

THE LANTERN

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Saint Giles Presbyterian Church

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 4

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Worship: 7:30am

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Pre-worship Music: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, April 11

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Pre-worship Music: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, April 18

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Pre-worship Music: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, April 25

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Pre-worship Music: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Intentional Interim Update

Two weeks from Sunday, we will be celebrating our second Easter without everyone worshipping in person. None of us ever thought it would be this long. This year, we will have an outdoor option for a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The Moravian Church in Germany gets credit for the first sunrise service held in 1732. Churches today hold sunrise services to remember the gospel accounts of those who came to the tomb at dawn to discover that the tomb was empty. To gather for worship outside on Easter morning is a meaningful way to celebrate resurrection and this year we surely need to affirm this hope!

Please know that your Worship Team and session are exploring options for in-person worship and you are encouraged to share your thoughts with them. One helpful resource we are using is a document called Holding Our Plans Loosely: Returning to Church 2.0 from the Wisconsin Council of Churches. I recommend that we all read it. The document is based on the following values:

1. **Prioritize the life and health of your neighbor.**
2. **Let yourself continue to be provoked into holy experiments.**
3. **Follow the call to love and good deeds urgently and care-fully.**
4. **Prioritizing accessibility honors the diversity and one-ness of Christ's church.**
5. **Take seriously the church's role as community leader.**
6. **Believe in the resilience of the church.**

As we make our way toward our celebration of resurrection of Easter Sunday, may that same resurrection power bring new life and sustain us as we continue to be a faithful church that loves our neighbor be it remotely, or in person... wherever we are.

Blessings,
Lance

Worship Volunteers

	Sunday, April 4	Sunday, April 11	Sunday, April 18	Sunday, April 25
Liturgist	Donald Ross	Carol Pope	Peggy Forster	Bob Lindsay

Upcoming Deadlines:

Session Packet Deadline: **Wednesday, April 14 at 12pm**

Newsletter Article Deadline: **Wednesday, April 21 at 12 pm**

Pastoral Care On-Call Schedule

April 2-4	Chris Maxwell
April 7-14	Chris Maxwell
April 16-18	Rev. Perry
April 23-25	Chris Maxwell

COMMUNITY CARE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

- ⇒ We celebrate with Elizabeth Abernathy and Steve Tremont on the birth of their grandchild Julian, child of Alex Tremont and Erin Morrison
- ⇒ Tracy Perry, sister-in-law of Rev. Perry

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay
Sandra Richbourg
Libby Morton
Dan Grassi
Barbara Settlemyre
Jeane Nagel
Donna Nichols
Dave Smith
Chuck Nevitt

Rachel Williams
Charolette Brown
Dick Grassi
Aleta Wheeler
Inez Ruchte
Joe Moody
Andrew Scharfe
Iris Morris
Mac McRackan

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

- Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner, & niece Eloise Lindsay
- Chris Zaineddin's friends Peggy & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
- Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy
- Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery
- Katharine Ray Briggs, niece of Aleta Wheeler

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Peggy McNeill Joe Moody
4	Pete Getzoff
5	Tripp Carter Luke Tatum-Carter Elissa Doty
6	Linn Wakeford
9	Sloane Thomasson Erin Wilber
10	Pierre Lourens
12	Wade Thomas
14	Kimberly Craven Curran Hellgeth
16	Michael Hemminger
17	Janice Hollomon
18	Larry Settlemyre
21	Bo McCormick
22	Martha Jennette
23	Cole Johnson Gil Johnson
27	Joyce Vollmer
28	Joy Goldsberry

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayers

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Holy Week and Easter at St. Giles

Maundy Thursday Worship will be a modified Tenebrae service. This service will be recorded and released on Facebook on Maundy Thursday evening, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. Music will begin at 6:45pm.

Easter Sunrise worship will be on-site at St. Giles on the Fellowship Hall porch on April 4 at 7:30 a.m. Worshipers will be social distanced, and masks will be required. Music staff will provide instrumental music and will sing with singing masks. Congregational singing is discouraged.

Easter Sunday worship will be recorded and released on Facebook with music beginning at 10:15 a.m. and the service beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Ministry: Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

It will take place at 10:00 am, in the area between the Children's Center, the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

Youth will be hiding the eggs beginning at 9:30, and the actual hunt will begin at 10:00. In case of inclement weather, we will use the Fellowship Hall and Porch. Bring your own baskets.

Youth Ministry

Monthly Events

Bike Rides

On 1st Sundays of the month we meet at 2pm for group bike rides.

These usually last about 2 hours and will include a time to reflect on God and the world around us. Masks and helmets are required. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle and a small snack. Get on the day of text list for last minute changes by texting @STGBIKE to 81010.

If you would like to help chaperone this event or have any questions, please contact James Brown our Youth Program Director at jamesbrown@saintgiles.org.

Kickball

We will be playing Kickball with West Raleigh's Youth Group at Dorothea Dix Park at 2pm on April 18th. Bring a mask, a water bottle, sneakers, and a friend! Look for a sign up in your email to help keep track of who is coming and more info. Dorothea Dix Park is located at 2105 Umstead Dr, Raleigh, NC 27603

Youth Hike at Umstead

On Sunday, April 25th, We will be hiking the Potts Branch Trail in Umstead State Park. Meet at the parking lot at the end of the Glenwood Avenue Crabtree Creek Entrance - drive straight until you can't drive any further. The parking lot is on the left. Bring your mask, a water bottle, a good pair of hiking shoes, and a friend! Meet at 2pm.

