

At any point Jesus could have said, "That's enough! I'm going home."  
But he didn't. He didn't, because he is love.

Think about that for a moment. Drink deeply from that for a moment. Don't just sip or nip. It's time to gulp. It's time to let his love cover all things in your life. All secrets. All hurts. All hours of evil, minutes of worry. His love will cover all of that. Every promise broken, drug taken, penny stolen. Every cross word, cuss word, and harsh word. His love covers all things.

Let it. Discover along with the psalmist: "He . . . loads me with love and mercy" (Psalm 103:4 NCV). Picture a giant dump truck full of love. There you are behind it. God lifts the bed until the love starts to slide. Slowly at first, then down, down, down, until you are hidden, buried, covered in his love. Do it for his sake. For the peace of your heart. And do it for their sake. For the people in your life. Let his love fall on you so yours can fall on them.

Max Lucado  
A Love Worth Giving



**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**  
Sunday December 21, 2025  
The Fourth 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  
December 21, 2025

Opener Welcome Home (Christmas)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements:

**Call to worship** Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.**

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

**People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

**They feast on the abundance of your house;**

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness  
to the upright in heart.**

Opening Hymn Sing Joy (Joy to the World) - Getty

Candle Lighting: See Insert

**Sing:** Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel verse 7

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Video: Come and See Love

Scripture Isaiah 37:26-32

Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Communion Hymn: A Christmas Hymn

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: Go Tell It on the Mountain

## ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 21, 2025

Role	Today	December 24	December 28
Greeter	Graham	Bonnie N	Joyce N
Reader	Bonnie N	Grace C	Honour M
Sunday School	Emma, Margo	N/A	N/A
Nursery	Lilah	N/A	N/A
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Honor M Suzanne B	Jim & Avis
Fellowship	Suzanne & Margo	N/A	Jill & Lilah

### 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)

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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](mailto: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, Cynthia Rawana as she recovers from surgery.

**Bulletin Prayer Requests** can be emailed to: [office@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:office@stgilessarnia.ca)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

Tue Dec 23 Aaron Project 1:00 pm  
Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm  
Thu Dec 25 Christmas Day  
Fri Dec 26 Boxing Day  
Sun Dec 28 First Sunday after Christmas 10:30 am

## ST. GILES IN THE WORD

Our January edition of St. Giles in the Word is available at the back of the Church.

## AARON PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers for the Aaron Project in January. If you wish to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

## 80 ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR OUR 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

In honour of our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we hope to provide 80 acts of kindness next year. You will find a sheet at the back of the church that explains this in detail. Please submit your acts of kindness to: office@stgilessarnia.ca!

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed from December 24-January 1, 2026. Rev Becky will also be away during this time. Our service on Sunday December 28 will be lead by Nicole.

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

We are in need of volunteers to host Fellowship into the New Year. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Place Kitchen.

## THURSDAY COFFEE

You are invited to join us in the Gathering Place for coffee and a chat 10-11:30 am each Thursday, January through March starting Thursday January 8.

## DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING

The St. Joseph's Church Divine Mercy Free Store are seeking winter coats, hats, mitts, scarves, blankets, sheet sets, towels, personal care products, backpacks, purses and duffel bags.

