



And the child grew and became strong;  
he was filled with wisdom,  
and the grace of God was on him.  
Luke 22:39



**After the Manger**

**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday December 31, 2023

Today we welcome

The Reverend Dan Roushorne

*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 31, 2023

Opener

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens!**

Praise God in the heights and the depths!

**Praise God, all creatures of earth and sky!**

Praise God, young and old, together!

**Let us praise the Lord and worship God's holy name!**

Hymn: Good Christians All Rejoice

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Sermon: Finding Jesus, After the Manger

**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: Go Tell It on the Mountain

### ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: Christmas 2023

Role	Today	Jan 7
Greeter	Jo-Anne	Paul K
Reader	Margaret R	Joyce N
Sunday School	N/A	Rainie
Nursery	N/A	Mel
Tellers	Pete B & Paul K	Dave & Kathy E
Fellowship Hosts	Suzanne & Joyce	Needed

#### CHURCH OFFICE

After Christmas, Nicole will be enjoying a week of holidays. **While the office will be cared for by members of our community to ensure donations are received and accounted for,** the office will not have regular office hours. Office hours will resume on January 2nd at 8am.

**Rev. Becky will be on vacation** from December 25th through December 31st. If there are any pastoral care emergencies please contact AN Elder.

#### SHELTERED BLESSINGS: ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Please plan to join us at **St. Joseph's RC Church**, for an **Ecumenical Prayer Service at 7pm on January 7th**. This is a result of the joint ministry effort of St. Giles, Grace, Dunlop-Central and the Roman Catholic Family of Parishes to combat Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Sarnia. Going forward we will work together and with other community groups to continue supporting, assisting and empowering those working with people in need. **The Church is located at 293 Stuart St, in Sarnia.**

#### SAVE THE DATE

As we look ahead to 2024 the Faith Community of St Giles is looking to deepen our connections within our Church Family and expand our reach into our wider local community. In typical St Giles tradition we plan to do this by sharing a meal together! **So mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 24th for our first monthly Community Luncheon at 12 pm.** More details will be forthcoming, including an ask for volunteers to help with this exciting initiative. In the meantime, please consider inviting a neighbour or friend to join you for lunch and social time together!

#### PANCAKE SUPPER

Save the date! **Tuesday February 13, 2024** is our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!!

#### OLD FASHIONED LUNCHEON

Join us for an Old Fashioned luncheon on **Sunday February 18** after the service. Cost is \$10.00. *The proceeds will support the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre.*