

Upcoming Events

SUN 17	Worship 10:30 am Pageant
SUN 24	Worship 10:30 am Christmas Eve 7:00 pm
SUN 31	Worship 10:30 am



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
 Sunday December 10, 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
St Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia
December 10, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling:

"In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."

You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.
He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

Candle Lighting

Insert

Opening Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Baptism of Elijah Andrew Jack Bruce

Video: The Audacious Miracle

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

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 Hymn: God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

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Voice One: The prophets call and an apostle writes that peace comes from God.

Voice Two: “For a child has been born for us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ...and there shall be endless peace.” *(Isaiah 9)*

“The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” *(Philippians 4)*

Voice One: The world, our relationships and our lives are all too often torn by conflict and injustice. Advent calls us to pray and work for peace – shalom – in the world God loves and to which Christ came. But God’s shalom is not simply the absence of conflict. Shalom is the peace that comes when we live life in the balance, loving God and one another.

Voice Two: Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

All: **Jesus Christ comes as the Prince of Peace.**

Voice Two: We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

All: **We light this candle to shine for peace.**

As we light our candle, we will sing together:

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift if given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings born of heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin

Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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Role	Today	Dec 17
Greeter	Joyce N	Liz C
Reader	Joyce N	Honour M
Sunday School	Sara	Leanne
Nursery	Bevin	Mel
Tellers	Scott & Liz	Dave & Kathy E
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life-Baptism	Needed

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: December 10, 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.

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.

Babies and toddlers are welcome before and during the service in our staffed Nursery downstairs to the left. **Children of all ages** are invited to join our Sunday School that begins after the Children's Time in the service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

George Wilson, Lee Wilson as he recovers at home, **Bobby (son of David Barret,)** **Brittanae Carey (daughter of Dana Carey)**

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 **the Board of Managers** in their work.

Bulletin prayer requests can be emailed to: 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Monday: Floor Hockey 6:00 pm in the Gym
Afternoon Book Club 3:00 pm

Tuesday: Beavers 6:15 pm
Board of Managers 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Reflections on Advent and Christmas 1:00 pm
Scouts 7:00 pm

Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10:00 am in the Gym-
Last one until the New Year

Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am-Pageant

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dec 24 Celtic Christmas 10:30 am
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm
Dec 31 Worship at 10:30 am

ST. GILES WINTER NEWSLETTER

Please forward articles, that you wish to have included in the Winter St. Giles newsletter, before December 15, via email to shirleyberdan1@gmail.com.

NIGHTLIGHT SPOTLIGHT

We thank everyone who brought in donations for Nightlight during the month of November. The needs are great in our community and your help and support has created opportunity for volunteers and staff at nightlight to provide for their clients. Your donations help them provide space where people can be nourished in body and in spirit as they make connections with each other.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are still accepting monetary donations to provide 16 families with Christmas groceries and gifts.

When you donate, please indicate **Christmas Hampers**. Thank you for all of the tremendous donations so far. We are very close to the needed amount. If there is **one more driver** to deliver the gift cards Dec. 16 at 9 a.m., the clipboard is in the office to sign up and you will be contacted.

ST. GILES LIBRARY

You are invited to borrow anything you'd like from our library near the front doors. Currently, there are Christmas books featured on our mobile cart. Just pull the borrowers card from your selected book, record your name and leave the card on the cart.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

Our Christmas Cookie tins are filled! **Thank you to all those who helped** in any way to make this an overwhelming success! We have filled 30 tins with a wonderful assortment of baking and they will be distributed by the elders over the next few days. We know the recipients will really enjoy these tasty treats!

URGENT APPEAL FROM THE INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

With the rising cost of living and food prices skyrocketing, many families are struggling to stretch their food dollars. The Thanksgiving Food Drive, which typically brings in 30,000 pounds, only collected 14,000 pounds this year. This decline in donations means our shelves are emptier than usual. Every donation, no matter how small, helps us provide for families facing hunger. Items needed are:

Meal Replacement Drinks
Peanut Butter & Jam
Large Cans of Soup

Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Large Juice
Canned Pasta

The Inn thanks everyone for their support. Every donation helps