

Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday June 25, 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 25, 2023

Announcements/Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.

Opening Hymn: Come Children Join to Sing

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: You've Crossed the Threshold

Grad Presentations:

Scripture Acts 9:1-19

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: The Lord is My Salvation

Sermon:

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Video: Communion

Invitation

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.

...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.

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 Hymn: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 25, 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

Please keep Sydney Vrolyk in your prayers as she is in hospital.

St. Giles Church Family: Thank you for your cards, phone messages, and most of all, prayers during the last few months. Your kind support has been appreciated- Marilyn Maderey.

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

Role	Today	July 2
Greeter	Joyce N	Paul K
Reader	Susan L	Pam W
Sunday School	Leanne	Summer Students
Tellers	John V & Bernice	Avis & Jim
Fellowship Hosts	Potluck	Pam & Geoff W

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.
- Visit us at 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Please help us celebrate Dad's (John Collins) 90th birthday on July 17th by sending him a card. John has been an important part of the St Giles Community for many years. He was involved in almost every aspect of this community from Music to the Board, was Clerk of Session and worked on some special committees. John's presence and his wisdom remain a gift to those who know him. Let us help him celebrate by sending best wishes on this important birthday!

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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. The bin is labelled under the coat racks for collection, and Nicole will deliver the bags. Thank you in advance!

INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTIONS

Let's fill our barrel! The Inn of the Good Shepherd continues to have needs and their clients are currently in need of items that they don't have to give, such as:

Large size soups/stews	Kids snacks	Canned Pasta
"Just add water" Pancake Mix / Syrup	Dog Food	Meal Replacement Drinks
Baby Formula	Cat Food	

The next time you are at the grocery store, if you could pick up even one of the above items, it would help our neighbours tremendously in this time of economic instability. We thank you for considering this need.

ELDER ELECTION

Most decisions about the life and work of the congregation are made by the Session. The session works together in leading fellowship and mission of the congregation. Any person who is a member of the church and who seeks to grow in their Christian faith might be a suitable elder and they are not expected to be perfect. They are expected to be committed to their faith, regular participants in the life of the community and show concern for others. It is also important that they work well in a team and have the time and energy to give to the role.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider who you think might be a good fit for this role from the members of our community. You may choose up to three members that you think would be suitable elders. Ballots are available on the table in the sanctuary. An online option is also available and has been emailed out to the AV list with the Sunday bulletin.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

All are invited to our 'Getting to Know You' Cold Potluck today after the Service in the Gathering Place.

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.