

St Giles Presbyterian Church



Christ on the Colt, mural, 20th century, St. Matthew's Church,
Gothenburg, Sweden

April 13, 2025

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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: *My Song Is Love Unknown* *John Ireland*
arr. James Kirkby

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death – even death on a cross.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is our King
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

**All: Blessed is Jesus, our Saviour and our friend!
Glory to the Creator and the Spirit,
ever three and ever one!**

****Hymn:** Come, children, join to sing

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, Holy Three and Holy One, we come before you today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the King who came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your lovingkindness and the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, filled with wonder and praise as we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your will for us. We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your justice and mercy. We allow brash voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the costs seem too high.

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

The Apostle Paul wrote: "This saying is sure and worthy of our full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". It doesn't matter how big or small our sins; God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all. Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 118:1–2, 19–26 (with refrain 2)

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."

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.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Luke 19:28–40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was

approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Open my eyes, that I may see **500**

Sermon The Word is Near You

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace **740**

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:**

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Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer

Benediction

Postlude: Plein Jeu

Denis Bédard



St Giles Events

Monday, April 14 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, April 17 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, to God be the glory.

Friday, April 18 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday service. Joint service with Bytown Community church.

Sunday, April 20 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday service. Holy Communion is to be celebrated.

Friday, April 25

Bible Study will resume on April 25th to study the Book of Revelation.

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 the passcode number 7455703#.



Bible Study Group

Participants of the Friday bible study group have shared what they learned from the Book the Proverbs, and have made them available here: <https://stgilesottawa.org/bible-study-group/>

Meanwhile, preparation is being made to study next the Book of Revelation, written by John the Apostle, on the island of Patmos, on "the things which must soon take place" (1:1), and its implications to the 21st century Church universal.

Anniversary Committee

Universal Portrait Studios has committed to produce an anniversary photobook for St Giles. This studio brings families together for professional portraits while delivering high-quality Pictorial Church Directories. An email invitation will be sent with further information. Start date for this event will be May 20th, 2025, and possibly May 21st, 2025.

Calling ALL youth!

As part of the Presbytery's 150th anniversary celebration on Saturday May 4th, the planning committee has asked for youth to join the celebration and participate in the following areas: possibly reading Scripture, ushering, serving refreshments, receiving offerings. If any of these areas interest, please reach out to Sunjay Henry via email at prezminanimator@gmail.com or on Instagram @prezzyyouthonfire

Mission Moment

Dhane BK, now in his senior years, lives with his close-knit family in Nepal. Seven years ago, Dhane completed treatment for leprosy, marking a significant milestone in his journey to overcome the disease. He recently developed a skin ulcer and was admitted for specialized care to the Shining Hospital, supported by PWS&D. Today, Dhane continues to improve, with the ulcer showing significant signs of healing.



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