St Giles Presbyterian Church

Remembrance Sunday



November 08, 2026

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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: Beautiful Savior — Robert Lee

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather in God's holy presence,
where the Lord embraces us with grace.

All: Here God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify the Lord, who yearns for justice
for the last and the least.

All: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

One: We give thanks to the Lord for the persistent love
that seeks us out.

**All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life
into our lives,
and so we will praise our Lord!**

****Hymn:** O God, our help in ages past **330**

Children's Story

Prayer of Adoration

God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us,

receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us, restore us, and grant us peace.

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

While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

An Act of Remembrance

****Hymn:** O Canada (as revised in 2018)

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

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

Response: **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.

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	Cpl Walter Chaytor, Bugler
***Silence*	*(2 Minutes)*
**Lament	Cpl. Cameron Aldous, Piper
**Reveille	Cpl Walter Chaytor, Bugler

****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 Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70 (*with refrain 1, in the Book of Psalms*)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

Second Reading: Matthew 25:1–13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their

lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn:** Give me oil in my lamp **655**

Sermon Oil Ready Lamps

Prayers of the People (with sung response, #206)

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom

****Hymn:** Put peace into each other's hands **560**

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering (invitation): Coronach Edgar Barrat

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:** O God, whose fire lit the stars **287**
(tune of Auld Lang Syne)

**Benediction

Postlude by Piper Cpl. Cameron Aldous

St Giles Events

Thursday, November 12 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, all are welcome.

Friday, November 13 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study by teleconference. The Book of 2 Samuel, 13–14 Like Father, Like Son

Saturday, November 21 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Fayer, more details to come. Volunteers needed.

Friday, December 04 ~ 07:30 p.m.
Camerons Christmas Concert

Joining the Meeting, Conference Call or Bible Study

1. Three to five minutes before the start time, call toll-free 1-888-884-4539.
2. You will be asked to enter the passcode number 7455703#.





Christmas Fayre

St Giles' Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 21st. 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 and Laura Brandon at laura@laurabrandon.ca

Camerons Christmas Concert

The Pipes and Drums of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert at St. Giles, on Friday, December 4, at 7:30pm. The pipe band will be joined by other groups including the Vocestra Choir. An article in the November edition of The Glebe Report is to outline the history of this concert and the programme for 2026. This is also a benefit concert in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. There is no admission charge, but St. Giles will be collecting dry food and donation for the food bank.

Becoming A Member of St. Giles

On the Sunday of December 13, St. Giles is planning to receive new members through a public liturgy of Baptism / Confirmation / Reception of New Members. If you would like to take the next step in your faith journey in Christ, please talk to the Rev. Paul Wu.

Mission Trip to Palestine

Justin Wu, as part of his work in the International Affairs Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been invited to take part in a mission trip to Israel/Palestine during the upcoming season of Christmas. Our denomination is fully funding this trip, and this is really the Presbyterians Sharing dollar at work. Once again, we encourage to give generously to Presbyterians Sharing, to support the collective ministries of the national church.

Walk to Bethlehem - An Advent Pilgrimage

In support of Justin's mission trip to Palestine, St. Giles is undertaking an Advent Pilgrimage, starting November 29, 2026. We commit to walking each day. As you walk, reflect on the biblical passages listed in the bulletin insert. They will remind you of the Advent promises that are ours in Jesus: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



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 CWO Mark Gray C.D., and Capt. Scott Bacon, representing the Regiment; and Capt. (Retd) Jim Seguin C.D., President of the Regimental Association, for being our readers today.

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