

St Giles Presbyterian Church



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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: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Vernon Hoyle

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death.

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the Good News –
the grave is empty & Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Let us worship God with Easter joy!

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

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(v.1, 2, 4)

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Holy and Eternal God, perfect in love and endless in grace, governor of the days and seasons, creator of all things visible and invisible; filled with glory, majesty and honour, on this first day you began creation, bringing order and life out of chaos. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the powers of death. On this first day, we gather to join with all creation to worship and honour you as the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and always.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change, open us to a future in which we can be changed and give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Dear friends, Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Know that you are forgiven, have the grace to forgive one another and be at peace.

Scripture

First Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Psalms 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 marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Matthew 28:1–10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance **250**

Sermon He is not here, for He is risen

****Hymn:** Thine be the glory **258**

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

Breaking the Bread / Blessing the Cup

Prayer After Communion

****Hymn:** Now let the vault of heaven resound **255**
(v.1, 2, 4)

Benediction

Postlude *Trompette Jubilante* Craig Penfield



St Giles Events

Thursday, April 09 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, April 10 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 19, 20
Friendship of Jonathan and David

Care Packages for Deployed Camerons:

This past week we packed and mailed care packages for 15 deployed Cameron soldiers. Special thanks to St. Giles members who baked and helped out. Since 2005, St. Giles has provided packages for all deployed Camerons.

Cornerstone Shelter

The St. Giles Presbyterian Women wish to thank the congregation members who donated to our project of the Cornerstone shelter for women. We appreciate your help and now have \$320.00 to give. Thanks again to you all.

Position Available

St. Andrew's Church, Stittsville is looking for a part-time office administrator, who will work together with the minister, music director and congregation to assist in communication and Sunday worship preparation. For more information, please check to posted bulletin.

Oxfam Canada Stamps Program

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Presbytery Youth Event **Spring into new life**

Join us on Saturday April 11th from 2-5pm at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, 579 Parkdale Avenue, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, presbytery youth style. There will be worship, discussions, games and a tasty Easter snack you have to taste to believe. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, Email Sunjay at prezminimator@gmail.com.

Faith Formation in a Phone First Generation

How is social media shaping the faith of young people, and how should we respond? This event, sponsored by IntreVarsity, taking place on April 8, at 7 pm, at St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church, Ottawa, will explore that question through thoughtful conversation, research insights, and stories from ministry on the ground. Check the posted bulletin for more information.

Mission Moment

In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Debora received support for university through the PWS&D-supported Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi. Debora hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school."



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