

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 16 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for all the people in congregations who leave a legacy gift – a bequest, a charitable gift annuity or a gift of life insurance – to the church, so that we may have vibrant ministry, today and tomorrow.

Monday, November 17 (Restorative Justice Week – Nov 16-23) We pray for the healing of all people impacted by crime and violence and for an end to the systemic root causes of conflict and violence (including barriers to affordable housing, education, living wages, healthy food and healthcare), that all people may be safe and thrive.

Tuesday, November 18 We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long-term care homes as they continue to provide comfort, offer hope and minister during moments that matter.

Wednesday, November 19 We pray for the safe travel and wellbeing of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they meet in person (November 19-21).

Thursday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance/World Children's Day) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence and pray for an end to hatred. We commit to creating safer communities where people of all genders can thrive.

Friday, November 21 We give thanks for the scholarship of the members of the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History; may their work help the church to better understand where we are through learning about where we have been.

Saturday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray that all people have access to safe, adequate and affordable housing and we give thanks for advocates working to remove systemic barriers to accessing affordable housing.



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday November 16, 2025

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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 16, 2025

Opener: To the Rock of Our Salvation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship Isaiah 12

In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, Lord.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

**The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”**

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”**

Opening Hymn All Creatures of our God and King vs. 1, 3, 5 and 6 #433

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

Video: Do Not Fear

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:5-19

Hymn In Christ Alone

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

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The Love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Rest and be with you all
now and always Amen.

Closing Hymn I Set My Hope on Jesus

Role	Today	November 23
Greeter	Graham	Lynn F
Reader	Chris M	Donna G
Sunday School	Leanne, Margo	Leanne, Keegan
Nursery	Lilah	Lilah
Tellers	Honour M, Susan L	Scott & Liz
Fellowship Hosts	Liz & Scott	Donna G, Margo

CONNECT WITH US

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To receive **children’s program emails**,
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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: November 16, 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 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

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Zoom Bible study has resumed **Tuesdays at 9:30 am**. Our Wednesday morning Bible study has resumed **at 10:30 am**. **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 all 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).

NOVEMBER DONATION DRIVE: C3PO

Let the force be with you this November as we take part in C3PO- Connect Collection Challenge - Presbyterian Outreach. Bring in a donation of socks/hats/mitts, tarps 6x8 or larger, sleeping bags, ground coffee for coffeemakers, drink crystals and prepackaged snacks for the Connect Drop In Centre. Your donation is your vote- choose what Star Wars character you favour and fill that labelled bin. And earn a ballot for a prize!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2025 is coming to a close, and it is time to **order offering envelopes for 2026**. If you wish to order envelopes, please contact Nicole 59-542 – 2253, or via email office@stgilessarnia.ca.

A QUICK REMINDER

Reminder: Following the service today there will be a **Jingle Bell Build meeting** in the sanctuary. Please grab a coffee and meet us at the back around the table following the service.

Next Sunday, November 23rd there will be a meeting following the service for those planning events for the upcoming 80th anniversary year. All those who have plans or who want to be part of the fun are welcome.

HOUSING: BUILDING & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

On Tuesday November 25 at 1:00 pm, the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be hosting a webinar on affordable housing. Topics will include: supporting our

community’s housing needs; how to partner with organizations to build housing, and practical guidance for mapping these steps.

We will meet at St. Giles at 12:45 pm, and have coffee, tea, and treats available. If you wish to attend, please contact Nicole either via email office@stgilessarnia.ca; or 519-542-2253.

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.

PUZZLES AND PARABLES

Please join us on **Tuesday November 18, at 1:00 pm for Puzzles and Parables!** This will be lead by Nicole and Barb Shaw.

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 are appreciated and we are most grateful for your help ensuring those who cannot come in person or who need a little support during a difficult time receive some Christmas cheer from their church community this year. We will assemble the cookies on December 2 at 10:00 am.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next Community Lunch will be held on Friday November 28 at 12:00 pm. If you wish to attend, please let Nicole know 519-542-2253, or via email office@stgilessarnia.ca

WINTER NEWSLETTER

We are putting together our Winter Newsletter! **Please submit articles to office@stgilessarnia.ca by November 25**. Thank you in advance!

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.

GLOBAL BIBLE MONTH

If you haven't yet sampled In the Word yet, it is easy to get to the audio version by going to the church website stgilessarnia.ca and clicking the link entitled daily audio scripture readings on the Home Page. Another method of reading the Bible daily is to use a devotional. There are a number of devotionals available in our library to borrow. You can also find books about a specific book of the Bible in its own section on the non-fiction shelves. If you have favourite resources to delve deeper into God's Word, please leave a note in our Library Return bin as a suggestion for future purchases.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Beavers 6:15 pm
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Cubs 7:00 pm
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