



**Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia**

Sunday April 5, 2026

Easter Day

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**  
**April 5, 2026**

**Opener:** An Easter Intro

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to worship**

One: This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

One: Out of the doom of death and despair, Victory comes, glory appears.

**All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

One: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds  
of the God whose love endures forever.

**All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed**

**Opening Hymn:** Lift High the Name of Jesus

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Video:** Flannelgraph Easter

**Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**Hymn:** Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

Sing #832

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn:** I Danced in the Morning/Lord of the Dance

BOP #250

**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:** Thine be the Glory

BOP #258

## ST GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 5, 2026

Role	Today	April 12
Greeter	Paul K	Joyce N
Reader	Grace C	Chris M
Sunday School	Liam, Alex	Graham D, Seb
Nursery	Grace L	Needed
Tellers	Jim & Avis	Honour, Suzanne B
Fellowship	Suzanne, John V	Needed

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found on Youtube, Spotify, TuneIn, and  
Apple Podcasts.

Find us on the web.  
[www.stgilessarnia.ca](http://www.stgilessarnia.ca)

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 CARES

If you are in need of support as you recover from illness or surgery and think meals would help from our MISY (May I Serve You) meal program, please call the office or connect with Felicity.

We would like to include you and those you love in our prayers. Please let us know so we can keep this list updated and accurate.

### **Please pray**

...for those in Long Term Care: Ruth L., Bette F., Fred H.

...for those in our community who are recovering from surgery including Cynthia Rawana, Pam Weager, Laurel Newton.

...for those who are waiting on upcoming treatments.

...for those who worship with us at home.

...for wisdom for our Elders and our Minister.

...for our Lent and Easter worship services.

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

**Confidential Prayer Requests** can be emailed to: [revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca](mailto:revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca) and she will inform the prayer team.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES

**Mon April 6** Georgian Singers 4:00 pm  
Special Olympics Yoga 6:30 pm

**Tue Apr 7** **Zoom Bible Study 9:30 am**  
Beavers 6:15 pm  
**Board of Managers 6:30 pm**  
Cubs 7:00 pm

**Wed Apr 8** Scouts 7:00 pm  
Oak Acres Group 7:30 pm

**Sun April 12** **Worship Service 10:30 am**

## UPCOMING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

We currently have two study groups at St. Giles. A Tuesday Group that meets at 9:30am online and a Wednesday group that meetings at 10:30am here at St. Giles.

A short three week study will begin April 14th/15th where we will read "The Way of the Heart" by Henri Nouwen together. In this short study we will contemplate the disciplines of solitude, silence and prayer as we seek to grow in faith and practice.

Following that study we will begin a six week journey through "Jesus is Lord: Living in the Lordship of Christ" by Tom Berlin. In this study we will explore how embracing Jesus as Lord has the power to impact our relationships, habits, priorities and values. Drawing on a variety of Biblical texts, we will seek a renewed purpose and deeper faith together.

If you wish to participate in either study you can find sign up sheets in the hallway. Books are available to purchase for \$20.00 or borrow through the office. Electronic versions are also available.

## SESSION UPDATE

At our recent Session meeting, elders discussed ideas for our April Acts of Kindness (specifically homemade snacks for College students before exams and an Earth Day challenge), created mentor partnerships with our Youth (Gr. 6+), heard initial plans for our Anniversary Dinner Sept. 19 and shared Pastoral Care news. As a regular feature, elders were updated on the many Board of Managers maintenance projects and Congregational Life's event planning.

## LIVING WATERS WOMEN'S RETREAT MAY 2, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Come to the well, all women of St Giles, on Saturday May 2nd from 9-2:00 for a time of refreshment and the gift of living water. We will ease into the morning with conversation over beverages and breakfast, move into a worship, study time and response activities, enjoy a lunch, indoor or outdoor guided walk and then close in worship. May it be a time of relaxation, revelation, refilling and relationship-building. **Registration can be by phone call, filling in the paper or submitting the online form on our website.**

## SUMMER RAINFOREST-THEMED DONATION REQUESTS

We're getting ready for our Rainforest Falls VBS Camp by collecting rainforest-themed décor and activity supplies. If you want specific items returned, please label with your name. **Item Requests:** long cardboard tubing, rainforest greenery, raffia, stuffed and plastic animals (rainforest birds, butterflies, frogs, snakes, jaguars, anteaters, monkeys), chess set, old playing cards.

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

We are looking for volunteers to prepare coffee and clean up after the **service through April!** Please sign up in the gathering place kitchen.

## PWS&D MIDDLE EAST APPEAL

Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly: More than 2,000 people have been killed, and more than 20,000 people are injured. Nearly 4 million people are internally displaced. In Lebanon alone, more than 810,000 people, including 290,000 children, have been forced to flee their homes. Hostilities have affected 14 countries so far, destroying or damaging schools, hospitals, health centres and energy infrastructure. PWS&D, through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict. Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. PWS&D continues to respond throughout the region, including Palestine (Gaza and the West Bank), Lebanon and Syria. **If you would like to support this work, donations are being accepted through the office. Please label them "PWS&D Middle East Appeal.**