An inter-faith demonstration of support for the Uyghurs minorities, who are being persecuted by the Chinese Government, is being organized by Stop Uyghur Genocide Canada. The protest will take place, at 515 St. Patrick Street, on Monday, April 3, from 3 to 4 pm. Please come out and join us.

## Mission Moment

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, pastors and church workers of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Western Ukraine, have been serving tirelessly, providing spiritual support to those who remained and warmly welcoming refugees and internally displaced people from Eastern and Central Ukraine. Recognizing the dedication and work of these faithful servants, the Reformed Church in Hungary established a solidarity fund and invited partner churches to join in providing encouragement and financial support. The PCC, through Presbyterians Sharing, along with the First Hungarian Presbyterian Church in East Toronto, Ontario, responded by contributing to the fund, which aims to support 100 pastors and church staff in Transcarpathia with a monthly financial supplement of \$360 CAD



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