

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 07, 2021
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Greeting and Welcome

We welcome to our service today the members of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, their friends and family. St Giles is particularly grateful to those who will be participating in the service. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God. Please join us downstairs for coffee and goodies after the service!

There are large print hymn books and large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and a properly-appointed washroom.

A Note on Our Worship

** means please stand if you are able

Forward in Faith — Our Vision

St Giles Presbyterian Church seeks to be a welcoming, fully-alive faith community, which shares Christ's vision for the world and responds in a Christ-like manner to the present-day challenges of our society and world in partnership with all who seek to make Christ's vision for the world a present reality.

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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord,

All: For God keeps faith with us forever.

One: Praise our God who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: We will worship the Lord who lifts up those who are bowed down, and supports the orphan and widow.

One: God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord and seek to honour God with our lives.

****Hymn: O God, our help in ages past 330 vs 1, 2, 4, 6**

- 1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**
- 2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**
- 4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**
- 6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of justice and peace, we gather at this solemn time of year, aware of the costliness of human history. In the face of hostility between nations and neighbours, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peacemakers. In this time of worship, renew in us the hope that you will turn swords into ploughshares, and lead the world you love away from the study of war to the promise of peace with justice for all your peoples.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations. Threats of violence keep us all on edge. We confess we have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us and lead us in a better way.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Friends, through God's mercy, our sin is forgiven. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." **And also with you.**

An Act of Remembrance

****Hymn: O Canada**

800 vs. 1

- O Canada our home and native land,
true patriot love in all our hearts command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
the true north strong and free,
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

Introduction

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. As we humble ourselves in God's presence, and make solemn remembrance of the great things that have been done for us, we earnestly seek God's mercy and grace.

Once more, we pause to remember the eleven members of St Giles who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War 2. They rest peacefully from Berlin across Europe to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean.

Let us remember also those who have given their lives in our country's duty of peacekeeping and peacemaking, including the recent UN missions in Mali and Haiti. Let us not forget those who served in the NATO mission in Afghanistan, the one hundred and fifty eight Canadian Armed Forces members who had perished, many more wounded, and those who still suffer the effects of PTSD.

May we ever pray — Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.
Lest we forget; lest we forget.

Zion Church, World War 1

Alexis Helmer, Canadian Expeditionary Force, aged 23
Foster MacFarland, Canadian Expeditionary Force, unknown
Herbert Scott, Canadian Expeditionary Force, aged 30
Arthur Wilson, Canadian Expeditionary Force, aged 22

St Giles World War 2

Frank Cran, Army, aged 27.
Edward Flanagan, Army, aged 23.
Boyce Laidlaw, Army, aged 38.
Ian MacDonald, Air Force, aged 19.
Neil Macdonald, Army, aged 25.
James Millar, Navy, aged 18.
William Morrison, Air Force, aged 20.
Charles Olmstead, Air Force, aged 24.
Gordon Presland, Air Force, aged 29
Fern Stewart, Army, aged 31
Arnold Waterson, Air Force, aged 23

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Response: **We will remember them.**

**Last Post

***Silence*

**Lament

**Reveille

**God save our gracious Queen; long live our noble Queen;
God save the Queen:
send her victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us: God save the Queen.**

Scripture

First Reading Deuteronomy 20:1–9

When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots, an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. Before you engage in battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the troops, and shall say to them: "Hear, O Israel! Today you are drawing near to do battle against your enemies. Do not lose heart, or be afraid, or panic, or be in dread of them; for it is the Lord your God who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to give you victory." Then the officials shall address the troops, saying, "Has anyone built a new house but not dedicated it? He should go back to his house, or he might die in the battle and another dedicate it. Has anyone planted a vineyard but not yet enjoyed its fruit? He should go back to his house, or he might die in the battle and another be first to enjoy its fruit. Has anyone become engaged to a woman but not yet married her? He should go back to his house, or he might die in the battle and another marry her." The officials shall continue to address the troops, saying, "Is anyone afraid or disheartened? He should go back to his house, or he might cause the heart of his comrades to melt like his own." When the officials have finished addressing the troops, then the commanders shall take charge of them.

