

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 19, 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 19, 2023

Opener You Belong Here

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is

when God's people live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.**

It is as if the dew of Hermon

were falling on Mount Zion.

**For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.**

Opening Hymn: O How Good It Is

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Presentation

Video: Together

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

Romans 15:1-13

Hymn: On Eagles Wing

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 So Loved

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Role	Today	Nov 26
Greeter	Paul	Wendy J
Reader	Jo-Anne	Joyce N
Sunday School	Rainie, Sara	Karen, Deb
Nursery	Bevin	Rainie
Tellers	Dave & Kathy	Susan L, Honour
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life	Suzanne

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: November 19, 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,)** **Abby Vrolyk** as she 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 **Session** 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: Bible Study 9:30 am
Beavers 6:15 pm
Session 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Ladies Book Club 10:00 am
Scouts 7:00 pm
Thursday: Coffee and Toddler Time at 10:00 am in the Gym
Brain Tumor Association 7:30 pm Ruby Walker Room
Friday: Youth Group 5:30 pm
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 26- Sting Game 2:00 pm-Tickets are still available
Nov 29-Advent Study Series 1:00 pm-Book available in the office
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

ST GILES BAZAAR

Our Bazaar total this year is \$14,361! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success! **Frozen fruit pies** are still available for \$5.00 each.

NIGHTINGALE CHORUS The church has purchased a block of tickets and there are two available. If you would like them, please contact Nicole in the office at stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net.

COOKIES AND CAROLS If you can help provide cookies on December 8 for our Carols and Cookies event, please contact Nicole in the office, or sign up in the hall. Nut free cookies, please.

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 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.

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 joanmcphehdran@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your help with this annual project.

FAMILY MINISTRY

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.

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.

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!