

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.



When God says go...

Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday June 18, 2023

The Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

Wherever you are in your journey of faith there is a place for you here at St. Giles. We are a vibrant gathering of individuals united in our desire to follow Jesus.

Following the service you are encouraged to join us in the Gathering Place for a time of connection and refreshment.

Order of Worship
St Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia
June 18, 2023

Announcements/Welcome:

Call to worship: Psalm 46: 1-7, 10 & 11

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

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Opening Hymn: God So Loved

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time:

Video: Therefore Go

Scripture Lessons: Acts 8: 26-40

Reader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: We Are One in the Spirit

Sermon:

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

Offertory Music: How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Dedication (In unison):

Creator God, bless these gifts we give you now and use them to meet the lives of those in this world. Give us courage to move where you lead us, sharing love and strength as we work with you. These things we pray in Jesus name, Amen.

Closing Words:

Commissioning and Benediction

Closing Hymn: All the People Said Amen

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ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 18, 2023

Welcome to St. Giles! It is a joy to gather for worship. Our community is committed to helping people grow into hope-filled followers of Jesus.

If you are a guest, or have recently started attending, we are grateful for your presence here, and look forward to getting to know you better. To connect with us further, you can **text the word "Welcome" to 226-894-1486**, or check out ways to connect on the back of these announcements.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYERS

George Wilson as he continues recovery

Desiree (daughter of David Barrett)-prayers for help and healing

Bill Blake, Afton Park Place

Wanda James, Vision Nursing Home

Ruth Leitch, North Lambton Lodge

John Collins, Meadowview Villa

Bette Fitzpatrick, Twin Lakes Terrace

Thank you for all the prayers, videos, well wishes, cards, snacks, mail and meals over the last three weeks. We are overwhelmed by the kindness shown to Sydney and to us. We felt so embraced by love during this incredibly difficult time. Hopefully, now Sydney can focus on healing and recovery within the confines of her new normal. Please know how much you all are appreciated. **John, Helen, Sydney, Paige and Abby.**

Cards for those who are in the hospital or a LTC home may be dropped off in the folders outside the office. Please indicate the recipient's name on the envelope. Thank you.

Bulletin prayer requests can be emailed to: stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net
 Private prayer requests are welcomed by Rev. Roushorne or your Elder.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Tuesday at 9:30 am Zoom Study Group

Tuesday at 6:30 pm Session

Thursdays 10-11:30 am Coffee and Toddler time

Role	Today	June 25
Greeter	Bernice F	Joyce N
Reader	Joyce N	Susan L
Sunday School	Rainie	Leanne
Tellers	Liz & Scott	John V & Bernice
Fellowship Hosts	Shirley & Doreen	Potluck

We request that **Bulletin submissions** be received by Wednesday at 10:30am. Submit your notices to Nicole through stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net.

GET CONNECTED AT ST GILES

- New! You can text the church at 226-894-1486. Text the word WELCOME for an initial contact. CONNECT to ensure your contact information is correct. VOLUNTEER to consider opportunities available
- 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** request to join the **"St Giles Sarnia Community Page"**.
- We have launched a **weekly podcast** and we are on Spotify, TuneIn, and Apple. Stream anytime, anywhere on your device.
- Please visit us at [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.
- For **offering envelopes**, to arrange **pre authorized donations**, or to get a **mail file** in our mail drawers, please contact Nicole, our Office Administrator by email or phone.

We want to **ensure that the contact information that we have for you is correct**. Text the word "Connect" to 226-894-1486 to receive a contact card. Alternatively, you can email stgilesav@gmail.com.

WORLD CHANGERS

Snacks for Summer Monetary Donations

In 2018, Sydney, Paige, and Abby Vrolyk saw a need for snacks while students are on vacation from school. They realized many of their peers relied on school breakfast programs and snack supplies during the school year. From this need, Snacks for Summer was born. **Monetary donations** are being accepted to help purchase these items and create summer snack kits through St. Vincent de Paul. **Please indicate "Sumer Snack Program"** on your donation.

Snacks for Diversity Ed.

World Changers committee visited **Diversity Ed** and spoke with the director. We learned that many of the children and youth who use their programming are food insecure, and they are looking for **donations of snack items** to support these individuals. If you would like to contribute, please place the items in the World Changers bin in the hall.

Donate Milk Bags for Mats

A member of our congregation has connected with individuals in Bright's Grove who create sleeping mats to be sent to Africa. This is an easy way our St Giles community can reuse our plastics and serve our global neighbours. The bin is labelled under the coat racks for collection, and Nicole will deliver the bags. Thank you in advance!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Camp Kintail Grant Applications are available in a hanging file of the first mail file drawer at the Welcome Centre. Help yourself! St Giles would like to help with the cost of going to this Goderich camp if anyone in our church family is interested. Just submit the application form to the office. If you'd like to make it confidential, fold it up, staple it closed and write Camp Kintail Grant Application on the outside.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

All are invited to our 'Getting to Know You" Cold Potluck **Sunday June 25th** after the Service in the Gathering Place.

In the tradition of "potluck" we are bringing food to share. We welcome dishes that can be served cold - perhaps a salad, some sandwiches, an hors d'oeuvre or dessert! There's always enough to share so if food prep isn't your thing or you just need some care yourself come as you are. All that is required is your presence as that is more than enough.

This is an opportunity to get to know each other - and what better way than over a meal and conversation.

CANADA DAY VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday July 1, St. Giles opens our doors to the parade participants for water and washrooms. **Help is needed from 9:30-11:30 am** set up the water station and direct the parade people within the building, and to cheer them on as they line up for the parade. Please let Valdene know if you can help. It's a fun time!

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED-for the month of August. *Lemonade and goodies only*. Please take a moment and sign up in the Gathering Place today. Your help is needed to keep this time of conversation and connection going.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

If you are interested in supporting the St. Joseph's Hospice kitchen, they would **appreciate donations of grocery store gift cards**. This helps them provide for the residents and families who are being helped at the Hospice.