

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



“He Shall Gather the Lambs With His Arm and Carry Them in His Bosom”, to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend A.G. Cameron Badd, first minister of this church, stained glass window, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Ottawa.

**April 21, 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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Cindy Berry  
(Intermezzo by Pietro Mascagni)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

**All: We have come to follow him.**

One: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

**All: We have come to be restored in him.**

One: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

**All: We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Morning has broken

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, our shepherd, guide and giver of life. You nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures. You restore our souls with rest and peace.

You give us joy so our lives overflows with goodness and grace. You walk with us through the darkest valleys, offering us courage and compassion. At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, so we praise you, Holy One, here and now, now and always.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you lead us into green pastures, but our lifestyles put those pastures at risk. You offer us rest, but we like to pursue our goals, whatever the cost to the earth or our health. You call us to show compassion, but we are quick to judge others. Forgive us, and humble us to live with respect in creation.**

### 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

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to you this day.

Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

## Scripture

First Reading: 1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Psalm 23: The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life  
(Psalm 23, C. Idle) One License.

- 1. The Lord my shepherd rules my life  
and gives me all I need;  
he leads me by refreshing streams,  
in pastures green I feed.**
- 2. The Lord revives my failing strength,  
he makes my joy complete;  
and in right paths, for his name's sake,  
he guides my faltering feet.**
- 3. Though in a valley dark as death,  
no evil makes me fear;  
your shepherd's staff protects my way,  
for you are with me there.**
- 4. While all my enemies look on  
you spread a royal feast;  
you fill my cup, anoint my head,  
and treat me as your guest.**
- 5. Your goodness and your gracious love  
pursue me all my days;  
your house, O Lord, shall be my home  
your name, my endless praise.**

Second Reading: John 10:11–18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Solo Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Sermon The Lord is My Shepherd

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

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**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:** All the way my Saviour leads me

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Benediction

Postlude *Welcome, Happy Morning* by Roger C. Wilson





## St Giles Events

**Monday, April 22 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.



**Wednesday, April 24 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

**Alpha Course**, third session, theme "Why Did Jesus Die?" in person.

**Thursday, April 25 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

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

**Friday, April 26 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study** Romans 11, theme "Salvation for the rejected Israel," by teleconference.

**Sunday, May 5, ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Anniversary Sunday Service.** All are Welcome. See announcement on the following page for details.

### **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#.

## **Anniversary**

**St. Giles** is celebrating its **99th Anniversary** on the **Sunday of May 5, 2024**. Rev. Andrew Johnston has graciously accepted our invitation to be the guest preacher. He has recently retired from an active and fruitful ministry, as the former minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kingston, and earlier at St. Andrew's Ottawa. He will be sharing with us the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Thanks to the work of the Archival Committee, some historical records and pictures of the congregational life will be displayed as well. Please come and join our celebration.

## **Alpha Course Update**

St. Giles has started the Alpha Course, where people can encounter Jesus for themselves. It is an 11-week course, centring around shared meals, videos and lively discussion. The enthusiasm continues as we head into the third session. Thanks to all involved.

## **The Ottawa Mission**

The Ottawa Mission has written to us, thanking us for our Christmas donation in 2023. They also talked about how a recent client worked with a case manager, client services and housing services teams to find a safe

affordable one-bedroom apartment. Once settled in the client is quoted as saying, "The goal of The Ottawa Mission isn't to just supply food and beds, it's to give us hope for tomorrow." Thank you!

## **Centretown Community Food Centre**

The Centretown Community Food Centre is looking for an Intake Coordinator. There is a notice pinned to the bulletin with all the details and who to contact.

## **Choir**

St. Giles Church has history of choral singing and is blessed with a dedicated choir. We are looking for new members. No need to worry about ability, experience etc.



**Please speak to me at coffee hour, or come out to rehearsal and give it a try. Heather Rice**

David also wore a linen ephod. Consequently, King David deemed it fit to set up a professional choir in the house of the LORD, the God of Israel. The task of these people appointed to serve before the LORD in the ministry of music was to prophesy.

## Mission Moment

In the Kushkak village in Afghanistan, 42-year-old Guljan lived a simple life with her husband and four children until one day in October 2023, when an earthquake struck their village. Guljan lost her husband and 11-year-old son. After the disaster, she encountered significant challenges in getting assistance due to the gender disparities present in her village. However, PWS&D's partner recognized her needs and provided Guljan's family with a winterized tent to help endure the harsh weather conditions. PWS&D provided food assistance, as well as other support after the earthquake to help people survive the winter challenges.



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