

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
 Sunday December 4, 2022
 Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

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 and we will assist you in any way we can.*

Dec 11-Celtic Christmas
 Dec 18-Communion, Intergenerational Service
 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 11	December 18
Greeter/Usher Suzanne B	Greeter/Usher Liz C	Greeter/Usher Paul K
Scripture Don J	Scripture Jeanette C	Scripture Susan L
Sunday School Leanne, TBD	Sunday School Rainie, TBD	Sunday School Intergenerational Service
Teller Pete & Leanne	Teller John & Suzanne	Teller Avis & Jim
Fellowship Congregational Life Lunch	Fellowship Betty C	Fellowship TBD

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 4, 2022

Call to Worship: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

**The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord –**
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

**but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.**

Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

**The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.**

The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

**The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.**

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

**In that day the Root of Jesse will stand
as a banner for the peoples; the nations
will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.**

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Hymn: Oh Come, oh Come, Emmanuel Vs 1, 2, 3

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: The wonder of Love

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Leader: This is the word of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: People in Darkness

Sermon

Prayer 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 Offering

Offertory Music: A Christmas Overture (duet)

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction



The Second Sunday of Advent

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A **strong recommendation regarding masks** has been issued by Dr. Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, for indoor settings. This is one tool we can use to better protect our most vulnerable in the community, including our children.

Today we welcome Miranda Corless as our Guest Musician

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Requests:

Carol as she continues to recover

Sydney and her family as she continues to navigate health challenges

George as he continues recovery.

Those in hospital:

John Collins at Bluewater Health,

Bette Fitzpatrick and **Jo-Anne MacMillan** 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.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Zoom Tuesday Morning Study Group will conclude their study this week for the year. We 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.

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

Christmas Hampers Instead of physical hampers we are providing gift cards to 16 families this year. We are asking for donations of 25\$ to help with this outreach. To donate please specify “Christmas Hampers.” We are also looking for help to drop off the gift cares to the families. If you wish to volunteer, please see Valdene Wager.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Christmas Cookie Tins CLC is looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers to bake cookies for our shut ins and those who need a lift this Christmas. **Cookies must be received by 9am on Wednesday December 14th.** Ten more small cookie tins are still needed. Contact Joan McPhedran at 519 336 4913 or joanmcphedran@gmail.com.

Christmas Lunch You are invited to a Christmas lunch today after the service!

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

Newsletter All committee heads are requested to prepare a report for the upcoming newsletter. Please submit articles and photos to shirleyberdan1@gmail.com by December 11th.

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

INNER SPACE UPDATE

Library Doreen, Wanda and Leanne have almost finished weeding and reorganising the library. An exciting change is that our nonfiction section is organised by topic! Stay tuned for further updates. If you would like to peruse our selection the library is still open.

Archives: Framed photos of our previous ministers, art and other historical items are currently kept in the Choir Room off MacKenzie Hall. Consideration is being given regarding how and where to display them.

A **“Christmas Cantata”** will be performed on Saturday December 17, at 7:00 pm at London Road West United Church. A freewill offering will be accepted, and the proceeds will go to Rayjon Share and Care, and to the Sarnia Hospice. The church is located at 2902 London Line, Sarnia.