

“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger pointing, but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he has in store.

NT Wright



## CACOPHONY OF TEMPTATION



**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday February 22, 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

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**  
**February 22, 2026**

**Opener**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Call to worship:** Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

**And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;**

**I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

Do not be like the horse or the mule which have no understanding  
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

**Many are the woes of the wicked,**

**but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

**Opening Hymn:** Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

#200 BOP

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Lent Liturgy** *followed by* Jesus, Remember Me

#206 BOP

**Scripture** Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Communion Hymn:** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#534 BOP

**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:** In Christ Alone

**ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 22, 2026**

Role	Today	March 1
Greeter	Lynn F	Paul
Reader	Nancy	Honour
Sunday School	Keegan, Liam	Liam, Margo
Nursery	Lilah	Mady
Tellers	Scott & Liz	Jim & Avis
Fellowship	Soup Lunch	Annual Meeting

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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; Brittanee Carey; Tyler, the family of Sydney Vrolyk, 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**

Mon Feb 23: Georgian Singers 4:00 pm  
Special Olympics 6:30 pm

Tue Feb 24: Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am  
Aaron Project 1:00 pm  
Beavers 6:15 pm  
Session 6:30 pm  
Cubs 7:00 pm

Wed Feb 25: Bible Study 10:30 am  
Scouts 7:00 pm  
Scouts First Aid Training 7:00 pm Ruby Walker Room  
Oak Acres Group 7:30 pm

Thu Feb 26: Coffee 10:00 am  
Book Club 1:00 pm  
Brain Tumor Association 7:30 pm Ruby Walker Room

Sun Mar 1 Worship 10:30 am followed by our Annual Meeting  
Roller Skating 6:00 pm

## **LENT BIBLE STUDY AT ST. GILES BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Our next study is **“The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross.”** Travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem and discover how these table stories – about searching shepherds, welcoming hosts, prodigal sons, and rejected invitations – illuminate the deeper meaning of the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice. Our study begins this Tuesday via zoom or Wednesday at 10:30 am in person. Books are now in the office to borrow or purchase for \$20. You can sign up in the hall on the sign up sheet on the white board, or speak with Rev. Becky after the service.

## **SOUP LUNCH**

**Today after the service** Congregational Life will be hosting a soup lunch after the service. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted to the Barnabas Fund.

## **MARCH GAMES NIGHT!**

Come one, come all! Does Settlers of Catan call your name? Or an old fashioned game of Euchre? Join us for an evening of pizza and games in the Gathering Place on

Friday March 6. Pizza will be served at 5:30 pm, games start at 6:00-8:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway for pizza!

## **AARON PROJECT**

We are looking for some volunteers for the Aaron Project in March. The dates are **March 10 and 24**. If you wish to volunteer, there is a sign up sheet outside the Church office.

## **BLESSED BLESSING BAGS**

What incredible support for the Connect Sarnia Blessing Bags initiative. Thank you to all who donated so many insulated mugs, hot chocolate and soup packs, Kleenex packages, etc etc! Bags held a hand warmer, protein bar, fruit snack, scripture note, energy snack and more. Grace's car was jam packed with 41 bags.

## **PANCAKE SUPPER**

Our Pancake Supper was a sensational success on Tuesday evening! We served over 200 people from our community. Whether you ate pancakes or volunteered to cook, thank you for your ongoing support!!

## **FILL THE FREEZER**

This month World Changers is highlighting the need in our community for nutritious food at local food banks. One way we can help is to donate frozen fruits and vegetables as produce is picked and frozen right away which ensures it is fresh and nutritious. If you'd like to participate, bring your donations in on Sundays throughout February and place them in the freezer downstairs. If you find stairs difficult, you can leave items in the donation bin at the West Entrance door and we will ensure it gets to the freezer. At the end of the month our donations will be picked up by the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026**

Save the date to attend the World Day of Prayer Friday March 6th at Trinity Anglican this year. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.