



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Today we welcome
Mike Burns

*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
October 18, 2026

Welcome and Announcements:

Opener: It's Time

Prelude

Call to worship:

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

**We will bring God honour and glory
as we worship God's holy name.**

Opening Hymn: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes? **Insert**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Children's Time

Video: Thanks to Jesus

Scripture: Genesis 1:24-27
Psalm 8
Matthew 22:15-22

Insert

Hymn: We Give Thee But Thine Own #661

Sermon: According to our Likeness

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: For the Healing of the Nation #736
(Tune #146)

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by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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Saying "no" would be sedition; saying "yes" would be a sin.
Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.

"Find a tax coin in your treasure; see the image that it bears.
Give to Caesar what is Caesar's.
(Give to rulers what is theirs.)"
Yet he pressed on with his message;
"Give to God what is God's own."
We who bear our Maker's image
worship God and God alone.

Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —
That we have an obligation to support the common good.
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand
So that life will be made better for all people in this land.

Still, we also hear your teaching:
"Give to God what God is due."
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;
May we, living in your image,
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O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion
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 you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
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ST. GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 18, 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. We have a staffed Nursery downstairs for those with **babies and toddlers** who would like to take advantage during the service. Sunday school is also available for **children of all ages** beginning after the Children’s Time in the service.

ST. GILES CARES

If you are in need of meal support due to illness or think meals would be a help, our MISY (May I Serve You) meal program is available, please call the office or connect with Felicity.

Please pray

- ...for those in Long Term Care: Bette F, Joan R., Lynne G.,
- ...for those in our community receiving cancer treatment including Robyn Sawyer
- ...for those in our community with a long-term illness including Bob Foley
- ...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	October 25
Greeter	Joyce	Graham
Reader	Grace C	Michael B
Sunday School	Liam, Alex	Karen, Margo
Nursery	Haylee	Lilah
Tellers	Jim & Avis	Bernice F, Jim M
Fellowship	Gilroy	Felicity & Barbara

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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

DISCIPLING AND GROWTH

Daily Readings

The St. Giles in the Word Readings for October are available on the back table. If you'd prefer to listen to the daily readings, you can subscribe to our podcast through YouTube, Apple Podcasts, or Spotify.

Bible Study

Our next study on the book of Jonah begins November 10th and 11th. Sink into this short three week study on a book filled with insight and a little comedy! Sessions will be held Tuesdays on zoom at 9:30am and Wednesday in the RWR at 10:30am. For more information or to sign up, contact Rev. Becky at revbecky@stgilessarnia.ca

Youth and Young Adult Apprenticeship Roles

We are pleased to have received a Synod Creative Ministries grant to support apprenticing young people in our church. Thanks to their generosity, we are able to offer paid opportunities for the months of October, November and December. Roles include AV Team member, Sunday School Leaders, Nursery Caregivers, KidMin Music Leader, and Library Assistant so far. Any adults ready to invest time and talents into our next generation of leaders are encouraged to get involved too. Please contact Leanne in person or at Discipling@stgilessarnia.ca for details.

CONNECTION POINTS

Thursday Morning Coffee

We long for connection and opportunities to gather with one another. Drop in for a good chat, coffee, tea and snacks between 10am-12pm. Registration is not required. All are welcome whenever available! We hope to see you in October! Rev Dan & Margaret Roushorne

80 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Rayjon Sunglasses Collection

Rayjon is short of the non-prescription sunglasses they provide to each patient who works outdoors for their trips in November. These glasses help protect their eyes and prevent vision problems. If you have any in your home that are no longer being used that you would like to share, please bring them in and place them in the box in the hall.

Miscarriage Basket Ministry

We need 6 pairs of ladies socks for the miscarriage baskets. Assembly will take place after worship on November 1st. More information will come, but we ask that you save the date should you like to help with this.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

It's "Socktober!" Socks are one of the most needed and least donated items in homeless shelters. Each year in October we collect clean, dry socks for Connect to help those living in vulnerable circumstances. Feet are among the first parts of the body to be affected by harsh winters and a pair of socks can help ensure that the feet of our neighbours are protected from frostbite and more this winter. If you'd like to contribute, there is a bin in the hall.

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, and personal care products.

FALL MARKET SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

It's the time of year again! It is time to start gathering your attic treasures, decor items, crafted items, books (fiction only), puzzles (bagged please)/games and DVD's, and gently used jewellery, now for donation to our annual fall market! If you have questions regarding these items please speak to Nancy regarding attic treasures, Leanne regarding books, games, DVD's, and Grace regarding jewellery and Valdene or Jean regarding craft items. For baking items see Bernice , and for frozen foods (turkey pies, cabbage rolls etc.) see Felicity or Shirley, soup see Barbara Bosher, and mark your calendars to help out.

A big **THANK YOU** to our teams who have made pies! So far 600 turkey pies have been made, and 54 small apple, 22 small strawberry rhubarb, and over 10 large fruit pies were made this week.

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MID WEEK COFFEE & CHAT TIME HAS RESUMED

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We look forward to seeing you Thursdays!

St Giles 80th Anniversary



Hymn Sing

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