

St Giles Presbyterian Church

Remembrance Sunday



November 5, 2023

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. Leading in worship is our minister the Rev. Paul Wu. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God. Printed sermon texts and bulletins are available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and an accessible washroom.

A Note on Our Worship

The symbol ** 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.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. The Algonquin peoples have lived on this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

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Prelude: The War Memorial by Martha Hill Duncan

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us bless the Lord at all times;

All: God's praise will always be on our lips.

One: Magnify the Lord in all ways;

All: We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.

One: God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.

All: May they lead us into your holy presence.

****Hymn:** O God, our help in ages past

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of might and mercy, we come to worship you this day, proclaiming your power and your promise in a world where many things keep us on edge. We proclaim your power to defeat forces that work against your hope for the world. We proclaim your love that cracks open our hearts and draws us to you and to one another. We proclaim your promise in Jesus Christ that nothing can separate from your love. Strengthen our desire to live out our trust in you in friendship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is broken and heartbreaking. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. We have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours.

The 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, for ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The Apostle Paul declared: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. That indeed is good news!

An Act of Remembrance

****Hymn:** O Canada

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**O Canada our home and native land,
true patriot love in all of us 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 members 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. 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 remember 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.

Let us not forget CAF members who are currently deployed through Operation Unifier, a military training and capacity building mission in support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Through this mission, over 39,000 Ukrainian military and security personnel have been trained, thus sustaining the country's ability to defend itself during their current conflict.

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

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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 Micah 3:5–12

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry "Peace"

when they have something to eat
but declare war against those
who put nothing into their mouths.

Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without revelation.

The sun shall go down upon the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;

the seers shall be disgraced
and the diviners put to shame;

they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.

But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the Lord,

and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,

who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,
who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!

Its rulers give judgment for a bribe;
its priests teach for a price;
its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the Lord and say,
"Surely the Lord is with us!
No harm shall come upon us."
Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the temple a wooded height.

Psalms 43 (with refrain 1 of Psalm 42)

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust,
deliver me!

**For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?**

**Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?**

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

**Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

Second Reading: Matthew 23:1–12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Costly Peace

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Help us to help each other, Lord

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Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering (invitation)

Doxology

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**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 by David Haas
(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

Our thanks to:

LCol Gord Scharf, CO of the Regiment
Jeff Hill, President of the Regimental Association
Pipe Major Sgt. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock and
bugler Drum Major Sgt. Peter Limeburner

St Giles Events

Monday, November 06 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Wednesday, November 08 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Group (Lectio Divina) will be meeting in person at St Giles. All are welcome

Thursday, November 09 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, November 09 ~ 3:30 p.m.

Finance and Maintenance Committee meeting in person

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

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Job (40:6 – 42:6)



Food Fayre

First notice: St Giles' Food Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 18. Please reserve that date and help in any way you can. We need volunteers for the bake table, deli, preserves, coffee bar, advertising, greeters, and elevator guides. Watch for updates in the up coming bulletins.

Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

St. Giles Mission Committee needs members

Mission in all its forms is an integral part of who we are as a congregation. We are looking for new members to join this committee to help us promote mission.

If you are interested, please contact Stan Currie, 613-233-0538 or by email at scurrie@ncf.ca

Choir

St. Giles Church has history of choral singing and is blessed with a dedicated choir. Why do we sing? Singing is a very healthy activity. As one organist/choir director said, 'Music takes us beyond the words.' It is spiritual. The fun and friendships that comes from this are God's gift.



Come out to rehearsal and give it a try.

You can speak to me, Heather Rice at coffee hour or use my email: gowans978@gmail.com. Soli Deo Gloria

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 today. We also thank Pipe Major Sgt. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock for being our piper. We appreciate Drum Major Sgt. Peter Limeburner for his recording of the bugle component in the Act of Remembrance.

