



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday December 22, 2024

The Fourth 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 22, 2024

Opener: Advent Anthem

Prelude

Call to worship: Selections from Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him –

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord –

and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,

or decide by what he hears with his ears;

but with righteousness he will judge the needy,

with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,

The infant will play near the cobra's den,

and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

Opening Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Christmas Pageant: There's a Lion in My Nativity

Children's Choir: Go Tell it on the Mountain

Video: The Anticipation of Love

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: Away in a Manger

Insert

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

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 praise you...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: What Child is This?

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 22, 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.

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; Brittae 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

Tuesday Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm
Sunday Dec 29 Lessons & Carols 10:30 am

Role	Today	December 24	December 29
Greeter	Paul K	Joyce N	Joyce N
Reader	Pam W	Rev Becky	
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Dave & Kathy	Honour M, Susan L
Fellowship Hosts	Suzanne & Nancy		Nancy S

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

WORLD CHANGERS DONATION BINS

We are now accepting 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life would like to thank those who brought in cookies for our Christmas cookie tin deliveries. The tins have been delivered by the elders and were very well received. Thanks to your generosity we had more than enough cookies to fill our own tins and were able to prepare and share cookies with those in the greater community who needed a little lift this Christmas through The Aaron Project and MISY program.

2025 ENVELOPES

2025 envelopes are here! Please pick yours up in the Gathering Place. If you wish to have envelopes, and have not yet placed an order, please contact Nicole in the office 519-542-2253, or e-mail office@stgilessarnia.ca, and she can provide you with one.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

To all the crafters in our church family: so many of you have admired the beautiful Christmas hanging at the front of the church that was graciously donated by Sharon Woodman. **We now need some new banners to hang through the rest of the year in sanctuary.** Sharon has agreed that she would take the lead to meet, plan and sew. If interested, please see Sharon or Nancy Spragg, as it would be a wonderful time of fellowship and adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

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.**

DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Dr. Graham's Homes Sponsors: The Canadian Council of Dr. Graham's Homes will be winding up the activities of the Council in the Spring of 2025. St. Giles is sponsoring one student at this time, Sophia Stockman. If any of Sophia's sponsors wish to support her in her final year, **please make your donation before December 31, 2024. Tax receipts will be issued until December 31, 2024 ONLY.**

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. Rev. Becky will also be taking time between Christmas and New Year's as well. Rev. Dan Roushorne will be leading services on Sunday, December 29. Both Nicole and Rev. Becky will return on January 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church will be hosing **"Shadow to Light"** this afternoon at 4:00 pm. It is an hour of calm and contemplation featuring pianist Sandra Mogensen. You are invited to join together as we gather our hearts and minds in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Emmanuel is located at 120 Russell St., S in Sarnia.