

# Baptism of Jesus

**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Jesus

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**  
**January 12, 2025**

**Opener:** All About Jesus

**Prelude:**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Call to worship:** Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters;**  
**the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,**  
**Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**The voice of the Lord strikes**  
**with flashes of lightning.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;**  
**the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

**The Lord gives strength to his people;**  
**the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**Opening Hymn:** When for Us You Were Baptised

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**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Time**

**Video:** Light Unto Your Path

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Hymn:** Awakening

**Sermon:** Why Baptism?

**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.

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Words**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** God So Loved

Role	Today	January 19
Greeter	Liz	Paul
Reader	Bonnie Neely	Margaret R
Sunday School	Rev Dan, Margo	Rainie, Liz
Nursery	Sara	Lilah
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Suzanne
Fellowship Hosts	Lynn & Beth	Volunteers Needed

**CONNECT WITH US**

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

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**ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 12, 2025**

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.

**Tips for a Vibrant Prayer Life:**

1. Keep it simple.
2. Keep it real.
3. Keep it up.

**Bulletin Prayer Requests** can be emailed to: [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto: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

Jan 13-Georgian Singers 4 pm  
Special Olympics Floor Hockey 6:30 pm  
Jan 14-Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am  
Beavers 6:15 pm  
Jan 15-Romans Study 10:30 am  
Scouts 7:00pm  
Jan 19-Worship Service 10:30 am  
Piano Recital 2:30 pm

## 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](https://youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia).

## 2025 ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2025 envelopes in the hallway, if you haven't already done so. Please contact Nicole in the office 519-542-2253, or e-mail [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca), if you would like some, and have not yet requested one. **After this Sunday**, Nicole will put your envelopes in your folders if you have not picked them up.

## 4 COOKS IN THE KITCHEN

4 Cooks in the Kitchen is back! The first one will be **Thursday January 23rd**. There will be a sign up sheet in the hall with the dates and menu for each of the meals. Looking forward to cooking together!

## FUN FRIDAYS

**Starting Friday, January 24th**, and running monthly, Congregational Life will be hosting casual get togethers in the Gathering Place. These afternoons will include different activities such as board games, cards, or perhaps a presentation. It's a time to get together and enjoy the afternoon. There is no cost to attend and feel free to bring a friend. The first Fun Friday will include games and cards. Hope to see you there.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next Community Lunch will be held on **Friday January 31 at 12:00 pm**. If you wish to attend, please sign up in the hallway. We can't wait to see you there!!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Please contact [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca) or leave a note so Nicole can connect you to the appropriate contact person.**

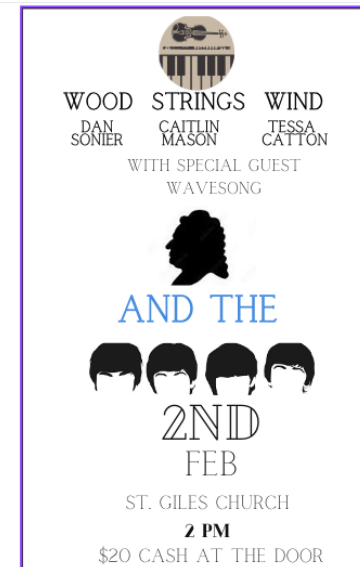
**Sign Changer Team:** This is a way to reach out into our community. Please join if you have ideas for messaging or can join the list of letter changers.

**Teller Team:** You can join to collect and count or go further and learn the ropes as a recorder. Apprentice training will be arranged as needed.

**Mission Project Leader:** Forms are available in the first drawer of the mail files to request funds for a mission project of your choice. The new year is full of possibilities to build God's kingdom here.

## CONCERT AT ST. GILES

On Sunday February 2 at 2:00 pm, Dan Sonier, Caitlin Mason, and Tessa Catton will host a Wood Strings concert here at St. Giles, with special guest Wavesong! **Tickets are \$20 cash** and can be purchased at the door. All are welcome!



## Mayor's Honour List

Of the 17 names on the Mayor's 2024 honour list, two members were from our community. Brook Reiger was recognized for her work with Amisha Duggal and Sydney Vrolyk was remembered for her legacy of love and generosity. Their lives embody the command for us to love our neighbour as ourselves and we are so grateful for their faithful witness and investment in our community. The Mayor's comments are as follows:

### Brooke Reiger and Amisha Duggal

Brooke Reiger and Amisha Duggal, both 10 years old, have been dedicated to giving back to their community for over two years, inspiring other kids to do the same.

In June 2022, they held a charity garage sale for the Inn of the Good Shepherd, raising \$4,200 with the help of a matching donation from Suncor. They repeated their success in June 2024, raising \$4,800 for the Southwestern Ontario Walk for Parkinson's through another garage sale and silent auction. In September 2023 the girls raised an additional \$500 for the Walk for Parkinson's. They also donated 60 Halloween baskets to Bare Necessities Little Lunches in October 2024 and provided toys and snacks for Christmas. Brooke's hard work was recognized with a one-day Sarnia Sting "player contract," and Scotiabank donated \$1,000 in her honor. Amisha has donated books, stuffed animals, and Halloween costumes to local schools.

Both girls are currently working on the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project and planning another charity garage sale for summer 2025. These young leaders have shown that age is no barrier to making a difference. Their actions speak volumes about their character, compassion, and commitment to creating a better world.

## Sydney Vrokyk (Posthumously)

Sydney Vrokyk has been a source for inspiration and resilience in the Sarnia community. Her journey, marked by courage and determination, has inspired many. Despite her significant personal health battles, Sydney was deeply committed to giving back.

She co-founded the "Snacks for Summer" program along with her sisters, Abby and Paige, providing essential support to those in need. Sydney also volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul and was an enthusiastic participant in the Special Olympics, excelling in basketball, bowling, and powerlifting. Sydney's passion for the arts was evident in her involvement with Stars of Tomorrow 21+, where she shone in singing and dancing, thriving on the energy of her performances. Her love for music brought joy to everyone around her.

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