

God does not need your good works,  
but your neighbour does.

Martin Luther

Let no day slip over  
without some comfort  
received from the Word of God.

John Knox



## **Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

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  
St Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia  
October 29, 2023

**Prelude:** No Matter What

**Welcome and announcements**

**Call to worship:** Psalm 145

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

**One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.**

They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty –  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**They tell of the power of your awesome works –  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.**

The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.

**All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you.**

They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

**Hymn:** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Story**

**Video:** Love Better

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:8-10; John 13:34-35; Matthew 28:16-20

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** Your Word, O God, Awoke the Uncreated

**Sermon:** What Difference Can I Make? (Grace & Love)

**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.

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Closing Words**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** Christ is All in All

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## ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 29, 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.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**George Wilson, Lee Wilson** as he recovers at home, **Desiree (daughter of David Barret)**

**Murray Stephenson** (Executive Director of Nightlight) as he Walks a Mile in Homeless Shoes (Oct. 23-30)

**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 **World Changers**, as they continue with outreach in our community.

**Bulletin prayer requests** can be emailed to: [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net) (fully written). Private prayer requests are welcomed by Rev. Roushorne or your Elder.

The Pastoral Care Committee in partnership with the Ministry team, works to provide visitation, encouragement, and connection to members of our ministry team. If you would like to join, please contact Rev Becky [broushorne@gmail.com](mailto:broushorne@gmail.com).

Role	Today	Nov 5
Greeter	Liz	Jo-Anne
Reader	Donna G	Susan L
Sunday School	Karen	Rainie, Margo
Nursery	Sarah	TBA
Tellers	Honour & John V	Pete & Paul
Fellowship Hosts	Joyce N, Paul K	Donna G

We request that **Bulletin submissions** be received by Wednesday at 10:30am. Submit your notices to Nicole through [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto: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](https://youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Monday: Floor Hockey 6:00 pm in the Gym  
Tuesday: Bible Study 9:30 am  
Wednesday: Scouts 7:00 pm  
Small Group Study 7:00 pm Ruby Walker Room  
Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10:00 am in the Gym  
Friday: Bazaar Set up starting at 1:00 pm  
Saturday: Harvest Bazaar 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4- Bazaar 9:00am-12:00 pm  
Nov 5-Communion Remembrance Sunday  
Nov 19-New Member Appreciation  
Nov. 26- Sting Game 2:00 pm  
Nov 29-Study Series 1:00 pm  
Dec 3-Communion  
Christmas Lunch after the service  
Dec 8-An Evening of Carols and Cookies  
Dec 9-Nightingale Chorus Trip 2:00 pm  
Dec 17-Pageant Sunday  
Dec 24-Celtic Christmas 10:30 am  
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

As the season of Advent approaches, we invite you to join us for a **special study series** centered around the book, "*God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**When:** Starting Wednesday, November 29th, and continuing for four weeks.

**Time:** Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm at St. Giles.

Together, we'll explore the season through the wisdom of Bonhoeffer, using questions from the study guide to spark our discussions. This is a wonderful way to embrace the meaning of the season. You can purchase "God is in the Manger"

through the church office or from your favorite bookseller. We encourage you to get your copy soon to fully engage with the study. Preregistration: Please register by November 15th to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Email Nicole at [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net) or sign up on the clipboard in the hall.

**SARNIA STING SUNDAY** on November 26th you are invited to join us at the Sarnia Sting game at 2pm. Please contact the office for more information.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Congregational Life Committee will hold a Christmas Lunch on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the service. Details to follow!

### FAMILY MINISTRY

**Christmas is coming!** If you can assist with our upcoming pageant, Family Ministry needs you! Please contact Rainie in person or by email [lorraine.dolbear@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.dolbear@gmail.com)

**Old Testament reading** continues at home for families who have accepted the challenge. Keep getting your page checked off kids! We will celebrate going through the Old Testament on November 19.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Last week, Murray Stephenson participated in "**Walking a Mile in Homeless Shoes**". He lived on the streets of Sarnia for the week to learn more about the experience of those he serves through Nightlight ministries and to raise awareness of the need for additional funds to keep Nightlight in operation. Nightlight is committed to providing a warm supportive place for the city's most vulnerable, but are struggling financially. Donations can be made by cheque and mailed to Nightlight 181 Christina St. N, Sarnia, ON N7T 5T8, or by phone 343-363-0508.

**Childcan supports childhood cancer survivors** and their families throughout southwestern Ontario; all who have been diagnosed at the London Children's Hospital. This organization is presently looking for a volunteer to tutor a child at a library or community centre. If you are interested, please contact Tracy Pound at Literacy Lambton 519-332-4876.



## ST. GILES BAZAAR

It's that time of year again! Our Bazaar will be held on Saturday  
November 4!

**A BIG THANK YOU to our Bazaar team!** They have made:

1900 turkey pies

Fruit pies are coming soon.

Dozens and dozens of butter tarts

And spent many hours preparing for this successful enterprise.

### **BAKING:**

Baking for the Bazaar can be **dropped off** on

**Friday November 3 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**Donations of** books (fiction, biography and children's books only please), puzzles, jewellery, DVDs and Attic Treasures (quality vintage **items**) are gratefully accepted under the coat racks across from the office. Thank you!



# Upcoming Events

## NOVEMBER

4

**ST. GILES BAZAAR**

9:00 am-12:00 pm

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**COMMUNION**

10:30 am

19

**NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION**

After the 10:30 am service

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**STING GAME**

2:00 PM

29

**REFLECTIONS ON ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

1:00 PM