



**SAINT GILES
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:30am Worship Service**

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We Gather as the Body

Prelude

Joyful is the Dark

Brian Wren

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Here in the woods, hidden under the leaves

Here in the woods, nestled among the trees

Here in the woods

Growing and transforming

With kids playing and choirs singing

With your children learning and healing

We come to pray and to praise

We come to reflect, to rest, and renew

We welcome, include, & affirm

A piece of God's Kingdom here in the woods.

***Hymn No. 336**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we long to boast of our openness yet we can't help but cast sideways glances, shift uncomfortably, or whisper to our friend when someone does or says something we don't understand. We praise you in our fullest capacity, aware that our capacity has changed from one minute to the next. We long to belong so much that we are afraid when what has offered us comfort, transforms to offer another person the same. Open our hearts God, to live an unsettled life in the woods until all are truly welcomed, included, and affirmed within your sanctuary both here in the woods and out in the world. Turn our words into actions that might shelter and nurture your children until the day when Christ comes again. We pray this and more in the name of our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing the Peace**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Response of Praise No. 634 To God Be the Glory** *(verse 1)* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Word Read & Proclaimed

Anthem This Joyful Eastertide arr. Vernon Hoyle

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Jeremiah 33: 1-9
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Time With Children

Scripture James 2: 1-9
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Message We... Welcome, Include & Affirm

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn No. 728 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'**

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from The Confession of Belhar)*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

***Please stand as you are able**

We Carry The Word Into the World

Invitation to Generosity

You are invited to place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed. For other ways to give, visit www.saintgiles.org/ways-to-give.

Offertory

*Doxology No. 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 769

For Everyone Born (vs 1, 3, 5)

FOREVERYONE BORN

*Charge & Benediction

*Alleluia No. 587

*Postlude

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

You are invited to greet your neighbor and share a sign of peace as you prepare to carry God's Word into the world.

***Please stand as you are able**

Assisting with Today's Service: Carolyn Grant

A Word of Welcome

If you are visiting with us this Sunday, we are so glad you are here!

If you are returning to worship with us after a time away, no matter how long or short, we are so glad you are here!

If you worship with us every single week, member or regular attendee, we are glad you are here!

We pray that this time of worship is a meaningful, uplifting, and challenging one and that you will leave this space having felt the love, grace, and call of God in your life. If you would like to speak with our pastor, please feel free to reach out to her via email (jordan@saintgiles.org).

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Carol Pope, brother-in-law

Terry Getzoff, uncle

New prayer concerns will remain listed in the bulletin for two weeks. For a full list of ongoing prayer concerns for members, family, & friends please refer to your monthly issue of "The Lantern" or contact the office.

Please continue to pray for these members:

Rodney Williams

John Fetvedt

Inez Ruchte

Chuck Nevitt

Iris Morris

Carolyn Memory

Pat Lindsay

Dan Grassi

Sandra Richbourg

Charolette Brown

Peggy Mcneill

Children in Worship

We welcome all ages to participate in our services! For babies, there is a staffed nursery or a rocking chair and baby care basket in the parlor at the back of the sanctuary to use if a quiet place is required. A greeter can direct you there or to the restroom with a changing table, if needed. Older children and their families are invited to enjoy our "Pray-Ground" space at the front of the sanctuary, where you will find a variety of activities centered around worship. A bathroom is located behind the sanctuary space, through the door by the "PrayGround". We are glad that your family has joined us for worship.

Announcements

Help Provide for our 60th Celebration!

If you would like to make a donation to help cover expenses, you may do so by check or online. If you would like to donate food for the reception, contact Jean Smith. Any help is appreciated.

Volunteer for our 60 Anniversary Saturday Celebration

Volunteer sign-ups are now live for our 60th celebration on Saturday! Let's work together to make this celebration a success. We'll need volunteers for staging on Friday and set-up, hosting, and clean-up on Saturday.

We're incredibly grateful for your time and willingness to contribute to making this celebration a memorable one. **Sign up here:** <https://saintgiles.org/60th-signup>

End of Life Pre-Planning Seminar

Tuesday, April 23 at 11:00am • Adult Center Parlor

Join us for a Preplanning Seminar hosted by Mitchell and Brown-Wynne Funeral Homes on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 11:00am. Discover valuable insights into preplanning for cremation, burial, and veteran benefits. Box lunches will be provided. Please RSVP to office@saintgiles.org if you're interested in attending. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare for the future.

Pasta and Game Night

Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30pm • Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars for Pasta & Game Night! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 24th for a delicious supper (pasta and salad) starting at 5:30 pm. After dinner, we'll get the games rolling with Bingo at around 6:00pm. Feel free to invite friends and family for a night of laughter, community, and friendly competition. To help cover costs, we kindly ask for a donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

New Members Information Session

Sunday, April 28 at 9:15am • Adult Center Parlor

Join us for a Saint Giles informational session on Sunday, April 28th, from 9:15am to 10:15am during the regular Sunday School hour. Discover more about our ministry and mission, participate in a Q&A session, and learn how you can become involved in our community. We look forward to your attendance and engagement! Additionally, if you're interested in joining our congregation as a member, we invite you to our worship service on Sunday, May 5th, which coincides with our 60th anniversary celebration. On that day, during the Sunday School hour, you'll have the opportunity to meet with our session to introduce yourself and be officially received as a member.

<https://www.saintgiles.org/new-member-form>

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, April 21

9:15am Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30am Worship
11:45am Staff Strategic Meeting
8:00pm AA

Monday, April 22

4:00pm Staff Meeting
8:00pm NA

Tuesday, April 23

11:00am Mitchell's Presentation (AC Parlor)
6:00pm Youth Team Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 24

7:00am Centering Prayer
5:30pm Pasta & Game Night
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 27

8:00pm AA

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Our Staff Team

Pastor/Head of Staff:

Rev. Jordan B. Davis (jordan@saintgiles.org)

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In-Person Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Pastor Jordan's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 3:30pm

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Leslie Pressel – Clerk of Session

Jean Smith – Fellowship

Scott Vollmer – Property

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