

The Bells of St. Giles



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

St. Giles
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Submitted by Fr. Tom; an excerpt from Reclaimingjesus.org:

Lent 2020: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance Leading to Action

We can no longer pretend otherwise: The United States is in the midst of a struggle for its very soul. Are we merely collections of self-interest and partisan identities or are we “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all?”

This is a moment of spiritual peril and decision. Nothing less than the soul of our nation is at stake.

On one level, the outward and visible form of the divisions and tensions among us as a nation are political, social, and even ideological. Yet, the deeper and invisible causes are spiritual and moral. When selfishness is exalted above sacrifice for the good of each other, the soul of the nation is at stake. When falsehood is exalted and truth is slain in the public square, the soul of the nation is at stake. When toxic politics manipulates public faith, the soul of the nation is at stake. When fear, hate, and violence shape our politics and anger governs our speech, the soul of the nation is at stake.

In another time of national spiritual crisis, President Abraham Lincoln issued an appeal to leaders and people of the nation to summon “the better angels of our nature.” As elders in the churches, we believe that we are in a spiritual battle between our better angels and worst demons.

Now is not a time for the politics of the right or the left. Now is a time for deeper spiritual engagement with the realities that are beneath our conflicts in order that God might help and heal the “soul of the nation and the integrity of our faith”. Lent is traditionally a time for deeper soul searching, reflection, and repentance that leads to renewed action and commitment to living out the teachings and the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

As elders who have called the church to reclaim Jesus, we now issue “Lent 2020: A Call for Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance that Leads to Action.”

We invite individuals, clergy, national churches, and local congregations into a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance built around practices of daily prayer, weekly fasting, and reflection with spiritual discernment that can lead to more faithful action.

Prayer

Prayer calls us to give up control.

We pray to return to God’s two commandments on which hang all the law — to love God and love our neighbor.

“Love God with your whole heart, whole soul, and whole mind” — which means to repent and remove any national, racial, or political ideologies and idolatries that have replaced loving God with our whole selves.

“And love your neighbor as yourself” — which means to love all our neighbors that we have forgotten to love (no exceptions), including those who are different from us, who disagree with us, and, especially, those of another race or nationality whom we are directly instructed to love by the words and example of Jesus.

And we should also reach out, in particular, to those who are different from us or disagree with us politically, even in our same congregations and local communities.

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Choral Eucharist - 10:15 AM

2nd Sundays of the Month

Community Breakfast - 9 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)

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Monday: Office closed
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: Office closed

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The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee,
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Vestry

James Brooks, Sr. Warden
Kay Okoli, Jr. Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Ted Chabreja
John Hanzel
Glenn Hunt
Lewis Kirkwood
William Perley

Jocelyn Turner, Clerk
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
Ned Libby, Bookkeeper
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz

Communications - John Hanzel

Fundraising - Huw Williams

Green - James Brooks

Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt

Newcomers - George Miller

Pastoral Care - Leslie Ruttenberg

Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

Staff

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Priest-in-charge

The Rev. Charles Hensel
Assisting Priest

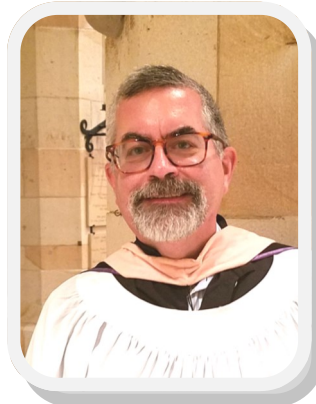
Jim Brown
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Parish Administrator
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~Parish Profiles~

(Interviewed by Jim Brooks)

Meet James R. Brown ("I feel good!")



My tenure as music director at St. Giles began in October 1985, so I have been attending St. Giles for a while now. When I applied for the position I was hired by Father Jay Risk, and I was pleased to join this congregation with an excellent rector and people who care about music and the liturgy. I also have been very gratified to play the Wolff organ, a beautifully crafted instrument that I helped to design specifically for the St. Giles space (all church organs are custom-built for the various buildings).

I've mentioned a couple of things I like about St. Giles, and I'll add that I also like the good spirit of the people and their interest in the liturgy. These are interesting people who love music and worshipping together.

I love playing the organ because I have always loved playing, and the Wolff organ is such a pleasure to play. A couple of favorite composers of mine are Bach and Durufle. I can't choose just one hymn as a favorite because there are so many beautiful hymns.

Three items you may always find inside my fridge include:

1. Fresh blueberries
2. Yogurt
3. Two-percent milk

A few "fun facts" about me are:

- I like to cook
- I enjoy traveling
- I love living in Chicago because of its energy, concerts and huge mix of people

My education includes a B.M. in organ performance from Oberlin Conservatory of Music and an M.M. in organ performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. I have had a satisfying musical career as Applied Artist, Organ & Harpsichord; Coordinator of Graduate Studies & Undergraduate Advising, School of Music at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb; Organ & Harpsichord Teacher at the Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston.

