

# St Giles Presbyterian Church



***Walk to Emmaus - While they communed together, Jesus himself drew near, Frank Zimmerman, Public Domain***

**April 19, 2026**

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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: *Something Which Is Known* Gregory Norbet

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We have come from many places,  
following different roads.

**All: We come hungering for  
greater understanding.**

One: We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

**All: We come seeking companions in the faith.**

One: We have come to discover the One  
revealed in the breaking of the bread.

**All: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.**

One: Come, let us worship God,  
made known in Christ Jesus.

**\*\*Hymn:** O God beyond all praising

**448**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, you are the light of the hearts that love you, the life of the souls that serve you, the inspiration of those who seek you. You are infinite, eternal and

unchanging, filled with love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. To turn from you is to fall and to turn towards you is to rise up. Your glory and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, and so we praise you as Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, body, mind and soul and we have not loved our neighbours as we love ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are and direct who we shall be.**

### 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, forever. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon

On the Emmaus road, Jesus met friends who were discouraged and distracted by his death. Yet when he spoke God's word to them, their hearts burned within

them. Hear God's word of forgiveness today. May the fire of God's love warm your hearts with God's promise of peace and new life. **Amen.**

## Scripture

First Reading: Luke 24:13–27

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and

told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (*with refrain 3*)

I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**Because God inclined an ear to me,  
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord,  
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

What shall I return to the Lord  
for all God's bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord;  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of the faithful.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your hand maid.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

All: **Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: Luke 24:28–35

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he

has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn:** Come to us, beloved Stranger **262**

Sermon On the Walk to Emmaus

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn:** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine **687**

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn:** One more step along the world I go **641**

Benediction

Postlude *The Kingsfold Trumpet*

Alfred Fedak



## **St Giles Events**

**Thursday, April 23 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**, all are welcome.

**Friday, April 24 ~ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study** by teleconference. The Book of Samuel 23, 24  
David Spares Saul's Life

**Wednesday, April 29 ~ 12:30 a.m.**

**St Giles Women's Association** in person meeting. Bring your own lunch and bring a friend. **All Women Welcome!**

**Sunday, May 3, ~ 10:30 a.m.**

Anniversary Sunday Service

### **Inurnment of Ken Lister**

Ken Lister, longtime member of St. Giles, father of David and husband of the late Helen Lister, has passed away on January 23, 2026, at the age of 100. He died peacefully with David by his side. inurnment service is scheduled for April 21 (Tuesday), 3:00pm, at Pinecrest Cemetery (2500 Baseline Rd, Ottawa). Outdoor service by "the wall," please dress accordingly. May the Spirit of God be with the family in their time of grief.

### **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.

## **PWS&D Global Partners this April**

This April, two of PWS&D's global partners will be in Canada to share the work PWS&D is supporting in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. There will be several events throughout Ontario, as well as an online opportunity to learn more about our work in India. See more information here.

Dr. Rubel Manivannan is the project manager and palliative consultant for PWS&D's partner in India, Regions Beyond Medical Union Society – the Duncan Hospital. Since 2023, Dr. Rubel has been closely involved with the Karuna Project, supported by PWS&D, where she serves as the Project Manager. Under her leadership, the Karuna Project aims to reduce gender disparity in the community by empowering adolescent girls to enjoy their human rights. Dr. Rubel is a highly qualified dental and public health professional with extensive experience in managing healthcare projects and providing dental and palliative care.

## **Sunday School Leader and Volunteers' Event**

The Presbytery Youth Working Group is hosting a Sunday School leader and volunteers' event on May 30th. We hope this event will give Sunday School volunteers of all types a chance to connect, share ideas, and learn new ways to engage children as they learn about Jesus. Fill the google form below to help us structure our time together. If you have any questions, email Sunjay at prezminimator@gmail.com or call/text him at 613-407-8075

## **Centretown Churches Social Action Committee**

The AGM of CCSAC (Centretown Churches Social Action Committee) will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks Street. Our guest speaker is Kaite Burkholder Harris, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

### **Shabraque Celtic Fundraising Concert**

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Grace Church, 1220 Old 10<sup>th</sup> Line Road, will be hosting a fundraising concert. Dessert, coffee and tea are included. Tickets are \$15.00. Join us for a fun family-friendly night of music to sing along and move your feet. 100% of the ticket price goes directly to Grace Church.

### **Mission Related Givings Up to March 31/26**

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Donations Rec'd</b>	<b>% of Goal Achieved</b>	<b>Goal for 2025</b>
Operating Account	\$21,585.45	26%	\$83,000.00
Presbyterian Sharing	\$1,997.00	16%	\$12,000.00
PWS&D	\$615.00	n/a	n/a
Presbyterian College	\$1,000.00	20%	5,000.00

## Mission Moment

In 2022, the Rev. Konnie Vissers launched Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco Justice, creating four urban children's gardens in Guelph and Hamilton through local congregations. By 2023, summer camp and Sunday School programs integrated eco-theology and gardening, reaching over 90 campers. Last summer, a children's garden at Kortright PC in Guelph hosted workshops and a five-week class on sustainable gardening, food justice and creation care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, upcoming plans include a greenhouse garden and a fruit tree guild.



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