

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



*Peace, by Andrea Michnay, 1959, wall mural in Oroszlány, Hungary*

**April 07, 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: *I Love To Tell The Story* arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

**All: Locked doors have been opened  
and fear has turned to peace.**

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

**All: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

**All: We offer our prayers and praise with humble,  
hopeful hearts.**

**\*\*Hymn:** The day of resurrection

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of new life, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him. We marvel at

your steadfast love, your victory over death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every time and place. Fill us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and grant us your peace through Christ, our Risen Saviour.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess our trust in you can weaken, and we become anxious about many things. We talk about love, but we fear those who differ from us. We cling to our personal agendas, and neglect your call to serve others, especially when that service costs us something. Forgive us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, rekindle our passion for you, so we can witness to your love in all we do.**

### 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 words of the risen Christ: Peace be with you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Amen.

## Scripture

First Reading: Acts 4:32–35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133 *(with refrain 1)*

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**

Second Reading: John 20:19–23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** We are one in the Spirit

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Sermon One Heart and Soul

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** O for a world where everyone

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology:**

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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:** Thine be the glory

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Benediction

Postlude *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* arr. Wilbur Held



## **St Giles Events**

**Monday, April 08 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

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

**Alpha Course** begins first session.

**Thursday, April 11 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice** all are invited to attend.

**Friday, April 12 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** Romans 9, theme "God's election not just for Israel," by teleconference.



### **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](mailto: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](http://www.gracefieldcamp.ca)

## **Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)**

On **Sunday, April 21, 2024, Parkwood Church** is presenting **Mphatso Ngulube** from **Malawi**. She is working with the Synod of Livingstonia as Health Coordinator. Mphatso oversees the works of three hospitals that provide curative, preventive and promotive health services in a politically remote and underserved region of northern Malawi.

This work is in part supported by Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D).

She is planning to make a **presentation** during worship **at 10 a.m.**, followed by **Q&A** immediately following worship, **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone within the congregations in Presbytery of Ottawa.

### **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!

**Grow:**

## **The Just Kitchen: Food, Faith and Justice**

Food is essential to both physical and spiritual life. Join Anna Woofenden and Derrick Weston, Food and Faith podcasters and coauthors of *The Just Kitchen: Invitations to Sustainability, Cooking, Connections, and Celebration* as they share their passion for transforming kitchens into spaces for healing, community, activism, and celebration.

Thursday **April 11, 2024 1:00 p.m.** Eastern via **Zoom**

To Register: [bit.ly/McKayWebinar](https://bit.ly/McKayWebinar)

Knox College – A Webinar Series from the McKay  
Educational Resource Centre

**The webinar is free, but registration is required.** If registered, you will have access to a recording should you miss the timing or date of the presentation.

## Mission Moment

Katia Bien-Aime, a senior nurse and coordinator for a nutrition program in Haiti, recalls a time when a significant number of children failed to return for follow-up care after initial treatment at the nutrition clinic. She knew something needed to be done. In response, PWS&D's partner, who also runs the original clinic, decided to begin mobile clinics. Today, these mobile units have proven successful in bridging the gap and allowing healthcare providers to get closer to their patients, easier follow-ups and enabling the delivery of crucial basic medical care directly to villages and homes. "It worked," Katia says. "We were able to get to the really sick kids faster and earlier." In addition, the mobile units provide tools to make water safe for drinking and to promote better sanitation and hygiene practices.



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