

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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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 available. Please speak with an usher, if you have any questions. 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: *Yes, I Know My Savior Lives* by Lani Smith

Welcome

Introit This Joyful Eastertide

Call to Worship

One: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!

One: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

**All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.
Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.

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

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of Resurrecting power, you lift our hearts with joy when we see the tomb is empty. God of Resurrecting hope, you fill us with excitement when we hear that Christ is risen. God of Resurrecting love, you embrace us with courage when we trust in the

power of new life that you promise in the Risen Christ. So with overflowing hearts, we offer you all glory, honour and praise.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Easter hope. We let discouragement, fear and frustration to settle in and we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away from you. Resentment and disappointment cling to us and we forget your great mercy and love. Forgive us. Restore within the joy and hope you promise us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! 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 for new life by God's resurrecting grace.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 (*with refrain 3*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;
and 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: Mark 16:1–8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He

has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon They Were Afraid

****Hymn:** Jesus is risen from the grave **254**
(v.1-5)

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.**

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 and ever. Amen

****Hymn:** Jesus is risen from the grave **254**
(V.6–7)

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

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

Benediction

Postlude *Choral Song*

by Samuel Wesley

St Giles Events

Monday, April 1 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.



Wednesday, April 3 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St Giles Women's Association by teleconference. **All Women Welcome!**

Wednesday, April 3 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Alpha Co-worker training will be meeting in person at St Giles. All are welcome

Thursday, April 4 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice all are invited to attend.

Friday, April 5 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study Romans 8, theme "Nothing will stop God's plans," by teleconference.

Wednesday, April 10 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Alpha Course begins first session.

Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study

1. Three to five minutes before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. You will be asked to enter a passcode number which is 7455703#.

Come Try Alpha

St. Giles is starting, for the first time, the Alpha Course, where people can encounter Jesus for themselves. It is a 11-week course, centring around shared meals, videos and lively discussion. It is tentatively set to begin on April 10 (Wednesday), at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Rev. Paul Wu (613-276-2551) for more details. To register send your contact information to office@stgilesottawa.org. Come and bring a friend.

Gracefield Christian Camp

The Registration for Gracefield summer camp has begun. There are two separate weeks for Trailblazer (Age 7-12), July 7-12 and July 21-26. For those age 13-15, the Woodlander or the Frontier camp are available on the week of July 28 to August 2. There are two new camp being introduced this year: STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), and MADD (music, art, drama, dance) for those age 10-15, on the week of July 14-19. There is an early bird discount of 10% (before March 31). For more information, contact Rev. Paul Wu, or check out www.gracefieldcamp.ca

Why Does My Voice Wobble?

On Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. Dr Mark Wilkinson will be presenting a talk on choral singing and the aging voice at Glebe-St James United Church, 650 Lyon St S. Bring your curiosity and take note of how to keep your voice healthy for a lifetime!

Mission Moment

In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.



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