

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship today is guest preacher Ryan Farrell. 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: The Bell Song by Frances Macdonnell
Vocalist: Katie Gratton

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

People (louder):

Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

People: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.

Leader: You see the suffering in the world?

Where is Jesus now?

**People: We are going into the world
to be the body of Christ.**

Leader: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

**People: For we are the body of Christ:
let us share the Good News!**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God our Maker, we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation, the great theatre of your glory. We praise you for the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers, for the wisdom and growth that comes with age, for the strength to serve you, for your glory seen in pussy willows greeting the spring, and in each rock face worn by wind and water. These details lift our hearts to praise you.

So let the details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we too may discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. **Amen**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

Friends, the risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and forgiveness to us this day. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Peter 1:3–9

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various

trials, that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16 (*with refrain 1*)

Second Reading: John 20:19–31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he

said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: I danced in the morning** (Lord of the dance) **250**

Sermon Gospel Jumbotron

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Join In the Dance**

by Daniel L. Schutte

Verse 1, 4, 5, & 6

Refrain

**Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!
This is the feast of the love of God.
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:
Jesus the Saviour is risen from the grave!**

**Wake, O people; sleep no longer
greet the breaking day!
Christ, Redeemer, Lamb and Lion,
turns the night away!** (Repeat Refrain)

**None on earth, no prince or power,
neither death nor life,
nothing now can ever part us
from the love of Christ!** (Repeat Refrain)

**Love's triumphant day of vict'ry
heaven opens wide.
On the tree of hope and glory
death itself has died!** (Repeat Refrain)

**Christ forever, Lord of ages,
Love beyond our dreams:
Christ, our hope of heaven's glory,
all that yet will be!** (Repeat Refrain)

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology:

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

Benediction

Postlude *Trompette*

by Craig A. Penfield

St Giles Events

Monday, April 17 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, April 20 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, April 21 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (4 & 5)

Saturday, May 6, ~ 10:30 a.m.

Memorial service for **Robert (Bob) Fourney.**

Sunday, May 7, ~ 10:30 a.m.

Anniversary Sunday Service

Wednesday, May 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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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.

Mission Moment

Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward.

With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.



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