

Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord 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 5, 2025

Opener: The New is Here

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to worship: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.
May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. May he be like rain falling on a mown field,

like showers watering the earth.

In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him.

May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.

May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy

and save the needy from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

Opening Hymn: What Star is This #170

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: New Year Same You

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 16-18

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn: We Three Kings #173

Sermon: Back Where Christmas Began

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: When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

Role	Today	January 12
Greeter	Jo Anne	Liz
Reader	Grace C	Bonnie Neely
Sunday School	Karen, Margo	Rev Dan, Margo
Nursery	Lilah	Sara
Tellers	Scott & Liz	Pete & Paul
Fellowship Hosts	Donna & Suzanne	Lynn & Beth

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 for livestream, or on demand services.

Find us on the web. www.stgilessarnia.ca

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 5, 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; Brittanae 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

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

January 6: Georgian Singers 4:00 pm

Special Olympics Floor Hockey 6:30 pm

January 7: Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am

Beavers 6:15 pm

Board of Managers 6:30 pm

January 8: Bible Study 10:30 am

Scouts 7:00 pm

January 11: MISY Meals 9:00 am Kitchen

January 12: Service 10:30 am

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.

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, if you would like some, and have not yet requested one.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Please contact 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.

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.