

**ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 5, 2021**

**The Reverend Rebecca Roushorne-Lau**

**Director of Music – Mr. Dan Sonier**

Prelude

Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Advent is a season of expectation  
Of peacemaking and hope sharing.

**We have come in peace, singing Come, Lord Jesus!**

Advent is a season of preparation

We make room in our hearts,  
in our lives for his coming.

**We come today having made room in our lives, singing Come, Lord Jesus!**

Advent is a season where we practice our faith

Where we wait and anticipate the good things to come.

**We have come to this place in hope, seeking peace.**

**We have come to praise and worship our God.**

† Opening Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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**Candle Lighting: Peace**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scriptures:**

Malachi 3:1–4 Luke 1:68–79

Philippians 4:2-9 Luke 3:1–6

†Hymn: People in Darkness

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**Sermon**

**Baptism of Norine Mae Ealine Roushorne**

**The Presentation**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Act of Baptizing**

**Declaration and Welcome**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (followed by 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 forever and ever. Amen.

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Music:**

**Closing Words:**

**Benediction**

## Prayer Requests

**Please keep in your prayers** Lois Craig, as she continues recovering. Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

**Please keep in prayer** Alice Lau, who continues her battle with cancer.

**Our prayers continue to be with** Betty Clarke and her whole family, as they mourn the loss of her husband Don.

**Please keep in prayer** Marion Coveny who is currently battling Pancreatic Cancer, and Patty Millar who is in need of healing as well due to cancer

**If you have** a prayer request that you would like shared with our community here at St. Giles, please contact Nicole in the office and your request can be put in the bulletin.

Reminder: **Masks must be worn** in order to sing. Please be mindful of each other during this time of social distancing. Please ensure that your masks cover your mouth, nose and chin. Masks are available at the door should you need one.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ladies in the kitchen are making small and large tourtière on the 14th of December, we are taking orders **this week only**, and will be making only what we have orders for , if you would like to order please call Nicole at the church Tuesday- Thursday 8.45-11.45. We also have some large turkey pies, if interested please see Felicity after church or call her 344 8049

**Christmas Hampers:** Once again this year, we will be collecting funds for our Christmas Hampers. Each hamper is \$15. Barbara Bosher will be at the door at the end of the service with slips. You can also e-transfer funds to the Church Office. Please mark the transfer “Christmas Hampers.”

**SAVE YOUR SEAT FOR CHRISTMAS.** As Christmas approaches, we want to ensure that those who would like to attend in person have the option of reserving their seat in advance. Please e-mail [stgilesav@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesav@gmail.com), and we will make sure that you are signed up for the December 12, 19, and 24<sup>th</sup> services. Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm. Registration is not required, but is encouraged to ensure that you have a spot. If you would like to register, but are unsure of the registration system, please contact Nicole in the office and she will register you.

## **VIRTUAL SERVICE**

On Sunday December 26, our service will be held online

**PEACEFUL PHOTOS NEEDED** Please contact the office or [Leanne.barnes4@gmail.com](mailto:Leanne.barnes4@gmail.com) with a photo of something that brings you God's peace. Feel free to add a sentence explaining why. Submissions are needed by today, and will be presented in a slideshow Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. (names will not be included) THANK YOU to Sydney, Morgan and their "agent", Cynthia. These women do SO MUCH for our community. Here they are on their way to their next mission after putting together all the supplies for our Advent craft.



## **A LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Did you know that poverty and economic issues are talked about in the Bible over 2100 times. In response to this need **Nightlight Canada** is opening a drop-in centre for the relationally poor in downtown Sarnia. Nightlight is multi-denominational Christian Ministry accepting volunteers and financial support from a variety of Christian Church. Through conversations around the table, connections are formed and a warm, caring community is built. If you would like more information about how you can help with this important mission please contact Gwen Stephenson at 705-975-3970.

## **Christmas Kettles**

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for their Christmas Kettles program. This campaign is only possible with help of our Christmas Kettle Volunteers, who are our donation ambassadors at our retail partners. The campaign will run until noon on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Brenda

Dunn, Kettle Coordinator, at [sasarniakettles@gmail.com](mailto:sasarniakettles@gmail.com) or 548-997-0750 if you would like to volunteer some time.

### **Our mission: December 2021 Fill the Freezer**

Our December Theme for the Inn of the Good Shepherd is **FILL THE FREEZER!** Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

- Fruits
- Vegetables



Turkey pies are sold until Spring 2022. Approximately 2,000 turkey pies were made at \$5.00 each. **A big thank you** to Felicity and her dream team of pie makers!

#### **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)** We pray for peace in the world: in our churches, in our families and circle of friends, and in our spirits as we prepare to welcome the Christ child among us again.

**Monday, December 6** We pray for ministries that are exploring new ways to welcome, include and support LGBTQI+ people and families.

**Tuesday, December 7** We thank God for those who are engaging in God's mission in the world and finding effective ways to share the Gospel of Christ with neighbours.

**Wednesday, December 8** We pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly and provide comfort to all who are ill, struggling or mourning this Advent season.

**Thursday, December 9** We pray for the Rev. Chen Hsin-Liang, the new General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

**Friday, December 10 (Human Rights Day)** We pray for families living in situations of conflict or in exile, and we give thanks for the church's support of Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that protect the rights of refugees.

**Saturday, December 11** We give thanks for the education the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program provides to raise awareness and support people with disabilities in Ghana so that they can lead fulfilling lives free from stigma.