

Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday May 18, 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Easter The Reverend 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 May 18, 2025

Opener: Worship Pre Roll

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to worship: Psalm 148 Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever – he issued a decree that will never pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Opening Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: What If?

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6

Hymn: Be Not Afraid

Sermon: What If?

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession *followed by the Lord's Prayer* These things we pray in and though the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us when we pray to say together... 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: By Faith

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Role	Today	May 25
Greeter	Liz	JoAnne
Reader	Nancy	Donna G
Sunday School	Leanne, Margo	Leanne, Margo
Nursery	Lilah	Mel
Tellers	Jim & Avis	Scott & Liz
Fellowship Hosts	Gander	Joyce N

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: May 18, 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.

ST. GILES CARE MINISTRY

We seek to care for each other in a way that supports and encourages all who are part of our community.

Visits: If you would like a visit from the Minister please email Rev. Becky at revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca or call the office to book a time that is good for you.

Elders: Our Elders have "districts" within our community that they pray for and connect with. If you don't know who your Elder is, or would like to request one, please connect with Rev. Becky to get connected with yours.

Meal Ministry: If you are in need of support as you recover from illness or surgery and think meals would help, please call the office or connect with Felicity.

Prayer Needs: If you'd like confidential prayer, please call the office to speak with Rev. Becky or or send it via email to <u>revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca</u> and she will inform the prayer team.

Please join us in praying for those who have requested prayer from the greater community: George Wilson, Lee Wilson; Bobby; Brittanae Carey; Tyler, the family of Sydney Vrolyk, John Collins, Bette Fitzpatrick, Ruth Leitch

Bulletin Prayer Requests can be emailed to: office@stgilessarnia.ca

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Mon May 19Victoria DayTue May 20Turkey Pies 9:00 amZoom Bible Study 9:30 amBeavers 6:15 pmSession 6:30 pmCubs 7:00 pmWed May 21Turkey Pies 9:00 amBible Study 10:30 amScouts 7:00 pm-Meeting Off SiteThu May 22Turkey Pies 9:00 amWorld Changers Meeting 10:00 amGroup Committee Meeting 7:00 pmSun May 25Worship Service 10:30 am

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our study "An everyday ordinary walk with God" will continue this week. We explore faith and how we live it in our everyday lives through the study of scripture and weekly reflections. We will meet online Tuesday at 9:30am and in person on Wednesdays at 10:30am. Private study materials will be available as well for those who would like to participate independently. All are welcome to join.

ST GILES SPEAKER SERIES

Tammy Vandenheuvel, founder and supporter of OHANA LANDING in Sarnia, will present a visual story on **Thursday May 29 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**, about this supportive, transitional housing for young people aged 16 to 25 who are homeless or without a stable home. The organization began in 2017 with a vision to create a safe, nurturing environment where youth can build skills, find stability, and start their journey toward self-sufficiency. A voluntary free will offering is gratefully accepted.

AARON PROJECT

June and July slots for the Aaron project are available. If you wish to volunteer, there is a sign up sheet outside the office on the whiteboard. If you have any questions, please see Felicity Burnard.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE WOMEN'S INTERVAL HOME

Everything on the list that was asked for was received. Marilyn brought the donations to the home and they were thrilled. If you would like to learn more about who they serve and how to help please visit their website womensintervalhome.com Related to their work is the Moosehide campaign taking place now in May. This movement began in order to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. Both have a goal of ending gender-based violence through support, awareness and education.

SUMMER DONATIONS BASKET

There is a white basket in the hall ready to collect any donations you might have that fit the descriptions below. If you would like it returned, please clearly label it with a "Return to ____" tag. Thank you.

Realistic stuffed/plastic animals- bear, eagle, otter, husky, moose, crab, horse, kangaroo, meerkat

Pine greenery, real logs big enough to use as seats

CD player, DVD player

4x5' blankets/rugs with a North cabin look (if lending, please attach tag-

"return to ____")

Beach towels

TURKEY PIES

Our second run of turkey pies will be made this week! Thank you to all who made this a success! If you have ordered pies from our second run, they can be picked up on **Tuesday May 27 from 9:30 am-11:00 am.** Cash, cheque, or e-transfer are available for payment. Please specify "Turkey Pies" on any cheques or e-transfers. We still have pies available from our second run. If you wish to order some, please contact Nicole 519-542-2253, or via email office@stgilessarnia.ca