Please make sure to have your Parental Consent and Release of Liability Forms ([available here](#)) filled out and turned into James.

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The Transition Team's Focused Event on St. Giles' Mission

When: Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 pm
Where: Outdoors at St. Giles OR Virtually thru Zoom
Who: All members

Dear Friends,

The Transition Team, under the leadership of our Interim Pastor Lance Perry, is collecting thoughts and ideas from the congregation. Our first focus area was Heritage; our legacy and traditions at Saint Giles. Our second focus area is Mission. Please join us as we talk about how we see St. Giles' mission going forward.

This time (weather permitting) we hope to offer two options for participation: A masked, socially-distanced in-person meeting outdoors on the church campus and a virtual meeting on Zoom. You should already have received your invitation. When you RSVP, please indicate whether we will see you virtually or in-person.

We look forward to your participation in this time of spiritual discernment and reflection in the life of our church.

Thank you,
The Transition Team
--Cindy Hemminger, Matt Morgan, Leslie Pressel, Caroline Tatum-Carter, and Erin Wilber

2021 Congregational Nominating Committee

The 2021 St Giles Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) has begun its work to call three elders to the class of 2024 for the Session.

We are seeking names of individuals to consider for the following Ministry Teams:

- Fellowship
- Congregational and Crisis Care
- Membership & Welcoming

Please send your suggestions to Jennifer Gospodarek at <jennifer@greyhouse.net> (or another member of the CNC) as soon as possible, as the committee is already at work.

Please pray for us as we go about the work of seeking elders for St. Giles Presbyterian Church. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any member of the CNC.

In Christ, Jennifer Gospodarek, Chair
Rita Hart, Bob Lindsay, Chris Maxwell, Sondra Nevitt, Karen Patterson

Saint Giles Book Group Meeting

The St. Giles Book Group will be discussing Educated by Tara Westover on Tuesday, April 20 at 12:30 via Zoom. If you wish to join us call Jean Smith.

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Habitat for Humanity

Have you been following the photos of progress on the home your donations and prayers are helping to build? Just since last month, Tenina's house now has a driveway and is painted! Some flooring still needs to be installed, but the house is coming along nicely. Stay tuned for details of a planned virtual dedication and blessing of the new home and family in May -- a celebration that will include all the churches in the local Presbyterian coalition who worked with Habitat for Humanity since fall to complete this home. We are hopeful that Habitat will again be able to use our volunteer labor on next fall's homebuilding, so contact Tom Augspurger (jillandtom@aol.com, 919-744-8510) if you would like to be more deeply involved with our Habitat partnership.



One Great Hour of Sharing

In the U.S., We the People of Detroit (WPD), a community-based grassroots organization that “aims to inform, educate, and empower Detroit residents on imperative issues surrounding civil rights, land, water, education and the democratic process,” is similarly strengthening its commitment to water justice and water access through the One Great Hour of Sharing and its Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) partner, Self-Development of People.

“We were immediately attracted to WPD because of the PMA’s Matthew 25 invitation, which calls us to serve the ‘least of these,’ in this case, those who are most affected by water shut-offs,” said the Rev. Alonzo Johnson, coordinator of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People. “Just imagine how you would survive during a pandemic without water to wash your hands. This organization is a good amalgam of community activists and scholars who work to educate and mobilize the residents of Detroit, especially those living in poverty — not only about water, but also other basic human needs and rights.”

-Presbyterian News Service - February 16, 2021

We will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please make a note with your offering in order to designate funds for this special offering from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Adult Christian Education Class

We join together via zoom every other Sunday morning at 9:00 am to discuss a TED.com talk. Our current theme is "Happiness." We visit and catch up on each other's news for the first 10 minutes, then lead with prayer, and discuss the TEDTalk that was announced earlier (viewed on your own). Discussions often diverge into other areas of concern and interest.

The next class is April 11, and the zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89656319586>

April 2021 Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

930amLenten Study
1030amChildren's Ministry Meeting
430pmGirl Scouts
7:00pmMaundy Thursday Worship Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER SUNDAY

730amSunrise Service
10amCoffee and Chat
1015amWorship
8pmAA

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Church Office Closed
8pmNA

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

1pmWorship Video Recording

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7amCentering Prayer
8pmAA

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

730pmTransition Team Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

915amAdult Sunday School
10amCoffee and Chat
1015amWorship
2pmTransition Team Event
8pmAA

MONDAY, APRIL 12

8pmNA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

1pmWorship Video Recording

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7amCentering Prayer
12pm Session Packet Deadline
8pmAA

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

430pmGirl Scouts
730pmTransition Team Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

10amCoffee and Chat
1015amWorship
2pmYouth Kickball
8pmAA

MONDAY, APRIL 19

7pmSession Meeting
8pmNA

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

1130amSt. Giles Book Group
1pmWorship Video Recording

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

7amCentering Prayer
12pm Newsletter Article Deadline
8pmAA

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

730pmTransition Team Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

915amAdult Sunday School
10amCoffee and Chat
1015amWorship
2pmYouth Hike at Umstead
8pmAA

MONDAY, APRIL 26

8pmNA

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

1pmWorship Video Recording

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

7amCentering Prayer
8pmAA

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

730pmTransition Team Meeting