



**SAINT GILES
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024
10:30am Worship Service**

*Our Easter Sunday bulletin formatted for digital devices.
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We Gather as the Body

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Sonata in F major: I. Vivace **Georg Philipp Telemann**

Erin Munnelly Dunning, flute

***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 birds singing, with squirrels chasing

With foxes running, with cats sunbathing

We come to pray and to praise

We come to reflect, to rest, and renew

We invite and we grow, We gather together

A piece of God's Kingdom here in the woods

***Hymn No. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, your children have gathered in your name far longer than sixty years. We have praised you and sought to share your love and grace since before Christ walked the earth. Even after his death and resurrection, though, our methods have not always been faithful. Our concern for wealth has overshadowed our invitation to love and our fear of failure has hidden the growth occurring despite us. Remain with us God, and pull us from our comfort. Walk with us God, as we move beyond the shelter of the trees. Guide us God, as we both invite and respond to invitations to grow as the vibrant body of Christ, living into this resurrection life. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing the Peace**

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

And also with you.

The Word Read & Proclaimed

Time With Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Thanks be to God

Anthem

People, Clap Your Hands!

arr. Robert J. Powell

Erin Munnelly Dunning, flute

Scripture

The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 5: 16-20

Thanks be to God

Message

We... Invite & Grow

As you reflect on the word read and proclaimed, you are invited to answer this question on the included slip of paper: *How are we inviting and growing as a vibrant community of faith?*

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn No. 69**

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

***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 Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Prayer of the People and 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.

***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

Fantasia: Adagio

Georg Philipp Telemann

*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. 258

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

DEO GRACIAS

*Charge & Benediction

*Alleluia No. 587

*Postlude

Sonata in F major: III. Allegro

Georg Philipp Telemann

Erin Munnelly Dunning, flute

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**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dave and Chris Gospodarek
in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary*

Assisting with Today's Service: Tansy Hayward

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

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

Let's Celebrate our 60th Anniversary Together!

Are you in communication with former or inactive members of Saint Giles? Invite them to join us for our 60th anniversary celebration!

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

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

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

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>

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.

Our Statement of Core Identity

We... Welcome, Include, & Affirm:

We are an open community of faith that believes in the transformative power of God.

We... Invite & Grow:

We invite others so we may all grow as a vibrant community of faith.

We... Engage:

We embrace a vision of discipleship where there's room for everyone to serve, give, and grow.

The Great Ends of the Church

1. The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind
2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.
3. The maintenance of divine worship.
4. The preservation of the truth.
5. The promotion of social righteousness.
6. The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:15am Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30am Worship
8:00pm AA

Monday, April 15

4:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Session Meeting
8:00pm NA

Tuesday, April 16

12:30pm Book Group (zoom)

Wednesday, April 17

Newsletter Submission Deadline
7:00am Centering Prayer
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 20

8:00pm AA

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

Lynn Turner—Missions

Cindy Hemminger—Adult Education

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