

St Giles Presbyterian Church

Remembrance Sunday



November 10, 2024

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: Coronach

by Edgar Barratt
(Highland Lament)

Welcome

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:** O God, our help in ages past

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Children's Story

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 peace makers. 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 making war for pride or profit. By the power of your Spirit, renew your promise of peace with justice for all your peoples.

Unison Prayer of Confession

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

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

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 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 remember 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.

Let us not forget CAF members who are currently deployed through Operation LIMPID, which detects threats to Canada's security, over air, maritime, land space and cyber domains; and Operation NANOOK which conduct sovereignty patrol and security exercises in the high Arctic.

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 Genesis 8:1–5; 9:12–16

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated, and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the

covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 77:5–11 *(with refrain 1)*

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 favourable?

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 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: Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Let there be light **727**

Sermon God Remembers

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** O day of peace that dimly shines **732**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering (invitation)

Doxology **830**

**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 by Pipe Major Sgt. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock



St Giles Events

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

Coffee Hour by teleconference.

Thursday, November 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, November 15 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of Proverbs 8, 9,
Theme: The Call of Lady Wisdom

Christmas Concert, Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Pipes and Drums of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa will be presenting their annual concert at St. Giles on Friday December 6. This is a benefit event in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. More details will follow.

Christmas Fayre

First notice: St Giles' Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 30. Please reserve that date and help in any way you can. We need volunteers. Watch for updates in the upcoming bulletins. Thanks to all, Kaye Tate 613-521-5625

Face to Face - Presbytery of Ottawa Youth Event

Join us at St. Paul's Church, Ottawa on Friday, November 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. for a Presbytery Youth Event. Youth grades 6-12 (with a leader) are invited to an in-person presbytery-wide youth event at St. Paul's Church at 971 Woodroffe Ave. The event will consist of icebreakers, worship, group activities, and a guided conversation and prayer. This event is a chance for the youth to get to know one another better and build a community within the presbytery. If you have questions, please contact our Presbytery Animator, Sunjay Henry at prezminanimator@gmail.com or 613-407-8075.

Youth Leaders Dinner

Youth Leaders (workers and volunteers) are invited to a Pizza Dinner, hosted by the Presbytery Ministry Animator, also on Friday, November 29th, at 6 p.m. Come to be fed, encouraged and supported in your ministry, and to meet other youth leaders.

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 Lt. Darrell Hill, Platoon Commander, and James Seguin, President of the Regimental Association, for being our readers today.

We also thank Pipe Major Sgt. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock for being our piper and Drum, Major Sgt. Peter Limeburner for being our bugler and participating in the Act of Remembrance.

