

The Glebe-St. James United Church

Remembrance Sunday

November 9, 2025

Gathered by God

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

George LeDrew

In the name of the Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love
we welcome you to the Creator's house.
Thanks be to God!

My name is George LeDrew. My family makes our spiritual home here at Glebe-St. James.

Whether you are visiting or a newcomer, we extend a special welcome to you. Friends, note who is seated near you and extend our hospitality. There are Green cards available near the entrances and during coffee hour. If you want more information about us, fill one out and pass it into the office.

Glebe-St. James is an Affirming Community of Faith in the United Church of Canada. Everyone and their gender, race, ethnicity, abilities, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation is welcome and celebrated in our worship. If you don't experience being welcome, please let us know, and we'll do better!

Today's worship service bulletin can be found on the GSJ website, along with a link to this week's announcements and a "donate" button to make your offering. If you are here in person, you can share your offering in the service, either in the collection plate or via e-transfer.

Today is Remembrance Sunday, and we will watch again on Tuesday as Canada marks the 11th hour of the 11th day at the National War Monument and in cities and towns across the country, Canadians will stand again to remember the horrific sacrifice ordinary citizens gave.

And now, let us remember the holy land upon which this sanctuary stands.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pam Fitch

This morning, we gratefully acknowledge the Algonquin Peoples. Our church stands on their traditional unceded, unsundered lands where they have lived and stewarded water, plants and animals since time immemorial.

On this Remembrance Sunday, we also pay deep respect for Indigenous contributions in support of Canada's war efforts during the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War and subsequent national conflicts. In the first and second World Wars, Indigenous veterans brought valuable skills from a life of hunting and marksmanship and often served as snipers, scouts or code-talkers. Indigenous people at home generously donated money, clothing and food and also granted the use of some of their lands for the construction of airports, rifle ranges and defence installations.

Indigenous veterans have faced profound systemic racism for the privilege of serving in uniform. When they return to Canada from the battlefield, they face unequal and discriminatory treatment. Today we remember and express our deepest gratitude and respect for all that Indigenous people have faced as soldiers, veterans and defenders of Canada's war efforts.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE I am Sending You Light

**I am sending you light to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light to hold you in love.
I am sending you light to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light to hold you in love.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world filled with violence and war,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.
In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.
In a world filled with hunger and greed,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.
Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

HYMN When Quiet Peace is Shattered

VU 615

**1 When quiet peace is shattered
by dreadful noise of war,
and we are bruised and battered
by fighting's constant roar;
Lord, break the silence of your word
and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.**

**2 When troubles still our love-song,
and fear beats hard within,
when anger drowns the dove's song,
and life's a noisy din,
Lord, break the silence of your word
and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.**

**3 When clashing wills divide us,
and hearts refuse to mend,
when feelings scream inside us,
and agonies won't end,
Lord, break the silence of your word
and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...God of our past, present, and future, we have come to this place as a people of hope. We hope for a future without war and a world that lives together in peace. In years past, and in the present day, members of our armed forces have put their lives at risk for this hope, with some paying the ultimate cost. May what we do here today strengthen our resolve to work together so that this hope may be fulfilled. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

We are People of Peace because we follow the steps of our Teacher. We know that true peace is more than the absence of war and violence. It is the peace of faith and confidence in the One who is the Prince of Peace. It is that peace I wish for each and every one when I say...

