

Merry Christmas



from your friends at
St Giles Presbyterian Church



CHRISTMAS EVE

St Giles Sarnia

December 24, 2025

7:00pm

Minister: The Rev'd Rebecca Roushorne-Lau

Music Director: Dan Sonier

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

- C.S. Lewis

Merry Christmas! We're glad you're here.

Opener

Prelude: My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

Irene Gifford

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

vs 1, 4, 5

Call to worship:

We come with tidings of great joy.

Christ is born!

We are not alone.

The promised one has come.

Our sign is this.

A child is wrapped and laying in a manger

Hope is born.

Emmanuel, God with us!

We have waited with expectation,

Prepared and made room.

We come with Joy for our Lord has come.

He has come for us.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

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Opening prayer

Sing Once in Royal David's city

vs. 1

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Sing O Come O come Emmanuel

vs 1&2

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-4

Special Music: Emmanuel

The St. Giles Choir

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Sing What child is this

vs 1 &2

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Sing Go Tell it on the Mountain

vs 1 & 2

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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 O Come, A You Unfaithful

The McCloskey Family

Offertory Prayer

Special Music:

Dan Sonier, Tessa Catton and Caitlin Mason

Hymn: Silent Night

Closing Words & Benediction

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

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.

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 connect with Rev. Becky to set up a time.

Elders: 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.

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

WORSHIP WITH US

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday December 28th as Rev. Becky leads worship. We will go **“Behind the Carols”** and reflect on Jesus' birth and the music of Christmas together.

ST. GILES IN THE WORD

Readings for January are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to listen to the readings they are posted daily at youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia, on Spotify and through Apple Podcasts.

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. Nicole will be back in the office on Friday January 2, 2025.

HELP WANTED - WE NEED YOU!

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. We are also 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.

NEW YEAR....NEW STUDIES!

Our Tuesday Morning Zoom Study will dive into **“The Gospel of Mark”**. We will walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus and examine John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables together. Study resumes on Tuesday January 13th at 9:30am. For more information and the zoom link please contact Rev. Becky.

Our Wednesday Group, will begin **“A Way in the Wilderness”**. In the journey of life, there are moments that leave you feeling disconnected, hurt and wondering where God is. We will discover in this study that in those seasons of wilderness, God is with us. Study resumes on Wednesday January 14th at 10:30am. For more information please contact the office.