Psalm 77:1–15 (with refrain 1)



I cry aloud to God,
aloud, that God may hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without
wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I think of God, and I moan;
I meditate, and my spirit faints.

**You keep my eyelids from closing;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

I consider the days of old,
and remember the years of long ago.

**I commune with my heart in the night;
I meditate and search my spirit:**

“Will the Lord spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?

**Has God’s steadfast love ceased forever?
Are the Lord’s promises at an end for all time?**

**Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has the Lord in anger shut up his compassion?”**

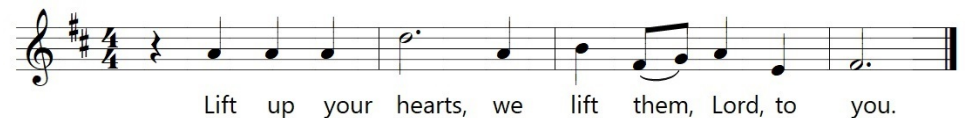
**And I say, “It is my grief
that the right hand of the Most High has
changed.”**

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;
I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy.

**What god is so great as our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the
peoples.
With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**



Second Reading 2 Peter 1:12–15; 3:1–2

Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour spoken through your apostles.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Remind, Recall, and Remember

Confessional Response: Living Faith 8.5.1–3

Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls his followers to seek peace in the world.

We know that nations have fought in self-defense and that war, at times, may be unavoidable. But the tragic evil that comes with war, the slaughter of men, women, and children must rouse us to work for peace.

We protest against the world arms race that diminishes our ability to fight hunger, ignorance, poverty and disease. We affirm that God is at work when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice. We pray for peace to him who is the Prince of Peace.

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: For the healing of the nations** 736

1. **For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

2. **Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

3. **All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned,
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

4. **You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: Blest are they** 624

1. **Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.**

Refrain

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. *Refrain***

3. **Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God! *Refrain***
4. **Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain***
5. **Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad — yours is the kingdom —
shine for all to see. *Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude *The Regimental March*

Our thanks to:
LCol Gord Scharf, CO of the Regiment
Jeffrey Hill, President of the Regimental Association
piper Cpl. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock
bugler MCpl Peter Limeburner

Events

Monday, November 8 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour will meet by teleconference.

Friday, November 12 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues the study of the Aprocryphal books.
Please read 1 Maccabees 7. We meet by teleconference.

Sunday, November 28 ~ Advent Begins

Sunday, December 12 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion

Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study:

1. Before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. Enter the passcode number which is 7455703#.
3. Make sure to press the # after the number.
4. You will be asked to say your name. Say it. Then press #.
5. You will then be connected.
6. You may find it preferable to put your phone on speaker.

St Giles's Connection to John McCrae

In the Cushman Memorial Church remembrance area at the back of the sanctuary is an Honour Roll from Zion Presbyterian Church, Hull.



Zion's wooden church was built in 1872. In 1924, it was replaced by Cushman Memorial Church.

On the Honour Roll, you will notice that the first name is Alexis Helmer. Lieutenant Helmer "was killed at Ypres on May 2, 1915 at the age of 22. According to a witness, Helmer's friend Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, began writing his iconic poem, *In Flanders Fields*, in an attempt to compose himself following the burial." *



Alexis Helmer



John McCrae

*Fighting in Flanders: Gas. Mud. Memory by Mélanie Morin-Pelletier

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Duke of Edinburgh's Own)

We welcome this morning members of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, their families and friends.

The relationship between the Regiment and St Giles is long-standing, going back to the 1930s. The Rev. Dr John Logan-Vencta was minister at St Giles for 39 years and Chaplain of the Regiment for 28 years. The Regiment's colours were laid up at St Giles during World War II. The colours were reclaimed by the Regiment in May 1947. When the Queen presented new Colours in 1967, the former Queen's and Regimental Colours were paraded to St Giles where they hang in the sanctuary today.

We thank all Camerons who participated in the service today.

We thank LCol Gord Scharf, Commanding Officer of the Regiment and Jeffery Hill, President of the Regimental Association, for being our readers. We also thank bugler MCpl Peter Limeburner, and piper Cpl. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock of the Cameron Highlanders for participating in the Act of Remembrance.

