



Merry Christmas

FROM YOUR FAMILY
AT ST. GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE

St Giles Sarnia
December 24, 2024
7:00pm

Minister: The Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

Music Director: Dan Sonier

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

- C.S. Lewis

Merry Christmas! We're glad you're here.

Opener: Our Saviour Christmas

Prelude: Silent Night Dan Sonier, Tessa Catton and Caitlin Mason

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1, 4, 5

Call to worship: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

**You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.**

For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

**Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.**

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.**

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

**The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.**

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

The Roushorne Family

Reader One:

We have waited in hope for the one who came to save
we celebrate new hope born for us all.

Reader Two:

As the angels sang of peace on earth
we too will sing as we celebrate the Prince of peace

Reader One

There is joy in this this world and joy in our hearts
as we celebrate the one who came to make our joy complete

Reader Two:

We love because he first loved us
we gather to celebrate love come down.

**People: The light shines in the darkness
The light of the world has come**

Candle Lighting

Prayer:

You have given us light in the darkness as Emmanuel came to dwell with us came to make all things new. We rejoice in this give and praise your holy name. We pray these things in Jesus name. Amen.

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: The Anticipation of Christ

Special Music: In the Bleak Mid Winter Irene Gifford and Dan Sonier

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Hymn: Oh Little Town of Bethlehem v 1, 3, 4

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.

Hymn: The First Nowell vs 1, 5, 6

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music: Dan Sonier, Tessa Catton and Caitlin Mason

Offertory Prayer

Special Music:

The McCloskey Family

Hymn: Silent Night

Closing Words and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 24, 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.

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.

WORSHIP WITH US

You are invited to join us for a Lessons & Carols on Sunday December 29th at 10:30am.

ST. GILES IN THE WORD

Our Scripture 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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. Nicole will be back in the office on Thursday January 2, 2025.

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.



Join us this January as we reflect on the good news of God's Love and remember in this world of "New Year, New You" messages that our God doesn't wait for our "new". God extends love and welcome to us now.

Worship with us Sundays at 10:30am