# **UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER** SUNDAY Potluck Lunch 11:30 am FRIDAY Carols & Cookies 6:30 pm 8 SATURDAY NIGHTINGALE 2:00 pm 9 SUNDAY Pageant Sunday 10:30 am 17 SUNDAY Services @ 10:30 am 24 & 7:00pm



# Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday November 26, 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 26, 2023

Opener Only One

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship: Hebrews 1:1-4, Revelation 22:21 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** 

**Assurance of Pardon** 

Children's Presentation

**Video: Something Beautiful** 

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-20; Mark 10:17-31

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn:** Simple Living (A Rich Young Man)

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: In Christ Alone

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Role	Today	Dec 3
Greeter	Wendy J	Bernice F
Reader	Joyce N	Helen V
Sunday School	Karen, Deb	Pageant Team
Nursery	Rainie	Sarah
Tellers	Susan L, Honour M	Suzanne
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Suzanne	Potluck

We request that **Bulletin submissions** be received by Wednesday at 10:30am. Submit your notices to Nicole through <a href="mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net">stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net</a>.

#### **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 26, 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

Ruth Leitch, North Lambton Lodge

Bette Fitzpatrick, Twin Lakes Terrace

Wanda James, Vision Nursing Home

John Collins, Meadowview Villa

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: <a href="mailto:stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net">stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net</a> (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

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

Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am followed by Potluck

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Today 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

#### **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH**

**Sunday December 3,** you are invited to a Christmas potluck lunch after the service. Food may be dropped off Saturday between 10am-12pm or Sunday starting at 9:45am. If you have any questions, please see or call Pam Weager 519-344 5868. 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. 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.

#### **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 5 people to each bake 2-3 dozen cookies - any kind, your favourite! We are assembling the tins on Thursday December 7. Please deliver cookies a day or two before. If you are able to help with this, please contact Joan McPhedran at 519 336 4913 or <a href="mailto:joanmcphedran@gmail.com">joanmcphedran@gmail.com</a>. Thank you.

# **ADVENT STUDY GROUP**

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. We begin our study this Wednesday November 29, and will continue for four weeks.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Nativity Walk. Sarnia First Christian Reformed Church will host a Nativity Walk on Friday December 1 from 1-7pm, and Saturday December 2 from 10am-3pm. All are welcome to drop in during these show hours. Donations for the River City Vineyard will be gratefully accepted. The church is located at 1105 Exmouth St. (corner of Murphy and Exmouth)

## **HELP US HELP NIGHTLIGHT**

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Keep your eyes open for future fundraisers from our youth!



