

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

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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: *Join in the Dance*

by Daniel L. Schutte

(v. 1,4,5,6)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News: once we were no people; now we are God's people.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

One: This is the Good News – the grave is empty & Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us worship God with Easter joy!

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

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of resurrecting power, we are caught up in the joy of Easter and your love fills us with expectation. Death does not overcome life, and the powers of chaos will never overcome your love for the cosmos. Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the garden that first Easter day, you call each of us by name because you love us. So we praise you for the hope you have given us, your powerful love and your promise of new life in Christ. So may we live our love for you gladly, today and every day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercy, we confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter. When we face loss in our own lives, sorrow can weigh us down. Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away. Forgive us, O God. Let the hope of new life in Christ assure us that the power of your love that raised Jesus will never let us go. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Dear friends, Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his redeeming, resurrecting love.

Scripture

First Reading: Colossians 3:1–4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 (with refrain 1)

Second Reading: Matthew 28:1–10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly

with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: Now the green blade rises** **256**

Sermon Died and Raised

****Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today** **243**

Passing of the Peace

Offering (invitation)

Doxology: **Hymn 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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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,

...

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. Amen

****Hymn: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour 541
(v.1, 4, 5)**

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn: Thine be the glory 258**

Benediction

Postlude: Festal Chorus

by George F. Handel
arr. Benton Price



St Giles Events

Monday, April 10 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, April 12 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Session meeting in person.

Thursday, April 13 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice



Friday, April 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study (teleconference) Job 3.



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.

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

We would like to express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of **Dr. Pauline Brown**, on April 1, 2023. Pauline had been a long time member of St. Giles, who was initially commissioned by the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) for a four-month posting to India. A few months became a 55-year-long ministry working with the Bhil people under the Church of North India, primarily in the area of health care and education. In 2001, Pauline received the Order of Canada for her dedicated service, and the church recognized her ministry with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. She retired in Jobat, India, where she was beloved and respected. Pauline had returned to Canada a number of times, and visited St. Giles whenever she could. She will be sadly missed by the congregation.

We are working with the national church to hold a memorial service for Pauline at St. Giles. Further update to come.

Another long time member of St. Giles, **Robert (Bob) Fourney**, had passed away on March 23, 2023. Funeral service was held on April 1st at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in South Lancaster, Ontario. The recording of the service could be seen at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRCdFgq6LN8>.

A memorial service at St. Giles is planned for 10:30 a.m. on the Saturday of May 6, 2023.

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!**

Mission Moment

Like many in Somalia, Farhan, his parents and younger sibling live in a camp for internally displaced people, having been forced from their home due to ongoing drought. At eight months old, Farhan became severely dehydrated and his life was seriously threatened. He was admitted to a hospital and received urgent treatment. After two weeks of monitoring and treatment, Farhan was discharged from the hospital and admitted to an outpatient clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, where he receives weekly health assessments and therapeutic and supplementary food as he makes his way to a full recovery.



The Presbyterian Church in Canada