One "secret from the choir loft" I will share is that, "The choir is perfectly behaved and they follow every gesture I give them."

Come talk to me if you have any questions about the choir or church music or the liturgy. Our choir rehearses on Thursday nights and before Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Nancy Schultz
- 6 Tracey Solano
- 14 Cameron Carlson
- 15 Harrison Solano
- 18 John Hanzel
- 20 Nancy Stoddard



March Lectionary Readings

March 1—1 Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 32

March 8—2 Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Psalm 121

March 15—3 Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Psalm 95

March 22—4 Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Psalm 23

March 29—5 Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

Please NOTE:

The Sunday morning 9:00 am program in Lent on Racism has been redesigned as a sermon series during our worship.

In addition, please note that during Lent the altar party will enter in silence and our liturgy will open with the Penitential Order.

“Spring Forward” on March 8!

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in Lent, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before retiring on March 7! And then, come join us for...

Second Sunday Community Breakfast, March 8:

9–10:00 a.m. in the undercroft;

Free and open to all!

Join us for food, conversation, and fun.

Eggs, casseroles, fruits, and baked goods will be there.

“Men’s Night Out” is Tuesday, March 10:

All St. Giles men, and their male friends and family, are invited to Grandpa’s in Glenview, at 7:00 pm, for Men’s Night Out.

Grandpa’s is at 1868 Prairie St., across from the downtown train station.

To arrange transportation, contact Bill Perley, 847-272-6114.



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Fasting

Fasting calls us to redirect our attention.

We will fast according to our health, situation, and communities on Wednesdays beginning with Ash Wednesday. Fasting weekly can help us to stop, pay attention, wake up, interrupt our schedules, go deeper, and listen for God and the Holy Spirit in ways that might lead us to new places in our hearts and minds. This weekly fast will begin in Lent and could continue until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Repentance

Repentance calls us to change our hearts.

Repentance in all of our traditions means much more than shame or guilt and feeling sorry; it means to stop, turn around, and go in a whole new direction. These spiritual disciplines could help take us out of our strategies and control —by admitting that we don't have all the answers — and to go deeper together to hear the voice of God, often in the still, small whispers of the Spirit, leading us to better places.

Action

We confess that as church elders who have often engaged in action, we are not fully sure what to do in the growing national crisis in which we now find ourselves. We therefore hope that the disciplines of daily prayer and weekly fasting will draw all of us to the decisive, prophetic, and reconciling actions required in this time of great crisis. Because, as the New Testament teaches us, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

Through praying and fasting together, particularly with people who disagree politically, we hope to find actions that might bring more people together — even across the margins of previous voting blocs — so that we can find and pursue what is best for the country.

Regular spiritual disciplines can deepen our faith, inform our citizenship decisions, and lead us to find the courage to stand up for the most vulnerable and, if need be, to protect our very democracy.

We see this Lenten call to fast, pray, and repent as a time of purification for ourselves and as a time of preparation and expectation for the kinds of action that can lead us forward instead of backward. How can we anchor ourselves in the kind of love that is not safe, but saving?

Going to God

Going to God means tuning out the constant tumult crowding our heads in order to tune our hearts to quieter voices revealing God's holy intentions for this time.

As U.S. church elders, we confess that we don't consult with God seriously and frequently enough. This Lenten call and these spiritual disciplines are meant to take us to God with regularity during this time of national and faith crisis. Regular conversation with God can be transforming in any culture and especially those in crisis — and it can lead to better conversation with each other. We must go to God with choices and decisions that are political, social, racial, and economic — these are not just personal decisions.

In a time of moral, political, and theological crisis, let us go to God.

Signed:

Bishop Carroll Baltimore Bishop Global Alliance Interfaith Networks

Dr. Amos Brown, Chair, Social Justice Commission, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary

Rev. Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Marie Dennis, Senior Advisor/Co-President (2007-2019), Pax Christi International

Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, General Secretary Emeritus, Reformed Church in America

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm, Retired General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dr. Otis Moss Jr., Pastor Emeritus, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church

Senior Bishop Lawrence Reddick, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Fr. Richard Rohr, Founder, Center for Action and Contemplation

Dr. Ron Sider, President Emeritus, Evangelicals for Social Action

Rev. Jim Wallis, President and Founder, Sojourners

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Minister, Bethany Memorial Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Co-Convenor, National African American Clergy Network

Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo, Co-Founder, Red Letter Christians

Dr. Will Willimon, Professor, Duke Divinity School and Bishop (retired), United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. James Forbes, President & Founder, Healing of the Nations Foundation and Preaching Professor, Union Theological Seminary



Senior Warden's Report

Greetings All Saint Gileans,

I apologize for not submitting a report for the February Bells. I have to attribute my lapse to "warden fatigue." We had an informative annual meeting, at which Gloriann answered clarifying questions about our 2020 budget. We also engaged in a bit of "bylaws-bending" because our pool of prospective Vestry members is rather modest.

