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SAINT GILES

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA —



Oak Park - Raleigh, NC

**Sunday, May 5
10:30am Worship Service**

Saint Giles Presbyterian Church

5101 OAK PARK ROAD RALEIGH, NC 27612

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We Gather as the Body

Prelude

Shout, Glory!

Hal Hopson

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Ed Johnson

Here in the woods, hidden under the leaves

Here in the woods, nestled among the trees

Here in the woods

Inviting, growing, and going

Welcoming, including, and affirming

Engaging and praising

We remember, we celebrate, we dream, we hope

We are a piece of God's Kingdom in the woods!

***Hymn No. 406**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Ed Johnson

***Prayer of Confession**

Creating and Living God, too often we limit ourselves to so much less than you have created us for. We fear we have been hidden away when in reality, we are living in sanctuary with your creation. We nestle down in the shade of the trees as the sounds of the world around us fade away, silence covering the continuing calls for help. Embolden us, empower us, strengthen us - breath new life into us - as we step forward, answering your call to share your life and love with your world. We pray this and more in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

The Word Read & Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Jim Hodge

Scripture

John 14: 15-21

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Time With Children

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn No. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (vs 1, 2)

MCKEE

Reception of New Members

Audrey Brown
 Brittainy & Clara Brown
 Peter Bulloch
 Lew & Tammy Ebert
 Kathleen Hemmingway
 Jamie, Scott, Margo, & Miles McQuiggan
 Dana Stone

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn No. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (vs 4, 5)

MCKEE

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ed Johnson

All are welcome at the Table. Please participate as you feel most comfortable. Our communion bread is gluten free. You are invited to eat the bread when you receive it. We will partake in the cup together, once all are served.

Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jim Hodge

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 our thanks and praise.

We open our hearts

to let all gifts flow through.*(The prayer continues...)*

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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Jordan Davis

Communion

Simple Gifts

Dave Smith, violin and Bob Lindsay, dulcimer

Prayer Following Communion

Rev. Ed Johnson

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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Dave Smith, soloist

Benjamin Harlan

*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

Creating and renewing God,

We celebrate and praise your Holy name as we gather in your kingdom ALIVE in the woods, today.

We give thanks for 60 years of ministry with you, receiving & sharing your peace with our neighbors.

For 60 years, our roots have reached deeper & further,

nurturing & strengthening the soil and your world.

Through Bible study and fellowship;

In music and mission;

Amid laughter and tears—

We have grown together, as your beloved children and the Body of Christ.

In Oak Park and Raleigh Gardens; in West Virginia, Baltimore, and Mexico—

In our homes all around the world – serving one another, feeding and being fed.

For all that has been,

For all who have led,

For all who have loved,

For all you have given - We give you thanks, enduring God.

Today, we come once more, just as we have for 60 years before, and we offer ourselves.

Our hearts, our lives, our resources

To do your work, both here in these woods and throughout your kingdom.

Receive all that we return to you now.

Strengthen & embolden us to follow your call as we seek to serve you

For (at least) 60 years more.

May all that we do be pleasing to you,

May all that we say be filled with your love.

We offer you everything in praise, celebrating that

Your trees still grow, the leaves still change, the soil still grows richer, the cycle still continues;

Your steadfast love remains forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs 1, 3,4)

NEW DIMENSIONS

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Jordan Davis

*Sending

Go in Peace

Children's Choir

Go now in peace, Go now in peace;
May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

***Postlude**

"Alleluia" from Exsultate, jubilate

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

*Assisting with Today's Service:
Rev. Ed Johnson, New Hope Presbytery's Stated Clerk
Rev. Jim Hodge, Pastor Emeritus
Rachel Taylor*

The flowers today are given to the glory of God for 60 years of ministry

This morning, we dedicate a new set of paraments, including a communion table runner, pulpit hanging, and stole, which celebrate the variety which the liturgical season of "common time" offers. On the communion table and stole, the different shades of leaves on the intermingled branches offer a reminder of the beauty of the woods in which we are worshipping and growing as well as the beautiful diversity which offers so much life to our congregation. On the pulpit, the cross brings our focus to who we are - the Body of Christ worshipping with one another. The silk and fabric for the leaves are each made out of reclaimed "good enough" fabric, giving new life to what was once thought of as "not enough". We give thanks to Anne Devlin, Peggy Forster, and Betty Fetvedt who collaborated in designing and creating these new paraments especially for our 60th anniversary!

