



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday August 16, 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend 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
August 16, 2026

Welcome and Announcements:

Opener: Welcome

Prelude

Call to worship: Psalm 67:1-6

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us

so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King BOP #433

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Children's Time:

Video: Stay Close

Scripture: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus BOP #570

Sermon:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession *followed by the Lord's Prayer*
These things we pray in and though the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who taught us to pray in this way...

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: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Sing #393

ST. GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 16, 2026

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.
- ...for those in our community who are receiving cancer treatment including Robyn Sawyer
- ...for those who are waiting on upcoming treatments.
- ...for those who worship with us at home.
- ...for wisdom for our Elders and our Minister.

Bulletin Prayer Requests can be emailed to: office@stgilessarnia.ca

Confidential Prayer Requests can be emailed to: revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca and she will inform the prayer team.

Role	Today	August 23
Greeter	Joyce N	Lynn F
Reader	Honour	Michael B
Sunday School	Medi, John	John, Keegan
Nursery	Emma	Grace
Tellers	Pete & Paul	Susan L, Honour
Fellowship	Summer Staff	Needed!

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Visit [youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia](https://www.youtube.com/stgileschurchsarnia) for livestream, or on demand services.

The **St Giles Sermon Podcast** can be found on Youtube, Spotify, TuneIn, and Apple Podcasts.

Find us on the web.
www.stgilessarnia.ca

ST. GILES IN THE WORD

St. Giles in the Word for August are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We also have an audio version available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Youtube. **Printed copies are available at the back of the Church on Sundays.**

SUMMER PROGRAMS: REGISTER NOW & TELL FRIENDS

Register online at stgilessarnia.ca or call the office for assistance.
VBS Camp Rainforest Falls for JK-Gr 6 (full but join the waiting list!)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

After Church Fellowship will continue after the Service this summer. **We are in need of volunteers for August 23 and 30.** Summertime is a little more relaxed, with many of our regular coffee hosts away. Lemonade and all treats are provided.

Please consider volunteering to host this time of re-connection with friends after the Service.

ST. GILES HYMN SING

To celebrate 80 years of faithful witness, our worship team is planning a **Hymn Sing Worship Celebration on October 25.** We encourage you to share a hymn that you feel reflects worship at St. Giles and one of your personal favourites. We will compile a playlist for the community of favourite hymns and work to incorporate as many into our services throughout the year as possible. Sheets for your requests are available on the back table and can be filled out and handed in to the office.

THE AARON PROJECT

Give an afternoon to the Aaron Project and help us nourish our neighbours. The Aaron Project teams gather and create nutritious meals for those at Connect Sarnia and the Lodge. You'll enjoy great

conversation as you work together for a great purpose on **September 15 or September 29.** A sign up sheet is posted outside the Church office.

COOKIE MINISTRY

If you would like to contribute to our new Cookie Ministry, labels are in the Welcome Centre drawer and the cookies go downstairs in the freezer room. Currently we are looking for homemade chocolate chip cookies for our "ocelot spots" VBS snack. We need 60 plus so if you donate some please indicate the number on the label. If we get more than we need they won't go to waste! Thank you.

DOLL CLOTHES

We have 2 new dolls for our Nursery that are currently dressed as Adam and Eve before the Fall. Please see Leanne if you can sew/knit or have a lead on some clothing for them! It has a 4 inch body and 4 inch legs.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Giles' 80th Birthday Celebration is fast approaching on Saturday, September 19th. Our team of party planners has a spectacular evening planned for us all! Please mark your calendars now. The invitations have been mailed out! Please RSVP by Labour Day at the latest.

DO YOU HAVE USED BOOKS THAT BOYS AGES 12-17 WOULD LOVE?

Word has gotten out about our Acts of Kindness initiative! Karen McCloskey has heard from the **Huron House Boys Home** that they are in desperate need of used books for boys ages 12-17.

This is an act of kindness for them and for ourselves, **at no cost to us**, as we minimize our clutter and share well loved books the boys will enjoy. Please place books in the labeled bin in the hallway.