

If your gift is serving, then serve; if it is teaching,
then teach; if it is to encourage, then give
encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy,
do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:7



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday September 24, 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
September 24, 2023

The Reverend Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

Opener: You Are Welcome Here

Prelude:

Announcements/Welcome:

Call to Worship: Psalm 28:6-9

Praise be to the Lord,

for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy,

and with my song I praise him.

The Lord is the strength of his people,

a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Save your people and bless your inheritance;

be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Opening Hymn: Come sing, O Church in joy!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time - Wrapped Gift

Video: We Are the Church

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8 Matthew 25:14-30

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Sermon:

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

Offertory Prayer

Closing Words

Benediction

Closing Music: Lord of All Power

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ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 24, 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	Oct 1
Greeter	Graham R	Paul K
Reader	Pam Weager	Jo-Anne M
Sunday School	Rainie & Joyce	John V & Bernice
Tellers	Pete & Susan L	Karen M, Liz C
Fellowship Hosts	Suzanne	Donna & Helen

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

Wanda James, Vision Nursing Home

Ruth Leitch, North Lambton Lodge

John Collins, Meadowview Villa

Bette Fitzpatrick, Twin Lakes Terrace

For the **leadership team at St. Giles.**

For the **gathering of God's people** in this place

Each week this fall, a ministry at St. Giles will be highlighted for prayer. This week we pray for **Congregational Life**, as they work to provide connection points in our community.

Bulletin prayer requests can be emailed to: stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net

Private prayer requests are welcomed by Rev. Roushorne or your Elder.

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 for livestream, or on demand services.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Tuesday: Zoom Study Group at 9:30am
Beavers at 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Ladies Book Club 10 am
Scouts 7:00 pm
Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10am in the Gym
Brain Tumour Association 7:30 pm Ruby Walker Room
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am with Soup Lunch to follow

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

GO SMALL THIS FALL! The Branches Initiative will launch on **September 27th 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!

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.

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 BAZAAR

It's that time of year again! Our Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 4!
Attic Treasures: This year we have a new table upstairs called Attic Treasures. Jim Fisher along with Geoff Weager will be selling your gently used items. If you have any questions, please see Geoff Weager. Items that are not sold will be taken to the Mission Thrift Store.

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!

SYNERGY CHOIR

The Synergy 150 Choir will hold two concerts on Friday October 27 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday October 28 at 2:00 pm at Camlachie United Church. If you wish to buy tickets, please see either Don Burnard or Mary Overton.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Our nursery team needs people this fall. As we begin to develop this ministry, we are seeking people who can love and are willing to share that love with our youngest attenders. We will work in teams, as Jesus sent his followers in teams so they could lend strength and encourage each other as they worked. This ministry is vital as it is one of presence and care, demonstrating through action what the love of God looks like. If you can lend some of your time and invest in young families, please sign up on the chart outside the office.

Can you commit to our Sunday School team for the fall term? We work in teams pairing Shepherds who offer love and supportive care with teachers who spread the good news with our children. This builds the next generation and is so important in their faith journey. We want people who will pray for kids, who can get to know them personally, who are willing to come alongside them as they grow in faith and life and find out who they are as God's child. If you can lend some of your time and invest in our children, please sign up on the chart outside the office.



100% of you were once a kid!

Transform a life
Leave a legacy
Mentor the next generation and share your faith

Our family ministry team is looking for people who are willing to share their faith and the love they have for Jesus with our kids. We are looking for individuals who can give the gift of presence to our young people.

Sign up at Church on Sunday or contact Rainie for more information.

[JOIN OUR TEAM](#)

AN AFTERNOON OF INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC

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 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! Tickets are available in the office.



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770 Lakeshore Road
Sarnia, On



RETIRING ELDERS

As two Elders move into retirement, the Session of St. Giles would like to thank both Doreen Blake and Bernice Fisher for their years of faithful service. Doreen's gentle leadership and commitment to excellence has been a tremendous blessing to the leadership team. She has always listened to others and dedicated her time to ensuring that people felt seen, served and a part of the community. Bernice's ability to persevere and uncover the new ways in which we were called to move, her ready laugh and experience outside of this community provided us with much wisdom and guidance that was greatly appreciated. We will miss them both!

WORLD CHANGERS

This Sunday you have been invited to wear orange to remember and honour the indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. The official Orange Shirt Day is September 30th and is also called National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Many churches in the past were involved in running the residential schools and much lasting damage occurred. As Christians, we can make a conscious effort to learn more about the truth of our church history and take actions towards reconciliation. Just one action each year by each one of us can make a positive difference. As the old saying goes, if you think one tiny being can't make much of a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.