



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
Sunday January 8, 2023
The Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

*Welcome to St. Giles! We want you to feel at home!
If there is something you need or have any questions,
please reach out to the usher at the door
and we will assist you in any way we can.*

Order of Worship
St Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia
January 8, 2023

Opener: Sing for Joy

Prelude: Announcements/Welcome:

Call to Worship: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

Hymn: How Great is our God

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession
Assurance of Pardon**

Children's Time:

Video:

Prayer for Understanding:

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:1-17

Leader: This is the word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Amazing Grace/Chains Are Gone

Sermon:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us when we pray to say together...

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

Offertory Music:

Prayer of Dedication:

Closing Words

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22nd: Communion Sunday

February 4th: Inductive Bible Study Workshop

February 26th: First Sunday in Lent and Annual Meeting

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| This Week | January 15 |
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| Greeter/Usher Suzanne | Greeter/Usher Liz |
| Scripture Suzanne | Scripture John Vollmar |
| Sunday School Rainie | Sunday School Rainie |
| Teller Avis & Jim | Teller John V, Suzanne |
| Fellowship Mary Overton/Suzanne | Fellowship Suzanne |

We request that **Bulletin submissions** 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

COMMUNICATION

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

If you are on **Facebook** we invite you to join the “**St Giles Community Page**”. In this group we post immediate prayer requests, announcements, upcoming events and information to help you grow spiritually.

If you are travelling, or feeling unwell, but would still like to join our worship experience, **please visit us at [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia)** for livestream, or on demand services.



THIS WEEK AT ST GILES

Welcome to St. Giles! We are glad you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions or need any assistance please ask a neighbour or the greeter at the door. Following the service we gather for a time of refreshment and connection in the Gathering Place. You are invited to join us.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYERS

Sydney Vrolyk and family: Sydney has appointments in London for further testing. 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 LTC Homes: Bill Blake, Wanda James, Ruth Leitch, John Collins, Bette Fitzpatrick.

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.

Connection Point: 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Zoom Tuesday Morning Study Group will resume meeting this week Our study will be centred on the book of Isaiah and we will be using the text “**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.

Essentials of Being a Disciple Bible Study Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 4, 9am-12pm Be equipped through a Precept worship to study and share God’s Word using this life-transforming Bible study method. Registration is free and capped at 20. Tell a

friend! Sign up on the counter outside the office. Start your year off strong in the Word of God. Contact Leanne Barnes for more info.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Winter Warm Up: Donations are continuing to be 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.

World Changers Meeting (former Mission and Outreach Committee): Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 1:30 in the downstairs hall. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Youth Job Opportunities: Camp Kintail is hiring so if you're looking for a Summer job or know someone who is, check out their website: www.campkintail.ca. St Giles will be hiring summer students too. Stay tuned!

Please come to a **free movie night** on Friday January 13th at 7:00. It will be held at Redeemer Christian Reformed Church (5834 Blackwell Side Road). Pop and chips see provided.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Library Spotlight: Did you know we now have an author's section that includes books written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (German Lutheran pastor, anti-Nazi dissident), Max Lucado (American pastor, speaker, best-selling author), Henri Nouwen (Dutch Catholic priest) and Jean Vanier (Canadian Catholic philosopher)? If you find a favourite, fill in a green bookmark to flag it for others.

WAYS TO SERVE

Help Wanted: Shepherds for Sunday School, Fellowship Time Hosts, and Readers are needed. You can sign up outside the office.

Fellowship Time Host: you might want to "**job shadow**" first or team up with an experienced host. You can learn how to prep the coffee and tea pots before the service (written instructions are posted), help serve and then do a kitchen clean up. No furniture moving or buying of supplies is needed.

Readers: Each Sunday, scripture passages are read. If you wish to be part of this ministry, please let Nicole know. Each week she will prep the reading and send it on Thursdays.

Prayer Ministry: A Prayer Team is being formed within our community which will receive confidential prayer requests. Members of our team will commit to praying with faith in both God's ability and willingness to act in each situation that comes before them.

Those who might be a good fit for this type of ministry:

- A person who has a strong prayer life.
- A person who loves the people of our community
- A person who can receive information and remain confidential within the group
- A person who takes God seriously and trusts that he can and will work in our lives.

If you feel a sense of calling to this ministry please call or email Rev. Becky to be added to our list.

Words for the week

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' - Matthew 22:37-37

"Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him." - C.S. Lewis

"We become neighbours when we are willing to cross the road for one another... There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbours." — Henri J.M. Nouwen