

UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER

SUNDAY
3

Potluck Lunch 11:30 am

FRIDAY
8

Carols & Cookies 6:30 pm

SATURDAY
9

NIGHTINGALE 2:00 pm

SUNDAY
17

Pageant Sunday 10:30 am

SUNDAY
24

Services @ 10:30 am
& 7:00pm



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday December 3, 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 3, 2023

Call to worship: Jeremiah 23:5-6

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

Candle Lighting:

The prophets call and the psalmist sings to announce that hope comes from God.
“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence. (Isaiah 64). We shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.” (Psalm 27)

The world cries for justice and transformation. Advent summons us to watch, to
wait and to hope. In the destruction of the current order is the promise of a new
order beyond our imagination. Signs of hope are all around us if we have the
patience to wait and to see them. Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

All: Jesus Christ comes as the hope of the world.

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

All: We light this candle to bear witness to hope.

As we light our candle, we will sing together:

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is 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.

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

Video: Let There Be Light: Advent Hope

Scripture: Luke 2:12-16; Mark 13:24-37

Hymn: I Wonder As I Wander

Sermon:

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Music

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Insert

**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.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Distribution

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Closing Words:

Benediction

Closing Hymn: O Come All You Unfaithful

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Nursery	Sarah	Bevin
Tellers	Suzanne	Scott & Liz
Fellowship Hosts	Potluck	Congregational Life-Baptism

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.

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 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.

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
Tuesday: Zoom Study Group 9:30 am
Beavers 6:15 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
Friday: Cookies and Carols 6:30 pm
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today Communion
Christmas Lunch after the service
Dec 8 An Evening of Carols and Cookies 6:30 pm
Dec 9 Nightingale Chorus Trip 2:00 pm
Dec 17 Pageant Sunday
Dec 24 Celtic Christmas 10:30 am
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH

Today you are invited to a Christmas potluck lunch after the service. Everyone is welcome, regardless of contribution!

COOKIES AND CAROLS

Please join us on December 8 at 6:30 pm for an evening of caroling and cookies. We'll meet in the sanctuary, sing some favourite carols, and requests are welcome! If you can **help provide cookies**, please contact Nicole in the office, or sign up in the hall. Nut free cookies, please.

NIGHTLIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Word Changers Focus November is **Nightlight** month at St Giles. There are bins under the coat rack to accept **donations of snacks, mitts, scarves, socks, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags and long underwear for the Nightlight patrons and toilet paper and tissues** for the facility itself.

Monetary donations can be made by cheque and mailed to Nightlight 181 Christina St. N, Sarnia, ON N7T 5T8, or by phone 343-363-0508.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

St Giles has committed to providing **16 families in need with a Christmas Hamper this year**. Each hamper will include a gift card for food and gifts for each child. If you would like to support the efforts this year, donations are being received in the office. We are thankful for the continued support.

Please remember to mark "Christmas Hampers" on the donation to ensure it is directed appropriately. Gift cards will be delivered on Saturday December 16th and we are looking for 5 volunteers to do deliveries.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

Thank-you so much to everyone who has volunteered to bake for us. We are assembling the tins on Thursday December 7 in the morning, so please have your cookies at the church before then. They can be left in the office with Nicole or in the fridge in either kitchen - please label them so we don't miss any! If you have any concerns please call Joan McPhedran at 519 336-4913.

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

HELP US HELP NIGHTLIGHT

The St. Giles Youth have embarked on a challenge to raise money for Nightlight Sarnia. **Alora Taylor has designed these ornaments as part of this project and they will be available for 6\$ each after church.** All proceeds will go to Nightlight Sarnia. Two design options are available. One is of our beautiful church and the other is a Nativity Scene. Thank you in advance for your support!



Keep your eyes open for future fundraisers from our youth!