

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 30 (1st Sunday of Advent) Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS, and for the work of PWS&D to provide support for those living with HIV and to prevent further spread of the disease.

Tuesday, December 2 We pray that Vancouver School of Theology will be a community of kindness, compassion and truth-telling in the service of the Gospel.

Wednesday, December 3 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community and church life.

Thursday, December 4 Holy One, in a world marked by fear and division, teach us to listen deeply and love boldly. May your church be a witness to unity in diversity, a place where difference is not feared but embraced as a gift from you.

Friday, December 5 We pray for all of those who have contributed projects, events, and services in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the denomination. May these activities inspire communities of faith to continue evolving, while engaging with the present and remembering the past.

Saturday, December 6 (The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women) We pray for the safety and well-being of all people who face gender-based violence and for people and organizations working to end gender-based violence.



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

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
November 30, 2025

Opener An Advent Intro

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship Psalm 72:1-7, 12-19

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.

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Advent Candle Lighting

Vs 1 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Video Come and See Hope

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn I Wonder as I Wander

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we lift up our praise...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Distribution

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Closing Words

Benediction

Closing Hymn: People in Darkness

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ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 30, 2025

Role	Today	December 7
Greeter	Liz	Joyce N
Reader	Scott	Jackie M
Sunday School	Emma, Liam	Leanne, Emma
Nursery	Lilah	Lilah
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Jim & Avis
Fellowship Hosts	Margo & Ken	Felicity & Barbara

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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

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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 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, Cynthia Rawana as she prepares and recovers from surgery.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Mon Dec 1 Special Olympics Yoga 6:30 pm

Tue Dec 2 Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am

 Beavers 6:15 pm

 Cubs 7:00 pm

Wed Dec 3 Bible Study 10:30 am

 Scouts 7:00 pm

 Oak Acres Group 7:30 pm

Fri Dec 5 Cookies and Carols 6:30 pm

Sat Dec 6 Cubs Bazaar 9:00 am-11:00 am

Sun Dec 7 Worship Service 10:30 am

 Roller Skating 6:00 pm

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a three week Advent study for all who are interested

starting December 2 and 3.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

St. Giles is again participating in the Christmas Giving program. We ask that your donations be submitted in a separate envelope clearly marked "for Christmas Giving." Donations can also be submitted via e-transfer to: office@stgilessarnia.ca. We will be looking for volunteers to deliver the gift cards on **Saturday December 20**. Please contact Bonnie Dawson (519-331-1792).

MEMORY TREE

Once again this year we will be displaying a memory tree of the loved ones we have lost. If you would like to make an ornament for the tree, we have a sign up sheet in the hall. If you have any questions, please see Margo Gilroy.

COOKIES AND CAROLS

We will host Cookies and Carols again this year. It will be held on **Friday December 5, at 6:30 pm!** If you can help provide cookies, please contact Nicole in the office. Nut free cookies, please.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

Our CLC cookie team is looking for donations of Christmas Cookie Tins to assist them as they prepare for their Christmas Cookie Drop this year. Any tins and cookies are appreciated. We will assemble the cookies on December 2 at 10:00 am.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

We are putting together our Winter Newsletter! **Please submit articles to office@stgilessarnia.ca.** Thank you in advance!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Congregational Life cordially invites you to our Annual Christmas Lunch Sunday, December 14th immediately following the Service. We humbly request donations of sides & desserts to complete our meal. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND! THERE IS NO COST!**

DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING

The St. Joseph's Church Divine Mercy Free Store are seeking new or gently used clothing for fall and winter. The following items would be greatly appreciated: winter coats, hats, mitts, scarves, blankets, sheet sets, towels, personal care products, backpacks, purses and duffel bags.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Cubs will have their annual Cubs Christmas Coffee and Bazaar on **Saturday December 6 from 9:00 am-11:00 am. All are welcome!**