



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth 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 23, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Opener: Welcome Home: A Church Opener

Prelude

Call to worship: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.**

**He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."
**The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Opening Hymn: God is our Strength and Refuge Sing #542

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Children's Time:

Video: Be Still

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-20

Hymn: I Set My Hope on Jesus Sing #616

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: How Great Thou Art BOP #332

ST. GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 23, 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 30
Greeter	Lynn F	Paul K
Reader	Michael B	Grace C
Sunday School	John, Keegan	Medi, Brooke
Nursery	Grace	Leanne
Tellers	Pete, Honour	Susan L, Bernice
Fellowship	Nancy S, Carla W	Donna G

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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 PROGRAM

This week at Rainforest Falls, campers and leaders alike will learn all about the nature of God. He is our creator and protector. He knows everything and is forever. God is love. Wow God!

COOKIE MINISTRY

Thank you, most generous cookie bakers, for providing ocelot spot chocolate chip cookies and for being ready to create them into the shape of ocelots if needed! It wasn't needed but you've gotta love that readiness to accept a challenge!

FELLOWSHIP

We are in need of volunteers for September! If you wish to volunteer, please sign up in the Gathering Place.

NEXT STEPS AT ST. GILES

Do you call this church your home? Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Christian Faith, Baptism and Membership, or the Presbyterian Church in Canada and our Mission? We are planning a Next Steps class for the fall. Please sign up in the office with your preferred time: After Church on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. We will meet monthly throughout the year until Easter when those who choose to become members would be invited to join. Sign up in the hall or through Nicole in the office.

For more information please contact Rev. Becky.

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.

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.

A NOTE FROM BETTY CLARKE

Thank you to all from St Giles for your kindness and support during Tracy's illness and passing. It is so wonderful to have a caring community during a difficult time.