

## Upcoming Events NOVEMBER & December

19

### NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION

After the 10:30 am service

26

### STING GAME

2:00 PM

29

### REFLECTIONS ON ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

1:00 PM

3

### POTLUCK LUNCH

10:30 AM

8

### AN EVENING OF CAROLS AND COOKIES

6:30 PM

9

### NIGHTENGALE CHORUS TRIP

2:00 PM



### Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday November 12, 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**  
**November 12, 2023**

**Opener:** Fall Church Welcome

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 112:1-7

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.

**Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.**

They will have no fear of bad news;  
**their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**

**Opening Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Video:** Near

**Scripture:**

Philippians 4:1-9; John 8:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn:** The Perfect Wisdom of our God

**Sermon:**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession followed by the Lord's**

**Prayer**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Words**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** Lord I Need You

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Role	Today	Nov 19
<b>Greeter</b>	Graham R	Paul
<b>Reader</b>	Pam W	JoAnne
<b>Sunday School</b>	Leanne, Joyce	Rainie, Sara
<b>Nursery</b>	Mady	Bevin
<b>Tellers</b>	John V, Scott & Liz	Dave & Kathy
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Suzanne	Congregational Life

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.

### ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 12, 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), Brittanae Carey (daughter of Dana Carey)**

**For those in Long term care:**

<b>Bill Blake</b> , Afton Park Place	<b>Wanda James</b> , Vision Nursing Home
<b>Ruth Leitch</b> , North Lambton Lodge	<b>John Collins</b> , Meadowview Villa
<b>Bette Fitzpatrick</b> , 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 **Session** in their work.

**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).

## THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

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

Tuesday: Bible Study 9:30 am  
Beavers 6:15 pm  
Board of Managers 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Small Group Study 1:00 pm Ruby Walker Room  
Scouts 7:00 pm

Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10:00 am in the Gym

Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 19-New Member Appreciation  
Nov. 26- Sting Game 2:00 pm  
Nov 29-Advent Study Series 1:00 pm  
Dec 3-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

**TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE for Sarnia Sting Sunday** The office purchased a small number of tickets for those who are not comfortable purchasing online. We have two extras available. If you would like them please contact the office at [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net). There are additional tickets available online as well through the St. Giles link which is also available through the office.

**NIGHTINGALE CHORUS** The church has purchased a block of tickets and there are only two left! If you would like them, please contact Nicole in the office at [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net).

**ADVENT STUDY** You are invited to join us for a study of "God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This study begins on

Wednesday November 29th at 1pm. A copy of the book may be found in the hall outside of the office for you to preview if you would like. Please register by November 15th [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net) or signup on the clipboard in the hall.

**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. The average cost per hamper is \$220 and we are thankful for the continued support this program receives each year. If you would like to support the efforts this year, donations are being received in the office. 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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** If you would like envelopes for 2024 please let Nicole know by November 15th via email at [stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net](mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net) or you can call the church.

## WORLD CHANGERS

November is **Nightlight** month at St Giles. There will be 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.

## 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

On Sunday December 3, the Congregational Life Committee invites you to share in "A Christmas Pot-luck Lunch" after the 10:30 am service. A menu item sign -up sheet is available in the hallway to sign for the item you choose to bring. Food may be dropped off Saturday between 10am-12pm or Sunday starting at 9:45am. Hot food must be dropped off on Sunday. If you have any questions, please see or call Pam Weager 519-344 5868.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

Congregational Life is again preparing tins of Christmas baking for our shut-ins and those who need a lift this Christmas. We are looking for about 15 people to each bake 2-3 dozen cookies - any kind, your favourite! We will be assembling the tins on Thursday December 7, so would like the cookies delivered to the church a day or two before. If you are able to help with this, please contact Joan McPhedran at 519 336 4913 or [joanmcphebran@gmail.com](mailto:joanmcphebran@gmail.com). Thank you so much for your help with this annual project.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

**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.

**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

**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.

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# Reconciliation to ReconcilACTION

*Huron-Perth/London/ Lambton -West Middlesex Presbyteries*

Invite you to share in a day of  
Reconciliation with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

The Reverend Mary Fontaine a Member of the Cree Nation  
&  
First Nations Friends from local First Nations Communities.

We will share and gain knowledge of our People as People of God at  
Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mills Rd London, Ontario.

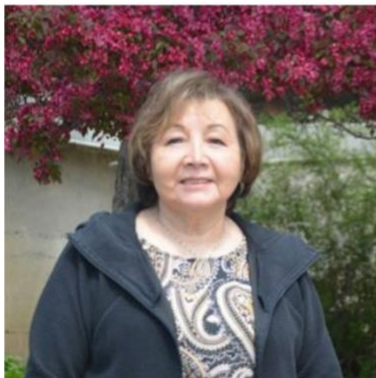
**Saturday November 25,2023**

**11:00 am – 3: 00 pm**

A light lunch will be served.

Please register by Nov. 15th to  
**wandamayrobinson@gmail.com**

**All are welcome!**



**Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly  
The Rev. Mary Fontaine, B.A., M.DIV.**

**Mary Fontaine is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Mistawasis Nehiywak, Saskatchewan, where she grew up attending the Mistawasis Presbyterian Church with her family. The Founding Director of Hummingbird Ministries (2005), an Indigenous-led healing and reconciliation ministry, Mary discerns the Spirit at work in Indigenous wisdom and spirituality and sees how this can enhance the church she loves and grew up in. Through healing circles and the performing arts, Hummingbird educates the public and raises the profile of Indigenous people, especially Indigenous children.**