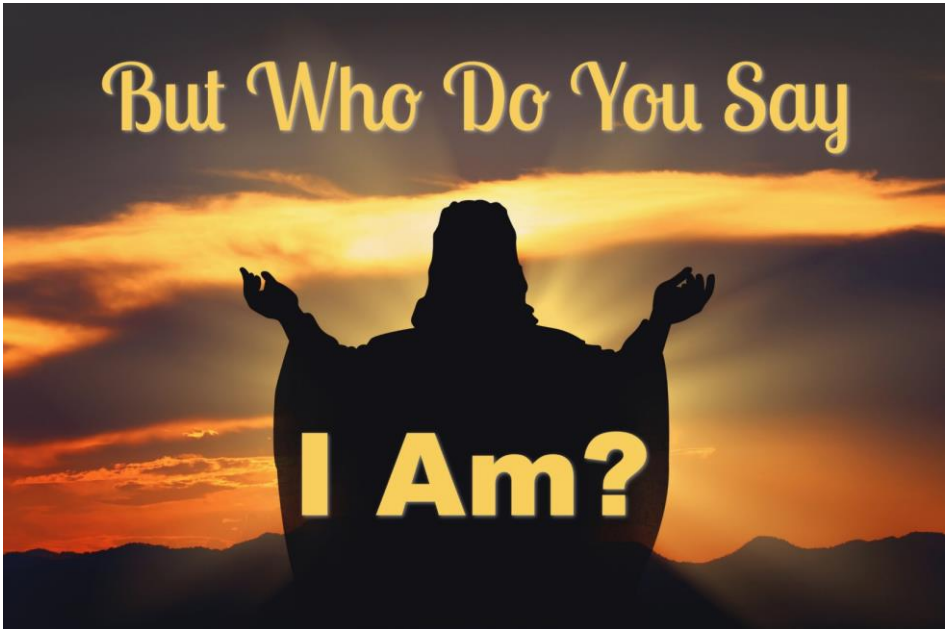


St Giles Presbyterian Church



April 23, 2023

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Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship today is guest preacher Daniel Crepault. 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: *Adagio* (from *Adagio & Rondo*)

by Franz Schubert

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains;

All: It will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

One: Many nations will come and say "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.

All: He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

****Hymn: All praise to thee** (to the tune of #611) **343**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading: Your stillness is peace when we are frantic, Your word is a truth when circumstances are twisted by deception, Your movement is freedom when we are paralyzed by fear, You are light in the darkness, and your love abides when the world seems abandoned. For all that you are, all that you have been, all that you will be: we worship you as the creating and calling Father, the loving and beloved Son, and the leading and strengthening Holy Spirit. In humility and out of a desire to be new people we confess to you, our sins:

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we confess our shortcomings and offences that we have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts; we have ignored your miracles among us and focused on loss rather than the bounty of your grace. We have been suspicious of the motives of others and too quick to judge and too slow to forgive. Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are and cleanse us from all our faults and forgive our sins.

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe in the Good News in Jesus Christ. Be at peace with yourselves, with one another, and with God. **Amen.**

Scripture

First Reading: Daniel 7:13–14

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:1–8 (*with refrain 1*)

Second Reading: Matthew 16:13–19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon Who do you say that I am

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: There is a redeemer** **358**

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: To God be the glory** **350**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Alla Marcia (Symphony 1)*

by Johannes Brahms



St Giles Events

Monday, April 24 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Thursday, April 27 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, April 28 ~ 10 a.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (6 & 7)

Wednesday, May 3 ~ 5:00 p.m.

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

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 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.

Knox Church's Out of the Cold program

All are welcome at **Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St. Ottawa, Saturday, April 29 from 2-4 p.m.** for a fundraising concert with The Wild Cards, a jazz swing band, in support of Knox Church's Out of the Cold program.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Advance tickets available through the Knox Office (**613-238-4774; knoxottawa@rogers.com**) or online through Eventbrite (check the event notice at **knoxottawa.ca** or go directly to eventbrite.ca and search for 'Out of the Cold Wild Cards').

Join us for an afternoon of offering gratitude for ministry partners, supporters, and volunteers, raising funds for the Out of the Cold meal program, and enjoying good music together.

Gracefield Christian Camp

There are still some **camperships** available, through the Presbytery of Ottawa, for children and youth to attend **Gracefield Christian Camp** and Retreat Centre this summer. The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2023**.

Please submit any applications or address any questions to **Meg Patterson** directly at the address on the **application form** (see the Welcome table at St Giles during Sunday service).

Community Announcements

Centretown (Emergency) Community Food Centre

New name and new **location**. They are dropping the word emergency, adding the word Community and moving from Bank Street to **370 Catherine Street**.

Food donations can be made during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at the west side entrance of the new building starting May 1, 2023.

Knitted Hats for Charity

Did you know that **Pat makes 200+ knitted hats a year for charity**? She knits entirely from donated yarn. If you have a yarn stash and know you have some ends of balls you won't be using, please consider bringing them to church and placing them in the office.

No end of ball is too small!

Mission Moment

In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so **Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture.** "My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her

community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.



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