



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday December 8, 2024

The Second 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 8, 2024

Opener: Advent Opener

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to worship: Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her

**that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.**

A voice of one calling:

"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.**

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Opening Hymn: God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

Advent Candle Lighting

Insert

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: The Anticipation of Peace

Scripture: Isaiah 26:4-8
Luke 3:1-18

Hymn: What Child is this

Sermon: "Preparing for Peace"

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: Joy to the World

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 8, 2024

Role	Today	December 15
Greeter	Liz C	Graham?
Reader	Honour M	Donna G
Sunday School	Janice, Margo	Leanne, Margo
Nursery	Bevin	Mady
Tellers	Suzanne, Susan L	Pete and Paul
Fellowship Hosts	Joyce N, Margo	Shelagh, Doreen, 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 Dec 9 Georgian Singers 4 pm
Special Olympics Floor Hockey 6:30 pm
- Tuesday Dec 10 Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am
Beavers 6:15 pm
- Wednesday Dec 11 Advent Study 10:30 am
Scouts 7 pm
- Sunday Dec 15 Service 10:30 am

CONNECT WITH US

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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.

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

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

If you are making cookies for our Christmas cookie tins, please have them to us by Wednesday December 11. They can be left either in the Church office, or the kitchen in the Gathering Place. Thank you!!

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 is 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 \$3,060.00 that has been donated. Thank you for your generous donations.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of white snowflakes and evergreen tree silhouettes. At the top, the word "UPCOMING" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with "Services" in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. Below this, there are four light blue rounded rectangular boxes, each containing a date and service time. The first box shows "15 December" and "SERVICE 10:30 AM". The second shows "22 December" and "SERVICE 10:30 AM". The third shows "24 December" and "CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00 PM". The fourth shows "29 December" and "SERVICE 10:30 AM". At the bottom center, there is a small white rounded rectangle containing the website address "www.stgiles.ca".

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