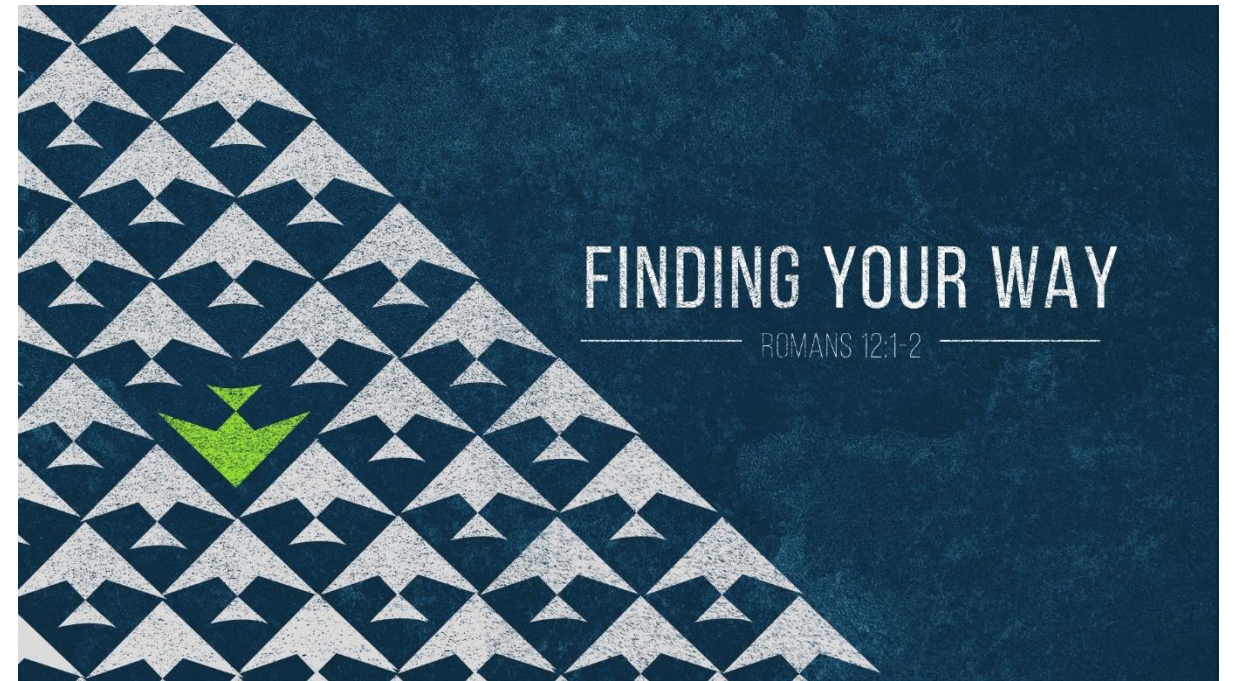


A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday September 17, 2023

The Reverend 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
Happy 77th Anniversary! St. Giles Sarnia.
September 17, 2023

The Reverend Rebecca Roushorne-Lau
We warmly welcome back the St. Giles Choir under the direction of
Mr. Dan Sonier

Opener: You Belong Here

Prelude: How Can I Keep from Singing?

Announcements and Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:4-8

Blessed is the one

who trusts in the Lord,

who does not look to the proud,

to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, Lord my God,

are the wonders you have done,

the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds,

they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire –

but my ears you have opened –

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come –

it is written about me in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God;

your law is within my heart.”

Opening Hymn 10 000 Reasons

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Story

Video Work

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8; Romans 12:1-2

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn What does the Lord Require of You?

Message

Ordination of Elders *see insert*

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.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music One Voice

Offertory Prayer

Closing Words

Benediction **Closing Music** All the People Said Amen

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Karen McCloskey, Deb Stewardson and Laurel Liddicoat-Newton.

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But the same Lord.
There are varieties of activities,
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creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
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was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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Reader	Susan L	Pam Weager
Sunday School	Rainie and Isobel	Rainie, Joyce
Tellers	Susan L & Bernice	Pete & Susan L
Fellowship Hosts	Anniversary Sunday - Congregational Life	Suzanne

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](mailto:stgilesav@gmail.com)
- For **Sunday School/Family Ministry emails**, [contact lorraine.dolbear@gmail.com](mailto: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 for livestream, or on demand services.

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 17, 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.

HAPPY 77TH ANNIVERSARY ST. GILES!

Please join us after the service today in The Gathering Place for a light lunch and of course CAKE to celebrate our Anniversary and our new Elders.

At this time the members of St. Giles are pleased to present
AWARENESS SUNDAY

Members of our different Church Committees will have a display about their
Mission and activities.

Please take a moment to visit each display. Perhaps you will discover an
opportunity to share your talents.

PRAYER REQUESTS

George Wilson, Lee Wilson as he recovers at home, **Desiree (daughter of David Barrett)** and **Dana Carey** for healing as he recovers from surgery

For those in Long term care:

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.

Felicity's Amazing Turkey Pie Team of 18 volunteers assembled 680 pies for our Upcoming Bazaar this past week.



THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

- Monday: Funeral for Gwen Johnson at 11am
- Tuesday: Zoom Study Group at 9:30am
Beavers at 6:30 pm
Session at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Scouts 7:00 pm
- Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10am in the Gym
- Sunday: Worship at 10:30am

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

GO SMALL THIS FALL! The Branches Initiative will launch on **September 29th at 7 pm**. Each night we will gather together to watch a short video based on a book we will read together, "I am a Christian" by Thom Rainer. After watching the video together we will "branch out" into small groups and discuss what we have heard and read. You are invited to join us and encouraged to bring a friend.

Books are available in the office at a discounted rate. Digital copies are also available through your favourite online bookseller. We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday nights!

TUESDAY MORNING ZOOM STUDY GROUP will resume its regular meetings this week at 9:30am. For more information contact Rev. Becky.

ST GILES READS This October, you are invited to read "**A long obedience in the same direction**" by **Eugene Peterson** with us. While the book was originally published 40 years ago, its publisher writes today "As a society, we are still obsessed with the immediate; new technologies have only intensified our quest for the quick fix. But Peterson's time-tested prescription for discipleship remains the same – a long obedience in the same direction." This book helps its reader find encouragement from the psalms and deepen their prayer life.

Connection points online and in person will be available for discussion with those who choose to join.

ALMUDEER FAMILY UPDATE

It has been 8 years since the Lambton United Church Presbytery Refugee Committee was revived to sponsor a refugee family to Canada from Syria. With the end of Presbytery we became the Lambton County Refugee Committee. With your help and ongoing help from the federal and provincial governments, 2 separate sponsorships happened with the result that 2 brothers, their families including their mother are now either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. With the exception of Fahra, the grandmother, who is recovering at home from a shattered knee cap, the families are doing well. Jaber has a job driving a school bus and Hussain has a job as a tiler waiting for him at Fabbri Tile in Point Edward after he completes his courses in English at the YMCA learning centre. We are very thankful for the support and patience Dan, the owner of Fabbri, has shown as he helps Hussain work into full time employment. The 5 adults and 8 children are happy and grateful for the opportunities made available to them. Their contributions to the fabric of our community and our country will be immense. Odai, graduating form grade 8, received an award for proficiency in his studies. Over the years your support has made this possible. When we needed some extra money, you were there; when we needed a wheelchair and hospital bed for Fahra, we had more than 1 offer for each. The committee has now dissolved, but will continue to support the families as friends. Thank you

WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY

THANKSGIVING SOUP LUNCHEON. *Our Soup Luncheon is back!* Join us Sunday October 1st after the Service to share in a delicious bowl of soup! A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Donation Envelopes will be provided. We are in need of Soup Chefs and Bringers of Buns - kindly consider signing up on the chart in The Gathering Place.

SARNIA STING SUNDAY on November 26th you are invited to join us at the Sarnia Sting game at 2pm. We've set aside a block of tickets so that we can go and enjoy some time together supporting our local team. Wear your jersey to church and join us at the rink! Tickets are available through our dedicated link online. When ordering online use **Promo Code SGP**. If you do not purchase tickets online please contact Rev. Becky at broushorne@gmail.com and she will secure tickets for you.

CHILI COOKOFF TEAM We are looking for people to join our team and help us resurrect a wonderful event. When the weather gets cold, the competition heats up and the best chili wins! If you can help with planning and organization please contact Rev. Becky at broushorne@gmail.com.

NIGHTINGALE CHORUS NIGHT If you are interested in going as a group to see this year's production of the Nightingale Chorus, please contact Rev. Becky at broushorne@gmail.com. Many members and friends of our community at St. Giles take part and it will be a great night out for us all!

ST GILES YOUTH

Our first **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHT** for this year will be September 29th at 5:30pm. Join us as we feast on pizza, enjoy some healthy competition and ask an important question. All youth grades 4 through 9 are invited to attend. Contact Rev. Becky at broushorne@gmail.com to pre-order your pizza!

ST GILES BAZAAR

It's that time of year again! Our Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 4! We have several opportunities available for volunteers, which we will highlight in coming weeks.

Soup Table. We are looking for people to donate to the soup table. The soups are: Split pea and ham, Butternut squash, Beef and barley, Chicken noodle and Minestrone

We will provide the recipe and containers. If you have any questions, please see Felicity Burnard.

WORLD CHANGERS

Our mission and outreach focus this September is Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation. Orange Shirt Day, Saturday September 30th, is a day to remember the more than 150,000 indigenous children who were taken by their families and placed in residential schools, many of them church-run. As a church family, we are working towards understanding the truth of our Canadian history to inform better choices in the future. Our Reconciliation garden in the courtyard holds 3 plants sacred to the indigenous people- cedar, sage and sweet grass. Our brand new pollinator garden is full of plants native to this place. They are visual reminders to us that we are all asked by God to be good stewards of the land and appreciate His gifts.

ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR ORANGE. The orange colour serves as an acknowledgement and remembrance of the truth of indigenous history. We seek to learn from our past to create a better future.

UPCOMING CONCERT:

You are invited to "An Afternoon of Inspirational Music" with Dan Sonier and Guests, a fundraiser for the music program at St. Giles. The concert is on October 15th and begins at 2pm and will be filled with a wide range of music presented by special guests, friends of St. Giles and our very own choir. All are invited to come. Tickets begin at 20\$ and refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends and make an afternoon of it!

Also the concert below is this afternoon!!!

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sept. 17 2pm st.giles

CELEBRATION!
jan. 14 2pm sarnia library

GET HAPPY
may 5 2pm sarnia library

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ft. blake stevenson and jen brown-nead

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