

## UPCOMING EVENTTS JANUARY

**7**  
JAN

Ecumenical Prayer Service  
St. Joseph's RC Church

7:00 pm

**14**  
JAN

Concert Series  
Sarnia Library Theatre. Tickets \$20

2:00 pm

**24**  
JAN

Community Luncheon  
All are welcome!

12:00 pm

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**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**  
Sunday January 7, 2024  
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**  
**January 7, 2024**

**Opener:** This is a New Year

**Prelude:**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to worship:** Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

**See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,**

but the Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.

**Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

“Lift up your eyes and look about you:

All assemble and come to you;  
**your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the hip.**

Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
**the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.**

Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

**And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.**

**Opening Hymn:** As with Gladness Men of Old

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**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children’s Time.**

**Video:** A Day in the Life

**Scripture:** Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** We Three Kings

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**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:** When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery

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**ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 7, 2024**

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), Brittanee Carey (daughter of Dana Carey), Anne-Marie**

**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

**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).

Role	Today	Jan 14
Greeter	Paul K	Joyce N
Reader	Joyce N	Susan L
Sunday School	Rainie	Joyce, Margo
Nursery	Mel	Bevin
Tellers	Dave & Kathy	Susan L & Honour
Fellowship Hosts	Donna G & Blair	Needed

We request that **Bulletin submissions** be received by Wednesday at 10:30am. Submit your notices to Nicole [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca)

**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)
- A **weekly podcast** of the sermon & scripture are on Spotify, TuneIn, and Apple.
- Visit [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](http://youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Monday: Afternoon Book Club 3:00 pm  
Floor Hockey 6:00 pm in the Gym  
Tuesday: Beavers 6:15 pm  
Board of Managers 6:30 pm  
Wednesday: Scouts 7:00 pm  
Thursday: Session 6:30 pm  
Saturday: Chilli Cook Off 10:00 am  
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am-Communion

## NEW OFFICE E-MAIL ADDRESS

We have a new office email address: [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca)

## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 Offering Envelopes are now available.

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Tuesday morning Study Group has begun a new three week study over Zoom of "Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Please contact Rev. Becky if you would like to participate at [broushorne@gmail.com](mailto:broushorne@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24th - Community Lunch  
January 26th - Giresi's Event  
February 1st - VBS meeting  
February 3rd - Dinner Night

## SHELTERED BLESSINGS: ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Please plan to join us tonight at **St. Joseph's RC Church**, for an **Ecumenical Prayer Service at 7pm**. 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.**

## COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

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!

## CONCERT SERIES

You are invited to a Concert Series with Dan Sonier's ensemble, featuring Blake Stevenson and Frank Brennan. It will be held Sunday January 14 at the Sarnia Library Theatre. Tickets are \$20, and can be paid for at the door.



### THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE

**Volunteers Needed.** Each Thursday we run our Coffee and Toddler time. We are in need of volunteers to help with cleanup. If you are able to lend a hand, please let Rev. Becky know [broushorne@gmail.com](mailto:broushorne@gmail.com)

### 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.*

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **Dignity – Love – Hope**

### **An Interfaith Gathering on Homelessness**

Thursday January 18, 2024

2:00 pm

Grace United Church  
990 Cathcart Blvd



presentation from Julie Ryan  
Community Engagement Coordinator

RSVP by January 15 to  
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