



## **Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday August 31, 2025

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we welcome

Nicole Grieve

*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**  
**August 31, 2025**

**Opener:** You Are Welcome Here

**Prelude:**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Call to worship:** Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his<sup>[a]</sup>;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Opening Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision #461

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Time**

**Video:** Psalm 96

**Scripture:** Acts 16:16-35

**Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness #324

**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:** 10,000 Reasons

Role	Today	September 7
Greeter	Paul K	Graham R
Reader	Bonnie N	Pam W
Sunday School	Liam, Alex	Karen, Margo
Nursery	Mady	Janice
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Honour M, Susan L
Fellowship Hosts	Needed	Needed

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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: August 31, 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 [revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca) 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

### **ST. GILES IN THE WORD**

The September edition of St. Giles in the Word is available at the back of the sanctuary. Also, recordings of these readings are also available on Spotify, iTunes or Apple podcasts and Youtube!

### **GIVINGS STATEMENTS**

Givings statements are in your folders.

### **ST. GILES FALL NEWSLETTER**

Please forward any articles or photos to Shirley Berdan [shirleyberdan1@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyberdan1@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Fall Newsletter no later than **September 15**. We are hoping the compiled newsletter could be emailed to congregants by September 21. Thank you for your submissions in advance.

### **LUNCH RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7**

Traditionally, the first Sunday after the start of school is our day to rally everyone together to get ready for a new year of learning and growing together. To celebrate this year, a light lunch of ham and cheese buns, veggies and dessert (with alternate items for those with dietary restrictions) will be served in The Gathering Place.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Downstairs in Sunday School, we're learning all about the Holy Spirit and memorizing scripture with our Bible Memory Buddy Pogo the Dart Frog. The Nursery is staffed with a Caregiver and is ready for attendees. Youth Class will take place once a month. Stay tuned for more details.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve on Sunday mornings. Sign up to be a Nursery Caregiver, Teacher or Shepherd to support our young generation build their faith. Leanne will provide you with all you need and support you along the way. You can try just one day or more. Apprentice with a current Fellowship Time Host to see if this is your niche. Hospitality is important at St Giles and Fellowship Time is a way for us to build Christian community which is crucial for our faith journey. Sign up to apprentice with a current Teller after the service to learn how to record givings. This role is arranged as a team rotation so you would be acting as a Teller partner about once every month. You are also invited to sign up as Greeter or Scripture Reader.

### **WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada is sponsoring come together events this fall. Each month there will be a guest speaker, and we will gather together in person at St. Giles to watch the presentation online while enjoying this time of worship and education. We will also indulge in coffee, tea, and treats. Join us for the first gathering on September 10 at 12:45 pm. The talk begins at 1:00 pm and we will hear from the Rev'd Dr. Dorcas Gordon who will speak on her research about ministry in Cuba and have a lively discussion. If you wish to attend, please contact Nicole either via email [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca), or phone 519-542-2253, so that we have enough treats for everyone.

### **BARNABAS FUND**

Did you know that we have a fund called the Barnabas Fund that helps those in our local community with needs such as groceries, gas, and personal items? We keep gift cards for several local stores on hand so that when there is someone in need, we can help them. Donations to this fund are always gratefully accepted, and we thank you for helping with the needs of our wider community. To donate you can use etransfer, a donation envelope, or cash. Please specify "Barnabas Fund."

