

Why we sing?

When we come before God in worship, why do we sing rather than merely think or talk with one another?

Singing is a language that God has given us to express our deepest longings, greatest joys, and most profound trust in the One who created us and loves us unconditionally.

From Practicing Our Faith



Welcome to St. Giles Sarnia

Sunday October 25th, 2026

Hymn Sing Sunday

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.

Hymn Sing Sunday
St Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia
October 25th, 2026

Opener:

Welcome and Announcements

Following the announcements, as the bells ring, we enjoy a moment of reflection before the service begins.

Prelude:

Call to worship: Gather Us by Malcom Guite

From earth’s imagined corners,

gather us.

From our distraction and anxiety,

gather us.

From the fractious and frayed edges of our lives,

gather us.

Into true community,

gather us.

Into your compassion,

gather us.

Into your kingdom,

gather us.

Gathered in faith

Opening Hymn/Chorus: This is the day

BOP 78

Opening Prayer and a note as we begin

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Hymn: We are one in the spirit

BOP 471 vs 1-3

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 145:4

Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus

BOP 570 vs 1-3

Declarations of Faith

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:24

Solo: The Old Rugged Cross

Chris McCloskey

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-17

Hymn: Be thou My vision

BOP 461 vs 1-3

Gifts from God

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:24

Offering of Music: Rain Down

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:5-6

Hymn: All the people said Amen

We respond in Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:16-17

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

BOP 324

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,
**For the example of people of faith who inspire us
For the peace that is found in you
For the joy that comes from praising you
For calling us to a life of gratitude,
and into service in your kingdom.
Thanks be to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty, fills the hungry with good things, and heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all our needs,
for the food on our tables,
for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in,**

and for the dwellings that shelter us.

We celebrate your countless gifts,
**in days and nights, in melody and song
in your coming among us,
walking our roads, calling our names
enfolding our lives, inviting us home
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.
Thanks be to God!**

We give thanks for your presence.

Fill us with the breath of life
**when we are immersed in pain
when we are struggling**

**Send your healing Lord to this world
and raise us in baptismal joy
to proclaim your praise, this resurrection day.**

These things we pray in Jesus name who taught us this prayer which we now sing:

Hymn: It’s Yours (The Lord’s Prayer) Matt Maher

Offertory Invitation

Offering of Music Precious Lord Dan Sonier

Prayer of Dedication

Belief expressed

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:15

Hymn: In Christ Alone/ Blessed Assurance

Closing Words:

Hymn: I am the Church BOP 475 vs 1

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace BOP 670 vs 1-3

ST. GILES ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 25, 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 who need prayers for healing including Robyn Sawyer, Andy & Sandy Pedden
- ...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	November 1
Greeter	Mel & Kids	Bernice
Reader	Choir	Joyce N
Sunday School	Karen, Margo	Keegan, Eli, Margo
Nursery	Lilah	Saraana
Tellers	Suzanne B, Honour M	Jim & Avis
Fellowship	Soup Lunch	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

If you've ever struggled to get started with reading the Bible or wanted a reading plan that would ensure you read through the Bible in its entirety, **St Giles in the Word is for you!** 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.**

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.

Care Basket Ministry

Assembly will take place after worship on November 1st. If you are able to assist with this, please join us after the service!

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

LAST CALL! 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.

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. Enjoy great conversation as you work together for a great purpose on **November 10 and 24!** A sign up sheet is posted outside the Church office.

JINGLE BELL BUILD

The Jingle Bell Build is back and it's time to build our team! On Thursday December 10th we will gather for an evening full of festive fun that includes dinner and the ultimate gingerbread house building competition in support of Habitat for Humanity Sarnia/Lambton. It's always a wonderful evening and we'd love to have you join us. For more information see Rev. Becky. To register, sign up in the hall or contact Nicole in the office.