A Word of Welcome

If you are visiting with us this morning, 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

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	Chuck Thomasson

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

Anniversary Reception after Worship Today

Following today's worship service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we close out our 60th Anniversary festivities. Enjoy refreshments, good company, and a memories table.

Scottish Mother's Day Tea

Celebrate Mother's Day in Scottish style! Join us for a delightful Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 12th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Scottish Cultural Organization of the Triangle (SCOT), this event promises an afternoon of Scottish flair and warm camaraderie.

Indulge in a variety of freshly brewed teas and homemade treats including tea sandwiches, Scotch eggs, scones, and gingerbreads. Also featuring bagpipes, tartans, and kilts to add to the festive atmosphere.

Pricing:

SCOT Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$20

Non-Members (with a year of SCOT membership): \$25

RSVP to hvbociek@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Pentecost Offering

Join us on May 19th as we collect our special Pentecost Offering. This offering unites us in supporting young people, encouraging them to share their faith and unique gifts with the world. A portion of the offering is designated for Wake Smiles. Learn more about their impactful work here: <https://wakesmiles.org>

Be on the lookout for info inserts in our upcoming services and the special offering envelopes.

Parking Lot Sale

Spring cleaning, decluttering? Donate your excess items or set up a table to sell your items (\$25 fee) at our parking lot sale on June 1, (8am-2pm). Missions is hosting the sale in the Saint Giles parking lot. Funds from donated items sold and set up fees will be used towards our July Trip for Mission. Donated items will be stored in the youth building from April 28 to June 1. Unsold items (excluding clothing) will be donated to Habitat for Humanity Restore. Unsold clothing items to be donated to North Raleigh Ministries. Contact Lynn Turner lynnturner941@gmail.com for details.

Sign up at: <https://saintgiles.org/yard-sale>

Photo Directory

On Sunday, June 9th, we're offering a photo session for anyone who hasn't had their picture taken yet for our directory, including new members. Photos will be taken before and after the church service. If you can't make it on June 9th, don't worry! There will be another opportunity in the fall. Please note, no retakes will be available.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/SGPCphotos>

Blessing Bags

Join us for Fifth Sunday Service Mission on June 30, 10:30-11:30am in Fellowship Hall. The congregation and friends will be filling over 200 blessing bags for those in need in the local Raleigh area and the Richmond Trip for Mission. Donated items in need include lotions, toothpaste, combs, socks, granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, beef sticks, fruit cups, bottles of water, wet wipes, ChapStick, band-aids, and tissues. Items to be placed in the bins in the back of the sanctuary.

Trip for Mission

Join our Mission team on a transformative journey to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA from July 24-27. This unique experience combines mission learning, service, worship, and spiritual growth. Explore how Union and local churches engage with those in need through the PCUSA Matthew 25 movement. Serve at Shalom Farms, a nonprofit fostering food justice in Richmond, and participate in worship and reflection at Union. Cost: \$150 covers transportation, accommodations, meals, and activities. Limited spots are available. Contact Lynn Turner lynnturner941@gmail.com for details.

Sign up at: <https://saintgiles.org/trip-for-mission>

Montreat Women's Conference

August 9-11, 2024 | \$500 (registration + housing)

Do you remember what it was like to be scooped up into a caregiver's lap and held tight with love? Our God holds us tight, even in the midst of all that life throws at us. "In the Arms of God," you'll have the chance to retreat from the day-to-day, take a deep breath of the Spirit, gather in community with other women of faith, and leave with a heart full of hope.

Women's Connection 2024 will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself; a time for space and Sabbath. As in years past, we will do this together through powerful and authentic worship led by women, space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest. Our hope is you will experience spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and discernment. All women are invited to register by May 15. Please direct questions to Susie Heath ish2@aol.com.

Sign up for the retreat here: <https://tinyurl.com/SGPCmontreat>

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, May 5

- 9:15am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 10:30am 60th Anniversary Worship Service
- 11:30am Reception
- 8:00pm AA

Monday, May 6

- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 8:00pm NA

Tuesday, May 7

- 11:30am Mission Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

Church Office Closed

- 7:00am Centering Prayer
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 9

- 8:00pm AA

Please note: Pastor Jordan will be out of the office May 6-10

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

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Pastor Jordan's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 3:30pm

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