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

HYMN I Am Walking a Path of Peace

MV 221

**I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
Lead me home, lead me home.**

Act of Remembering

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
between the crosses row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

HONOUR ROLL

David Brown

Names of those who Died in WWI and WWII [42 names] as listed on the Memorial Plaques in Glebe-St. James United Church

1914-1918 Glebe Presbyterian *(chronological on date of death)*

Daniel Stoddart
David Wood
Douglas Hanley Calhoun
Robert Osborne Smith

Herbert Dow Grant
Thomas Campbell Low
George Robert Russall
James David MacKenzie

1939-1945 Glebe United

Charles W. Mason
Warren Slack
J. Edwin Gardiner

John Macintyre
W. H. Morehouse
David Eric Roberts

1939-1945 St. James United

Douglas J. Arneil
G. Arnold Booth
Gregory Bourdon
G. Edwin Coldrey
Harry H. Cowan
Joseph L. Engler
Donald M. Eastman
William M. Foster
Leonard N. Fresque
Harold A. Healey
George L. P. Kermack
Edwin H. Kingsland

Arthur D. Livingston
Colin S. MacDonald
George L. MacDonald
Alexander I. McFarlane
Bruce Murchison
Frank Orme
John R. Patterson
Howard P. Ralph
William F. Runge
G. Douglas Spencer
James Towers

1914-1918 St. Paul's Methodist

Allan G. Dow
Berton Hurlbert
John W. Milks

Earle A. Reid
Lyle Spense

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

One: 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.

All: We will remember them.

LAYING OF THE WREATH

Wayne MacWhirter

The "Last Post" signifies the end of the day in the military. We play it today as it represents death – the end of the soldier's final day. Then we will observe silence for those who have served so bravely. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine on them. May the souls of the righteous, through your mercy, rest in peace. Then we will hear "Reveille" played. Reveille signals the beginning of the day in the military. It reminds us that the memory of the soldier lives on and that life triumphs over death.

LAST POST

Geoff McGuire

THE SILENCE

HYMN Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

MV 173

1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. Give thanks for strong – yet tender-hands,
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.
5. Reach out in friendship,
stay with faith in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands;
the Peace that sought and found you.

Listening for Wisdom

THEME CONVERSATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

PRAYER FOR INSIGHT

READING Luke 7:1-10

Elizabeth Elton

When Jesus had finished teaching, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.
This is God's wisdom from our ancestors in faith.

GIFT OF MUSIC When a Child Lights a Candle

Nancy Telfer

When a child lights a candle on the darkest night;
When a man sings a song from the highest hill;
When a woman picks a flower from the wildest bush,
Then peace will come to stay
And war shall be no more.

Peace for the child,
Peace for the man
Peace for the woman with the flow'r in her hand.

So then, come and light a candle on the darkest night;
Come and sing a song from the highest hill;
Come and pick a flower from the wildest bush
And peace will come to stay
And war shall be no more.

Peace for the child,
Peace for the man
Peace for the woman with the flow'r in her hand.

Today, we gather in solemn remembrance to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. As we reflect on the cost of liberty, let us also consider the profound lessons from scripture that challenge and inspire us — specifically, the story of the centurion's faith in Luke 7:1-10.

In this passage, a Roman centurion demonstrates remarkable faith in Jesus. Despite being a Roman soldier—a figure often seen as a symbol of authority and, at times, oppression—the centurion recognizes Jesus' authority and believes he can heal his servant with just a word. Jesus marvels at his faith, saying, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” This centurion's faith teaches us that genuine trust in Jesus transcends boundaries of race, status, or nationality. It reminds us that true faith looks beyond appearances and status, recognizing in Jesus the power and mercy that can heal and restore.

The centurion's concern for his servant reveals a compassionate heart. Despite the cultural distance between him and a servant—often regarded as less than a person—the centurion values his well-being deeply. His act of seeking Jesus' help highlights that compassion is at the heart of true leadership and community.

As we remember those who have served and sacrificed, we are called to embody such compassion—reaching out to the vulnerable, caring for those in need, and valuing every human life as sacred and precious.

The centurion's faith is also a lesson in trusting God's sovereignty – his power over and concern for all things and beings. The centurion believes Jesus can heal from a distance, trusting in his authority. This kind of trust is vital, especially as we face national and personal challenges. Our service and sacrifice often require faith amid uncertainty, faith that God's plan is greater than our understanding. What does this mean in terms of the fighting in Israel/Palestine, the Ukraine, and Darfour? What does it mean amid the riots and demonstrations in the United States? We need faith amid uncertainty. We need faith that God's plan is greater than our understanding.