The Vestry is delighted to welcome Ellie Bonebrake as a new, three-year term member. We are also welcoming the return of John Hanzel for at least another year, and Bill Perley for a three-year term. Kay has agreed to serve another year as our junior warden, thereby permitting me to extend my tenure as senior warden for another year.

We felt that for the sake of continuity during this period of transition it might be beneficial to the parish and our new rector for most of our team to remain in place.

Naturally, we hope that when any parishioner has a concern, they will bring it to our attention as well as to Father Tom's. We are all working together to make this transition as smooth and open and healthy as possible.

In February, the Vestry met with the Search Committee to discuss and develop a job description for our next rector.

Our ministry teams will meet soon to discuss plans and goals for the year ahead. If anybody would like to join any (or all) of these teams, please contact these leaders:

Social Justice Team: Jocelyn Turner
Hospitality Team: Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
Fund Raising Team: Huw Williams
Buildings/Grounds Team: Bob Schultz
Pastoral Care Team: Ellie Bonebrake
Communications: John Hanzel
Green Team: Jim Brooks

Evensong will be held February 23. I feel confident our music director and our well-disciplined choir will provide beautiful music to our ears.

Everyone is invited to our regular Vestry meetings, held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Also, please talk with Vestry members about any issues or concerns you may have regarding our amazing parish.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Brooks, Senior Warden*

Feeling Green? Plant with Us in Our Community Garden

Spring will arrive this year, eventually, and what better way to celebrate this welcome event than to join us in the St. Giles Community Garden of Feedin'?

If you feel like "playing in the dirt" and growing your own fresh produce, please contact James Brooks at 847-480-7621 for more information.

We have been growing in the St. Giles yard since 2009, and every year brings new and exciting developments. Gardeners are always trying new plants and earthly projects. We donate 10 percent of what we grow to the Northfield Food Pantry, and we ask every gardener to pitch in and help maintain the garden grounds.

If you want to grow more produce than your garden at home can produce, or if you simply want to enjoy working with other gardeners, join us for bushels of fun in the garden!

Submitted by John Hanzel



*The
Annual
Meeting,
January 26,
2020*





ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MARCH

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 1 Lent 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist | 2 Office Closed | 3 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM | 4 Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM | 5 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM | 6 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | 7 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
| 8 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> 2 Lent 9 AM: Community Breakfast 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist | 9 Office Closed | 10 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM <i>7 PM—Men's Night Out (at Grandpa's in Glenview)</i> | 11 Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM | 12 Yoga Class 9 AM Sassy Stitchers 9:30–12:30 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM | 13 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | 14 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
| 15 3 Lent Healing/Anointing 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist <i>April Bells submissions due</i> | 16 Office Closed | 17 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM <i>7 PM—Vestry Mtg.</i> | 18 Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM | 19 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM | 20 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | 21 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
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| 29 5 Lent 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist | 30 Office Closed | 31 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM | Sundays: <i>Tree of Life Community Church uses the church 12:30–3:30 p.m.</i> <i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 4:00–6:00 p.m.</i> | | | |



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Time-Sensitive Material



On February 13, 2020, the Glenbrook October 2019 **CROP Hunger Walk** presented checks to Hunger Resource network (\$1691), West Deerfield Township Food Pantry (\$767) and Northfield Township Food Pantry (\$6088) at the Northfield Township Food Pantry. The October 2019 Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk, hosted by the Northfield Community Church, raised \$35,000 to fight hunger around the world, and 25% of the amount raised went to local hunger relief agencies.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held across the United States raising funds to support the global mission of **Church World Service**, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

The 2020 Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk will be hosted by Saint David's Episcopal Church, 2410 Glenview Road in Glenview, on October 18th. More information about CWS and CROP Hunger Walks, and how you can help to eradicate hunger and poverty locally and around the world, can be found here: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/Static/About-Us>

For more about Glenbrook CROP Walk success, contact George Miller (847-441-3686; George.Miller@ms.com).

Pictured, left to right: Dan Jariabka, President & Founder of the Hunger Resource Network; George Miller, Glenbrook Coordinator, St. Giles Episcopal Church, Northbrook; Jim Hutten, Northfield Community Church, Northfield; Shelley Phillips, Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk volunteer; Jill Rosen, West Deerfield Township Food Pantry; The Rev. Susan Sommer, Rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, Glenview; Peter Greulich, Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk volunteer; Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Food Pantry Supervisor; Kevin Berry, Northfield Township Food Pantry Coordinator