

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”

Numbers 25-26



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
Sunday Sep 3, 2023
Today we welcome
The Rev'd Pieter Van Harten

*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
September 3, 2023

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Video: The Lord Bless You

Call to Worship: (responsive)

We come, in need of blessings;
we come, seeking closeness with God.

Let us go, to find our God.

We come, from the shadows of our lives, seeking light and hope.

Hurry, let us go to find the One we have heard about.

We come to God, seeking peace for our lives, for our world.

Come, let us go, believing God's Word.

Opening Hymn 39: God of Mercy, God of Grace

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Video: Psalm 121

Hymn 324, vv. 1 & 2: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Children's Time: A kippah. What's a kippah?

Hymn 324, v. 3: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon: A Blessing In God's Own Words

Scripture: Numbers 6:22-27

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 619: The Lord Bless You / Aaronic Blessing

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.

Offering Invitation: Luke 12:48

Offering Music

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: The Night Song

Insert

Closing Words: (responsive)

The One who blesses you will keep you close.

**We will go, not keeping the blessing for ourselves,
but to share it with others.**

The One who is gracious to you, shines the Spirit upon you.

**We will go, to reflect the Light of Christ in gracious words
and deeds.**

The One who turns towards you gives you peace.

**We will go, turning to everyone we meet, saying,
"The peace of God be with you."**

Closing Music

The Night Song

In the darkness God will keep me
He will stay and never sleep
In the darkness God is brighter
Though the night is long and deep

Chorus:

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven, by my side
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

In the shadows You are with me
And you know my every fear
In the shadows none can harm me
For the mighty King is here **Chorus**

So I find my rest in Jesus
He who came to rescue me
Jesus saved me from the darkness
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ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 3, 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.

Role	Today	Sep 10
Greeter	Bernice F	Joyce N
Reader	Don J	Donna G
Sunday School		
Tellers	Bernice & Honour	Suzanne, Kathy & Dave
Fellowship Hosts	Paul K	

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

- You can text the church at **226-894-1486** to introduce yourself and/or get involved. Text the word WELCOME for an initial contact, CONNECT to ensure your contact information is correct and 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"**.
- A **weekly podcast** of the sermon & scripture are on Spotify, TuneIn, and Apple.
- Visit [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.
- To receive **offering envelopes**, arrange **pre-authorized donations**, or to get a **mail file** in our mail drawers, please contact Nicole, our Office Administrator.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For our people:

George Wilson
Lee Wilson as he recovers at home
Desiree (daughter of David Barrett)

Bill Blake, Afton Park Place
Ruth Leitch, North Lambton Lodge
Bette Fitzpatrick, Twin Lakes Terrace

Wanda James, Vision Nursing Home
John Collins, Meadowview Villa

For our mission:

For the **leadership team at St. Giles**, as they discern which opportunities our community should provide to encourage growth in faith, in connection with the Word and with others in this community.

For the **gathering of God's people** in this place, that we might grow in faith and in witness to God's as we seek to serve Jesus Christ wherever we are.

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.

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

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Quarterly statements are available in the hanging folders.

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	Baby Formula
Meal replacement drinks	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.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

We are pleased to hear that Grant Bourner will be participating again in the Sarnia-Lambton Walk for Parkinson's. The event is being held on September 10, 2023 at Canatara Park. Grant would be very pleased to receive sponsorship donations from individuals in the congregation at St. Giles. We wish Grant great success in this worthwhile project.

Update on our Refugee Families:

Both families continue to do well except that the grandmother has had a fall that shattered her kneecap. After a week in hospital, she has been released.

MISY AND INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

After many years, Avis Fisher is retiring her job of being the Inn of the Good Shepherd shopper when we prepare meals for the Inn. The turkey pie team is looking for volunteers to buy and saute celery and onions when we start our turkey pie marathon. This task is done in the Church kitchen. If you wish to volunteer for any of these tasks, please see Felicity Burnard.

ST GILES CHOIR

Paul's letter to the Ephesians encourages us to speak "...to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19) Music is an important part of our weekly worship gatherings as it is a source of encouragement, prayer and praise. Our worship team seeks to lead us in exceptional music each week and we are grateful. This year, the St. Giles Choir season will begin on Sunday September 17th. We welcome interested singers who would like to lead the congregation in hymns weekly and provide special music at scheduled

intervals. Please contact Dan Sonier at dansonier@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information. A short info session will be held after church on Sunday September 10th for all who want to know more, as well as current members of the choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our fall is filling up! Here are some events to look forward to:

September 12: Beavers 6:30 pm
Board of Managers 6:30 pm

September 13: Scouts 7:00 pm

September 17: Anniversary Sunday

September 19: Session 6:30 pm

September 21: Thursday Morning Coffee 10:00 am

September 27: Ladies Book Club 9:30 am

UPCOMING CONCERT:

Featuring Dan Sonier, and friends of St. Giles!

