

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
 Sunday December 18, 2022
 Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

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 please reach out to the usher at the door
 and we will assist you in any way we can.*

Dec 24-Christmas Eve 7:00 pm
 Dec 25-Christmas Day 10:30 am
 January 1-New Year's Day 10:30 am

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This Week	December 24	January 1
Greeter/Usher Paul K	Greeter/Usher Graham R.	Greeter/Usher Shirley B
Scripture Susan L	Scripture Helen V.	Scripture Grace C
Sunday School Intergenerational Service	Sunday School N/A	Sunday School N/A
Teller Avis & Jim	Teller N/A	Teller Pete B & Paul K
Fellowship TBD	Fellowship N/A	Fellowship N/A

Bulletin submissions must be received by Wednesday at noon.

Submit your notices to Nicole through stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net.
 For **offering envelopes**, or to **sign up for PAR**, please see Nicole in the office.

**Order of Worship
December 18, 2022**

Call to Worship:

We come here together to celebrate God's gift

We have come here to embrace God-with-us, Emmanuel!

Like Mary we have come, pondering the mystery in our hearts

Like Joseph we have come, faithful even in times of doubt.

We have come here today in thanksgiving

For a child has come, the one who would be King.

Through this child the glory of the Lord is revealed.

We have come to see his goodness, to offer our worship and praise.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Opening Hymn: O Come, Oh Come Emmanuel vs 1,6,7

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Video: The wonder of peace

Sharing the Story

Scripture: Luke 2:8-21, John 10:14

Hymn: The First Noel

Sermon:

Offering Invitation:

Offering Music: Light of the World

Offertory Prayer:

Invitation to the table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

....Amen.

Let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Distribution

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Closing Words

Benediction:

Closing Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain

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PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Requests:

Carol as she continues to recover

Please keep **Sydney Vrolyk and family** in your prayers these next weeks. Sydney has appointments in London for further testing. She will endure more poking and prodding with different heart specialists at different hospitals. John and Helen are hopeful these tests and appointments will provide answers and a clear treatment path for Sydney.

George as he continues recovery.

Those in hospital:

John Collins at Bluewater Health,

Bette Fitzpatrick at CEE Petrolia

Those in LTC Homes:

Bill Blake, Wanda James, Ruth Leitch

If you have a prayer request for the bulletin please call the office at 542-2253 or email stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net. Private prayer requests are welcomed by Rev. Roushorne or your Elder.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

NEW! If you would like to send a card to someone from our list above who is in the hospital or LTC home, there is a Pastoral Care basket outside the office to drop one off. Please indicate the recipient's name on the envelope.

Barnabas Fund: Our emergency fund for members or people in the community is low. To donate please specify "Barnabas Fund".

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Zoom Tuesday Morning Study Group resume meeting again on January 10th. Our next study will be centred on the book "**The Theology of the Book of Isaiah**" by John Goldingay. All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Rev. Becky.

Monthly Book Study: Sabbath as a Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann Our plan is to read a chapter each month and meet for discussion. Please sign up with Rev. Becky. We begin January 25th, please indicate your presence for an afternoon or evening session.

Feb. 4th 2023 Inductive Study Workshop FREE

Mark your calendar! Bring a friend! St Giles will be hosting a 3 hour Saturday session to immerse yourself in the Word- training provided by Mark Sheldrake, National Director of Precept Canada. Registration details are coming soon.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Winter Warm Up donations are being accepted in the World Changer donation bin. **Coffee and sugar** will go to the Inn. **Tarps, hats and mittens** will also be collected. Thank you! Any questions or suggestions contact Leanne or Valdene

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

A big thank-you to all those who provided cookies or treats for our cookie project. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to prepare 26 tins of delicious cookies for members of our congregation. They were much appreciated!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Prepare for Advent Christmas is a busy season. To help your family remember the reason for the season our Family Ministry Team invites you to pick up a fun Advent Package outside the office.

Neighbour Outreach It's the most wonderful time of the year to connect with your neighbours and share the Good News of Jesus. We've assembled small packages for you to deliver, along with something special you'll add (like hot chocolate packages or homemade baked goods!). Pick up packages at the entry to the sanctuary.

St. Giles cares A message to encourage our students away at school is on its way! Recipient's include: Annie Graham, Ben and Will Lee, Kalena McCloskey, Sara Waluchow, Paige and Abby Vrolyk. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ways to Serve If you would be willing to help our Sunday School teachers (or serve as a teacher) please sign up on the schedule outside the office.

COMMUNICATION

For the **weekly email and quarterly newsletter**, contact stgilesav@gmail.com
For **Sunday School/Family Ministry emails**, contact lorraine.dolbear@gmail.com

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If you are travelling, or feeling unwell, but would still like to join our worship experience, please visit us at youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia for livestream, or on demand services.