



**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

The Rev 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**  
**March 2, 2025**

**Opener:** Awake My Soul

**Prelude:**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Call to worship:** Psalm 99

The Lord reigns,  
let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.

**Great is the Lord in Zion;**  
**he is exalted over all the nations.**

**Let them praise your great and awesome name –**  
**he is holy.**

The King is mighty, he loves justice –  
you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done  
what is just and right.

**Exalt the Lord our God**  
**and worship at his footstool;**  
**he is holy.**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;  
they called on the Lord  
and he answered them.

**He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;**  
**they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

Lord our God,  
you answered them;  
you were to Israel a forgiving God,  
though you punished their misdeeds.

**Exalt the Lord our God**  
**and worship at his holy mountain,**  
**for the Lord our God is holy.**

**Opening Hymn:** How Great is our God

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Time**

**Video:** Psalm 99

**Scripture:** Exodus 34:29-35  
Luke 9:28-43a

**Hymn:** Indescribable

**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.

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Words**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** For the Cause

**ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 9, 2025**

Role	Today	Mar 16
Greeter	Graham	Jo Anne
Reader	Bonnie N	Nancy S
Sunday School	Janice, Margo	Rainie, Margo
Nursery	Mady	Sara
Tellers	Honour M, Suzanne	Pete & Paul
Fellowship Hosts	Gander	Needed

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; Brittanæe Carey; Tyler, the family of Sydney Vrolyk, Rick Smith

**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.

**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](http://www.stgilessarnia.ca)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Mon Mar 10- Congregational Life 10:00 am  
Afternoon Bok Club 3:00 pm  
Georgian Singers 4:00 pm  
Special Olympics Floor Hockey 6:30 pm  
Tue Mar 11- Aaron Project 1:00 pm  
Fri Mar 14- Fun Friday 1:00 pm  
Sun Mar 16- Worship Service 10:30 am  
Rock Your Socks Sunday

## ST GILES IN THE WORD FOR MARCH

Our March edition of St. Giles in the Word is available at the back of the sanctuary.

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Lenten Study "C.S. Lewis and the Delightful Diabolical Daring of Lent" will start on **Wednesday March 19 at 10:30 am** in the Ruby Walker Room.

On **Wednesday April 22nd** a new Bible Study, "Delivered out of Empire: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus" will begin. We will meet at 10:30am in the Ruby Walker Room and all are welcome to join us. If you would like to join, please sign up in the office so we can ensure you have the materials you need.

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual Pancake Supper was a huge community success! We served over 200 hungry souls and accepted over \$1,600 in generous donations. A **heartfelt THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers and those who participated in the evening.

## FUN FRIDAY

Our next Fun Friday will be held on **March 14, at 1:00 pm**. Come and join us for a time of fellowship and games!

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER DURING LENT During the season of Lent, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer on **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am**. Refreshments and conversation will be available in The Gathering Place.

ST. GILES SPRING NEWSLETTER It's that time of year again for our Spring Newsletter! If you are the head of a committee, please send articles to **Shirley Berdan [sberdan1@gmail.com](mailto:sberdan1@gmail.com) by March 15**. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next Community Lunch will be held on **Friday March 28 at 11:30 am**. We will be serving beef stew! Please sign up on the sheet in the hall. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome!

## ROCK YOUR SOCKS

Our church family continues the tradition of rejoicing in differences by wearing unique socks the Sunday before World Down Syndrome Day (March 21). It is a chance to learn more about Down Syndrome and have a conversation with others about why you're wearing the socks. On Sunday March 16th, St Giles will be collecting donations in memory of our beloved Sydney who taught us about Down Syndrome but even more about the power of love and how much one individual can change the world.



### **Ways to donate:**

1. Write a cheque payable to Sarnia Community Foundation (memo: Sydney Vrolyk Memorial Scholarship)
2. Submit cash in the Special Offering envelope marked Sydney VMS.
3. Donate online at [sarniacommunityfoundation.ca](http://sarniacommunityfoundation.ca), marked Sydney Vrolyk Memorial Scholarship.

## THE GEORGIAN SINGERS PRESENT MUSIC FROM THE HEART

On Saturday March 22 at 7:00 pm, the Georgian Singers present "Music from the Heart" everything from Pachelbel to the Beach Boys! An offering will be taken at the door with the proceeds benefitting the Sydney Vrolyk Memorial Scholarship Fund.