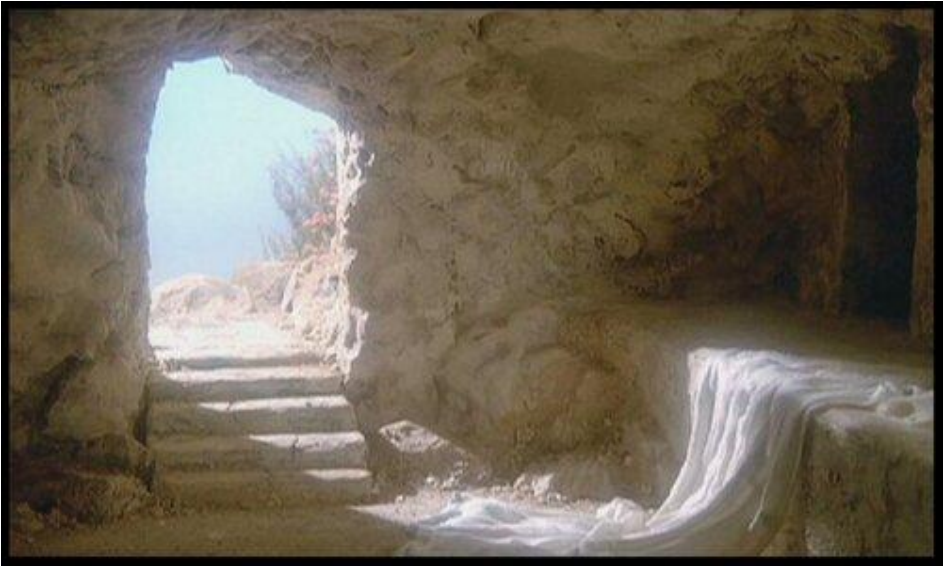


# St Giles Presbyterian Church

## Easter Service



*"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body." (Luke 24:2-3)*

**April 20, 2025**

## **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

### **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: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Richard Shephard

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine  
with joy!

**All: Christ has led us from death to life.**

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

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

One: Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

**All: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

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

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious, life-giving God, maker of all things visible and invisible, on the first day of the world, you spoke and out of chaos came creation, out of confusion, order and out of nothingness came light. On the first day of the week, Christ was resurrected by your grace, and out of death came life. You come to us through the Holy Spirit, to inspire us forward, offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus. Praise and honour and blessing be to you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and every day, now and always.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant to us a willing spirit. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

On this Easter Day, God has turned our mourning into dancing! God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy! We are God's forgiven people. Let us be at peace with God, with one another, and with ourselves, through the undying mercy of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Scripture

First Reading: Luke 24:1–12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly

two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Psalm 118:1–2, 12–24 (*with refrain 3*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he 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 marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the

message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** At the dawning of salvation

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Sermon God shows no partiality

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

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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.**

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:** Lift up your hearts

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Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

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

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Benediction

Postlude: Choral Song

Samuel Wesley



## St Giles Events

**Monday, April 21 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Tuesday, April 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Session** will be meeting in person.

**Thursday, April 24 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**, to God be the glory.

**Friday, April 25 ~ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study** introduction to the Book of Revelation.



## 150th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

The Presbytery of Ottawa is organizing a special service of worship on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 3 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, 971 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, to celebrate and give thanks for 150 years of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. All members, adherents and friends of the presbyterian church are welcome to join this celebration. Choir members of St. Giles are also taking part in the joint choir for this event.

## **100th Anniversary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church**

As part of on-going events planned by the Anniversary Committee, Rev. Amanda Currie, the Moderator of the 145th General Assembly of the PCC, has been invited as the guest speaker for the Sunday service of May 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Having grown up at St. Giles, Amanda went on to pursue ordained ministry within the PCC. She is currently serving as the minister of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, and as the president of the Canadian Council of Churches. The worship service will be followed by a luncheon prepared by the Presbyterian Women's Association. All are welcome.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and possibly May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## Mission Moment

Mengesha Kebede lives with his 10 family members on a small plot of land in Tigray, Ethiopia. During the Tigray conflict, soldiers looted Mengesha's property, stealing farm tools, clothes and household utensils and destroying his home. Mengesha is grateful for the seeds, farm tools and goats he received from a PWS&D-supported Canadian Foodgrains Bank project. But the road to fully recovering from the conflict remains long and continued support is vital.



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