



WAITING IN HOPE

Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

The Rev'd 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
December 1, 2024

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to worship: Jeremiah 33:14-16

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,
‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“**In those days and at that time**

I will make a righteous sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and **Branch** right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus - Getty Version

Advent Candle Lighting

Insert

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Video: The Anticipation of Hope

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36
Luke 13:24

Hymn: I Wonder as I Wander

Sermon:

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music: Ding Dong Merrily on High

Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *followed by the Lord’s Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we lift up our praise...

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Distribution

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Closing Words

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 1, 2024

Role	Today	December 8
Greeter	Joyce N	Liz C
Reader	Nancy S	Honour M
Sunday School	Grace, Sarah B	Janice, Margo
Nursery	Mady	Bevin
Tellers	Scott & Liz	Suzanne, Susan L
Fellowship Hosts	Christmas Lunch	Joyce N, Margo

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.

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
Bobby (son of David Barrett), Brittae Carey (daughter of Dana Carey), Tyler, the family of Sydney Vrolyk**

**John Collins, Meadowview Villa Bette Fitzpatrick, Twin Lakes Terrace
Ruth Leitch, North Lambton Lodge Ralph Dick, Vision Nursing Home**

For the **gathering of God's people** in this place.

Bulletin Prayer Requests can be emailed to: office@stgilessarnia.ca

The **PASTORAL CARE TEAM** works in partnership with the Ministry team to provide visitation, encouragement, and connection to members of our church family. If you feel called to this ministry, please email Rev Becky.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Monday December 2 Georgian Singers 4 pm
Special Olympics Floor Hockey 6:30 pm
Tuesday December 3 Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am
Beavers 6:15 pm
Board of Managers 6:30 pm
Wednesday December 4 Advent Study 10:30 am
Friday December 6 Cookies and Carols 6:30 pm
Sunday December 8 Service 10:30 am

CONNECT WITH US

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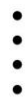
To receive **children's program emails**,
contact office@stgilessarnia.ca

For the **weekly email and quarterly newsletter**, contact
stgilesav@gmail.com

A **weekly podcast** of the sermon &
scripture can be found on Spotify,
Tuneln, and Apple.

Visit [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia)
for livestream, or on demand services.

Find us on the web.
www.stgilessarnia.ca



ST. GILES IN THE WORD

Our readings for December are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like a paper copy. If you prefer to listen to the readings they are posted daily at youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A reminder that our Christmas Lunch will follow the 10:30 am service.

COOKIES AND CAROLS

You are invited to join us for a night of carol singing with cookies and cocoa on Friday December 6th at 6:30pm as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season together. Bring your friends and continue this holiday tradition with us! If you're able to help with cookies, please sign up in the hall! Nut free cookies, please.

COOKIE TINS

We have had a wonderful response to our request for help with this project. We do not need any more cookie tins **but still need 5 more people to bake 2-3 dozen cookies or squares** - any kind, your favourite. These should be brought to the church on Wednesday December 11 as we are filling the tins on the morning of Thursday December 12. Please contact Joan McPhedran at 519 336 4913 or joanmcphedran@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks!

WORLD CHANGERS DONATION BINS

We are now accepting fall and winter clothing for all ages to supply the St Joseph's Free Store. Tarps and sleeping bags will go to Nightlight. **Milk bags** for sleeping mats are also being collected.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

It's time again to think about the next issue of St. Giles newsletter. We hope to finish the newsletter on or before December 19, so it would be appreciated if you would send articles to Shirley Berdan prior to December 14. Thanks in advance for your time each season in preparing these submissions. If you

have any questions, please contact Shirley Berdan 226-932-9102, or via email shirleyberdan1@gmail.com

FRUIT PIES

We still have some apple and strawberry rhubarb fruit pies available for \$5 each. If you wish to purchase some, please contact the office.

SIGN CHANGERS AND TELLERS

Our sign on the front lawn is an important way of sharing both our events happening at St. Giles with our community, and, by adding an encouraging note, it can brighten a day for those passing by. We are in need of a few volunteers to take on the task of changing the sign. Please contact the office if you would like to be part of this ministry.

Our Tellers are an integral part of ensuring that donations from our church community are tallied properly, so that we can continue our mission and service not just within our doors, but out in the community as well. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with this ministry. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the office. **Training will be provided.**

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

St. Giles in participating in the Christmas Giving program again this year (formerly called Christmas Hampers.) Over the next few weeks, we ask that donations be submitted in a separate envelope, or via e-transfer **marked "Christmas Giving Program"** to ensure the funds are allocated to this specific program. We will be looking for volunteers to deliver the gift cards on Saturday December 21. Anyone that would like to help, please contact Bonnie Dawson (519-331-1792). So far we have \$2,760.00 that has been donated. Thank you for your generous donations.