

St Giles Presbyterian Church

Remembrance Sunday



November 09, 2025

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Greeting and Welcome

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. There are sermon texts available. Please speak with an usher, if you have any questions. 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.

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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.

Prelude: Coronach

by Edgar Barratt
(Highland Lament)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: On this day of memories, 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:** Christ is made the sure foundation

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Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God, our Creator and Redeemer, 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

God of mercy, 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 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 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. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **Amen.**

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 the First World War, and the eleven members of St Giles who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Second World War. 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 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.

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 46,000 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 those who are also currently deployed through Operation Reassurance, through which the CAF contributes to NATO deterrence and defence measures in Central and Eastern Europe, a commitment that was recently renewed for three more years.

Let us remember those CAF members who responded to forest fires, floods and natural disasters in Canada. Let us not forget those who continue to keep our country safe by keeping routine watch over Canada's air, maritime, land, space and cyber domain.

May we ever pray — Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.

Response: **Lest we forget; lest we forget.**

The Roll of Honour

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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 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 splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor 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 145:1–5, 17-21 (with refrain 2)

Sung Refrain: **Sing praise and bless the Lord,
Sing praise and bless the Lord,
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! (repeat)**

I will praise you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All the ways of the Lord are just;
all the doings of the Lord are kind.

**The Lord is near to all who call,
to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

**The Lord fulfills the desire of
all who show reverence,
and hears their cry, and saves them.**

All who love the Lord preserves,
all the wicked the Lord will destroy.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name
forever and ever.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose, he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Stand Firm and Hold Fast

Prayers of the People

****Hymn:** Our cities cry to you, O God **720**
(tune of Auld Lang Syne)

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 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 Piper Cpl. Richard Chaytor



St Giles Events

Thursday, November 13 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, November 14 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bible Study Book of 1 Samuel.

Wednesday, November 19 ~ 07:30 p.m.

Taizé Service

Saturday, November 22 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Fayer/Bazaar, see insert for further details and request for volunteers.

Mission Related Givings Up to October 31/25

Mission	Donations So Far	2025 Goal
Operating Account	\$61,317.05	\$83,000.00
Special Sundays	4,590.75	7,500.00
Presbyterian Sharing	2,860.00	12,000.00
PWS&D	1,835.00	N/A
Presbyterian College	2,580.00	5,000.00

Bible Study: 1 Samuel

The Friday Bible Study will be resuming on November 14, at noon time, via Teleconference. We are starting the Book of 1 Samuel, looking into the transition of Israel from the time of judges to the time of kings. During this turbulent period, we will be focusing on the lives of three main characters: Samuel, Saul and David. We will look at how they were each called by God and served to further God's reign. This is a book that helps us to reflect on how leadership is understood in the Bible, and what

leadership means to us, the community of faith today. All are welcome, come and see. For more information, talk to the Rev. Paul Wu.

Taizé Service at St. Giles

St. Giles will be holding a Taizé worship service, on November 19 (Wednesday), at 7:00 pm. Taizé is a meditative service characterized by simple, repetitive chants, with periods of silence, Scripture readings, and prayer of intercession. It seeks to foster a deeper personal connection with God, while praying for others and the world. Come and join us. All are welcome.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday November 22nd! This is our only fundraiser for our church.

We need everybody to bake, donate clothing, white elephant items, and/or help in many ways. If you would like to help at the Fayre, contact Laura Brandon at laurabrandon.ca or 613 237 1689 Or Kaye Tate at kayentate@hotmail.com or 343 543 7667

Laura, Kaye and the Presbyterian women will also be downstairs during coffee hour. Donations can be left on the stage during office hours or on Sundays. If you need help with donation transportation or need pick-up help, contact Laura.

The Camerons Concert

The Camerons Concert will be held on Friday December 5th at St. Giles. This very popular concert raises money and food donations for the Centertown Community Food Center. Let's fill St. Giles for that event!

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 Capt. Reid Killen, representing the Regiment, and James Seguin, President of the Regimental Association, for being our readers today.

We also thank Cpl. Richard Chaytor for being our piper, and Pte. Walter Chaytor for being our bugler and participating in the Act of Remembrance.