Remembrance Day is a time to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Their courage and dedication reflect the very virtues exemplified by Jesus' ministry—sacrificial love, humility, and service.

The centurion's willingness to seek help for his servant echoes the call for us to serve others selflessly. As followers of Christ, we are reminded that faith must go hand in hand with action—serving, caring, and standing for justice.

Will you take a moment to pray with me?

Jesus, we thank you for the gift of freedom, made possible through the sacrifices of brave men and women. We remember their courage and honour their memory. May their example inspire us to walk in faith, compassion, and service. Heal our land, unite us in peace, and deepen our trust in your sovereignty. Help us to be a people of faith and action, reflecting your love to all those around us. Amen.

As we commemorate today, let us carry in our hearts the lessons from Luke 7: faith that trusts beyond boundaries, compassion that serves the vulnerable, and a commitment to live out the sacrifice of love. In doing so, we honour those who have given all for our future and strive to embody the spirit of Christ in our lives.

Responding at Table

HYMN Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

VU 684

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:**
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:**
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.**
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

INVITATION TO GIVE

Each day of our lives we are presented with opportunities to respond to God's love and give of ourselves in faithful service. There are many ways to give, each according to our own abilities, with all gifts working together for the sake of the mission and ministry entrusted to us by God. You are now invited to give, as you are able, to support the work of this community of faith.

OFFERING HYMN Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

MV 185

**Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!**
Repeat

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts that we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your love known. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Come Now, O God of Peace

VU 34

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

Prayers of Intercession and Concern

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community,
we weave our voices together in prayer:

PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Mother and 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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Sent by the Spirit

HYMN When Will People Stop Their Fighting

VU 687

- 1 When will people cease their fighting?
 When will armies wage no war,
 nations conquer not their neighbour,
 weapons idle, used no more?
 When will guns and bombs be silent?
 When will captives be set free?
 All creation groans in longing
 for the world's true liberty.**

- 2 Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine
 plague the world with awesome ill,
 but far greater is war's horror
 caused by human, stubborn will.
 Blest are those who, working, praying,
 purpose in their hearts to be
 instruments of peace, committed
 to the nations' harmony.**

**3 As we strive for peace with vigour,
hoping to be shown the way,
we are strengthened in the knowledge
of a future, perfect day;
for we know that deeper, richer
peace is ours when Christ shall reign;
then will all our swords be plowshares
and God's children free from pain.**

SENDING FORTH *(based on Ephesians 6)*

Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.
Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

My friends, go from this place knowing you are never alone,
For you go with God, the Source of Love,
Christ, the Love Incarnate, and,
the Holy Spirit, Love's promise and comfort.
May it be so. And now we sing:

AMEN

Merritt in G

MUSIC TO SEND US FORTH

End of Worship - Beginning of Service

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Welcome to all those joining us this morning.
We thank all those who participated in the service.
Everyone is invited to join for a time of fellowship in Fraser Hall.

GSJ Bazaar: November 22nd, 10 am – 2 pm



2025 Participants....

The Assembly of Seven Generations
Glebe Montessori School
House to Home
Glebe-St. James United

The Tea Room will be open.
Come early, shop and then stay for lunch.

Silent Auction closes at 1:30 pm

Please help us spread the word.

Upcoming ...

Sunday, November 16th
Sunday, November 23rd
Sunday, November 30th
Sunday, December 7th
Sunday, December 14th
Sunday, December 21st
Wednesday, December 24th
4:30 pm
7:30 pm

Quilting Sunday
New Member Sunday
Advent 1
Advent 2: Music Sunday
Advent 3: Pageant Sunday
Advent 4

Family Service
Lessons & Carols

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