

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 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.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

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Prelude *Coronach (Highland Lament)* by Edgar Barratt  
(arr. for organ by A. Eaglefield Hull)

Call to Worship

One: On this day of remembrance, we gather to sing and to pray;

**All: We remember the past and look to the future.**

One: On this day when the guns and canons fell silent,

**All: We come before you, God, seeking your peace.**

One: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**All: We come before you, God, believing in your promise.**

One: Let us worship God together, in peace

**\*\*Hymn: When long before time 295**

- 1. When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream...**
- 2. ... the silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**
- 3. The sounds of the creatures with were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song;  
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.**
- 4. Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:  
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.**
- 5. The Light has returned as it came once before;  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;**

**so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.**

- 6. To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we gather in your presence at this solemn time, aware of how much war has cost the world you love. In spite of fighting between nations and neighbours, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peace makers. In this time of worship, renew in us the hope that you will turn our swords into ploughshares, and lead the world from the study of war to the promise of peace with justice for all your peoples.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Countries turn arguments over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. Forgive us for not learning from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who turn away from hostility and seek reconciliation in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. 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 four member of Zion who died in World War 1, and 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 remember also 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. Let us not forget the bravery of those CAF members who, during the height of COVID-19 pandemic, were deployed to long-term care facilities in Quebec and Ontario, and assisted numerous Indigenous communities and isolated communities in Canada's north.

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

#### The Roll of Honour

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**

Zion Church, World War 1 \*\*\*

Alexis Helmer, Army, aged 23  
Foster MacFarland, Air Force, aged 21  
Herbert Scott, Army, aged 30  
Arthur Wilson, Army, 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

\*\*Last Post

\*\*Silence

\*\*Lament

\*\*Reveille

**\*\*Hymn: God save our gracious King**

**834**

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

Scripture

First Reading Haggai 2:1–9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the

people, and say: Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

Psalm 17:1–9 (with refrain 1)\*\*\*



Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
**give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.**  
From you let my vindication come;  
**let your eyes see the right.**  
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my  
mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do,  
I have avoided the ways of the violent,  
by the word of your lips  
My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.**

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.

**Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O saviour of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
from the wicked who despoil me,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading 1 John 2: 7-17

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates a brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,  
because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,  
because you are strong  
and the word of God abides in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world, for all that is in the world — the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches — comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God abide forever.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Greater than the former

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.

**\*\*Hymn: I vow to thee, my country** (by Cecil Spring-Rice)

1. I vow to thee, my country,  
all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
the service of my love,  
the love that asks no questions,  
the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar  
the dearest and the best,  
the love that never falters,  
the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted,  
the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country  
I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her,  
most great to them that know,  
we may not count her armies,  
we may not see her King,  
her fortress is a faithful heart,  
her pride is suffering,  
and soul by soul and silently  
her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness  
and all her paths are peace.

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering (invitation)

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

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn: Onward to the Kingdom** (tune, Mairi's Wedding)

*Refrain*

**Sing we now, and on we go;  
God above, and God below;  
Arm in arm, in love we go  
onward to the kingdom.**

1. Star above to show the way,  
through the night and into day,  
with the light we won't delay  
onward to the kingdom. *Refrain*
2. Come now sisters, brothers all.  
Time to heed the Lord's call,  
we will travel standing tall  
onward to the kingdom. *Refrain*
3. In the promised land we'll be,  
one with God, where all are free,  
the deaf will hear, the blind will see  
when we reach the kingdom. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude "The Dark Island"

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

### **Coffee Hour**

We are looking for more volunteers to serve at the coffee hour after Sunday worship. For more details, please contact Kaye Tate at 613-521-5625.

### **Baptism / Confirmation / Reception of New Members**

There is something special about being baptized into the Christian faith during the season of Advent and Christmas. If you wish to know more about the services of baptism and confirmation or how to become a member of St. Giles, please contact Rev. Paul Wu. At 613-276-2551, or [paulwu55@yahoo.ca](mailto:paulwu55@yahoo.ca)

### **Our Events**

**Monday, November 7 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour** by teleconference.

**Thursday, November 10 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice**

**Friday, November 11 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bible Study**, please read Ezekiel chapters 8 to 10.

**Saturday, December 3 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Presbyterian Women are organizing a **Food Bazaar**. All things sold will be food or items pertaining to food. There will be a bake table, deli, coffee and muffin corner, food gifts, and a table of donated baking utensils and cookbooks. We will be needing many **helpers** to work the tables and provide security, set-up and clean-up. Most of all we would love your baking, cooking, preserves, and baking utensils you could provide...also decorating and some signs. For other information please ask any of the women. Let's make a wonderful bazaar with help from the whole church family.

Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

For your information, the Financial Statements for the first three quarters of 2022 are available on St Giles's website.

### **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 Drum Major Peter Limeburner, and piper MCpl. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock of the Cameron Highlanders for participating in the Act of Remembrance.

