

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 7 (2nd Sunday of Advent) Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

Monday, December 8 We pray for the Rev. Lyton Kilowe, head of the Internal Audit Department of the Blantyre Synod Office in Malawi, who completed the MBA program with the PCC's support.

Tuesday, December 9 We pray for all those who serve on committees throughout the church as they discern together the mind of Christ, the will of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray today for PWS&D programs around the world that are ensuring people know their rights and can advocate for themselves.

Thursday, December 11 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ary Fernández Albán in his second year as Rector of Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba.

Friday, December 12 We pray for the staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, especially the kitchen and housekeeping staff, who quietly do the hard work required to ensure guests find welcome through nourishing meals and fresh accommodations.

Saturday, December 13 We pray for the Rev. Rebecca Simpson, Assistant Dean at St. Andrew's Hall, as she provides leadership for staff and students and works collaboratively with the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart as Dean to advance the mission of the Hall.



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday December 7, 2025
The Second 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 7, 2025

Opener: This is Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship Psalm 85

You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.

**You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.**

**Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.**

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

**I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants –
but let them not turn to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.**

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Opening Hymn Hark the Glad Sound, the Saviour Comes

Advent Candle Lighting: See Insert

Following the lighting: Sing verse 3 of Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Video: Come and See - Peace

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Colossians 3:15

Matthew 3:1-12

Hymn There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

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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 Once in Royal David's City

ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 7, 2025

Role	Today	December 14
Greeter	Joyce N	Paul K
Reader	Jackie M	Graham R
Sunday School	Leanne, Emma	Leanne, Liam
Nursery	Lilah	Lilah
Tellers	Jim & Avis	Scott & Liz
Fellowship Hosts	Felicity & Barbara	Potluck

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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 8	Special Olympics Yoga 6:30 pm
Tue Dec 9	Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am
	Aaron Project 1:00 pm
	Beavers 6:15 pm
	Board of Managers 6:30 pm
	Cubs 7:00 pm
Wed Dec 10	Bible Study 10:30 am
	Scouts 7:00 pm
	Oak Acres Group 7:30 pm
Sun Dec 14	Celtic Christmas 10:30 am
	Potluck Lunch to follow
	Roller Skating 6:30 pm

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Advent study continues this week Tuesday morning at 9:30 am on Zoom, and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

St. Giles is again participating in the Christmas Giving program. **Today is the final day to donate to this outreach.** 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).

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made cookies and assembled our Christmas cookie tins to give to members of our community! Your hard work is appreciated!

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.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS

Our annual Celtic Christmas will be held on Sunday December 21 at 10:30 am. All are welcome!!

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

On Sunday December 14, we will have our annual Children's presentation from our youngest members of our community! Please also join us for potluck lunch after the service. More details about our lunch are below.

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!

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.

PWS&D RESPONDS TO CRISIS IN SOMALIA

Sudan is currently facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with 24.8 million people in need of urgent aid, including 14 million children. The country has experienced significant population displacement, with millions of people forced to leave their homes and scatter across various regions; many of them have been displaced multiple times. Almost two million children are suffering from acute malnutrition, including almost half a million who are likely to be severely malnourished. PWS&D, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is providing critical food assistance to affected families. Children suffering from acute malnutrition are being treated and parents are receiving training on essential health and nutrition topics. Respond this Christmas to help provide life-saving food!

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Anniversary

To St. Giles Anniversary Event Planners.

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Rev. Becky, Nicole, Bonnie Neely and Doreen Blake will be delighted to assist you along the way with your chosen event.

Please submit a budget for your Event to Chris McCloskey by **Dec. 15th, 2025.**

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- a suggested theme-“Living Waters”

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